

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

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**Baptisms:** First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)

## Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

## Weekday Mass times

Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)

Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (*during Adoration*)

First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*during Adoration*)

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration:** Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

## Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 9.10am, Thu 7:00pm, Sun 9:30am



## Message from our Men's Ministry of St Paul's

On behalf of Father John Paul, Father Abraham, Maynard Palomares, Sebastian Diel, Chris Massoud and Luke Lamb it is with great pleasure that I announce to you the formation of this parish's Men's Ministry. Since arriving to Winston Hills Fr JP has made it known that, among other things, he desired the formation of a Men's Ministry.

Why a Men's Ministry?

In Fr JP's words, "this is a ministry that will gather all men from the parish to deepen their faith, which hopefully brings about an effort to serve, learn, teach, and reach out to their family, parish and wider community".

**Our vision statement** is no surprise: "All I want is to Know Christ".

**Our Mission** is for the men of St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills to be Christ-Centred and ordered around Him, realising without our Lord and God we are lost.

The modern age is extremely challenging for families and individuals alike; secularism, materialism/consumerism, a decline of religious practice, moral relativism, technology/media influence, present but absent family members, economic pressures, divorce/family breakdowns, the list goes on. There doesn't seem to be a quick fix to any of these issues, but Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, we just have to be open to His will.

How does one start a world journey? One step at a time! And to this end I invite the men of St Paul the Apostle Winston Hills to join us on this spiritual journey, come and see if you will.

The timetable for our meetings will be:

6:00pm	Adoration & Reconciliation
7:00pm	Mass
7:40-8pm	Light Refreshments then Opening Prayer.
8:00pm	Presentation (with break at 8:30pm)
8:40pm	Coming Sunday Gospel reading & discussion.
9:00pm	Summary of discussions
9:10pm	Fellowship/open discussion (with Closing Prayer at 9:30pm)

**First Meeting to be Thursday December 14, 2023.**

December Presentation: **The Christian meaning of Christmas.**

All men over 18 are welcome. More details to follow.

*Christus Vincit Winston Hills.*

Norman Badaoui

## 2024 Columban Calendars available from our piety stall and still only \$8 each.

## Please pray for our sick

*Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick.*

*We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen*

Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Kristy, Daniella Younis, George El-Bayeh, Iranie Perumal, John Buggy, Kayla Ho, Marjory Baker, Nick Galea and David.

## Please pray for ... May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Ang Cing Sui, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Beth Kenny, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Doreen Heywood, Eileen Edwards, Elizabeth & Louis McMullen, Josephine Mamari, Joyce Morris, Julio Revilla, Ken Norris, Len Winston, Marchelian Christian, Peter Vesper, Rosa Marotta, Victor Zammit.

## Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Prayed during our morning Mass every Wednesday.

## Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

## Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

## 2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

## "Ephpheta" Mass

Third Sunday at 9:30am

## Moments of Mercy

It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognise that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well. (*Diary 1628*)

## Prayer for Vocations

A child's handful of dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

## Hearing Loop

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

## Low gluten hosts

Available upon request.

## Catholic Weekly

Their website also has a range of news, articles and information: [www.catholicweekly.com.au/](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/)

## Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: [www.catholicoutlook.org/](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/)

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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - seeking interested persons to join

Our Parish will shortly commence our next RCIA program. You are invited to introduce adult family and friends who may be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, in becoming Catholic or in completing reception of Sacraments of Initiation. Details for those interested can be provided to our parish office. To know more about RCIA you can also visit: <https://parracatholic.org/becoming-a-catholic/>

## God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary now available for purchase

These books have now arrived and available for purchase from our piety store at a discounted price of \$15. This is your companion on the journey to pray, share, grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God and includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. For more about this diary: [stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2024-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html](http://stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2024-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html)

## Upcoming Confirmation Masses this week (and impact on Adoration)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no Adoration on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. This week nearly 70 children will be receiving this Sacrament, being the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please pray for these children.

## Baptisms welcome

To Luca, Mateus and Neri who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Westmead Hospital Chaplain: Help needed with Holy Communion

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or people trained for home visitations of the sick are needed to take Holy Communion to the Sick at Westmead Hospital Sunday mornings 9.00am to 11.00am. This will be on a roster basis once every eight weeks.

This is not a difficult ministry but a very important and rewarding one. Assistance will be provided to volunteers before they commence. For further details please contact Deacon Roque Dias on 0403 877 366 or email [r\\_g\\_dias@hotmail.com](mailto:r_g_dias@hotmail.com)

## Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home please contact the parish office to arrange.

## Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery.

All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

## End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers - Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>

All volunteers who assist in our parish, and anyone involved in any of our various ministries are invited to attend a Mass of thanksgiving on Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on the efforts and contributions, individually and collectively, and for those present to assemble and share in the celebration of the Mass. Our office will attempt to contact all volunteers by email, however, if you are of volunteers or ministers without email or access to the bulletin, we are grateful if you may please inform them. Light refreshments will follow afterwards and please RSVP (ideally by email) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes.

## Calling all green thumbs

We continue to be truly blessed with the magnificent gardens throughout our Church grounds, the result of the labours of love of our volunteer gardeners. A constant source of admiration by many which never cease to impress with their beauty and vibrancy. We've all heard the saying many hands make light work and this is especially true for our gardens. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist in any way, we would love to hear from you. Any help would be greatly welcomed and please contact the Parish office to find out more.

## Month of The Holy Souls and the November Scroll

The Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom every November, with all Masses offered for those named. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the yellow November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in the second collection or handed in at the Sacristy.

## Catholic Youth Parramatta: World Youth Day and Leaders Commissioning Mass: Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>

All young people, youth and school leaders are invited to this annual Commissioning Mass on Sunday 26 November at 3.30pm at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, to give thanks for the Youth ministry year so far and bless all leaders for their 2024 ministry year. Family, friends and community members are all invited. RSVP for catering purposes to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view dates, book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

## Next Sunday: World Day of the Poor – A Message of Hope: November 19<sup>th</sup>

World Day of the Poor is a Roman Catholic observance, celebrated the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time established 2017 by Pope Francis. The Good Samaritan parable is not simply an old story; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives.

The poor are persons; they have faces, stories, hearts and souls. Our sharing should meet the concrete needs of the other, rather than being just a means of ridding ourselves of superfluous goods. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus tells us: "perfect charity means putting up with other people's faults, not being taken aback by their faults...charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart".

May the steadfast love of Saint Therese stir our hearts on this World Day of the Poor, and help us not to "turn our face away from poor".

## Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)