

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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 Find us on: [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org)

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*)

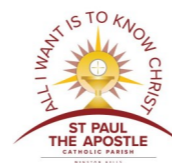
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services—next weekend

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. At all Masses next weekend, a collection will be taken for the Bishops Christmas appeal. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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/>

An RCIA enquiry night is being held Tuesday November 28th 7pm here in the Parish Centre (Hall). RSVP to 9639 6516.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course commencing in 2024

This is formation for anyone interested in assisting our parish as Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. **IMPORTANT: Positions for these courses fill quickly!** For more information please contact the parish office and please note the courses commence in mid February 2024.

Invitation to light our Advent Wreath candles

As part of our tradition at Christmas time, an Advent wreath is placed on the Altar. At the beginning of each Mass, these candles are lit by members of our congregation. If you would like to take part, please record your details on the roster located in the foyer.

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

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.

Come and join in our fortnightly Leisure Group this Wednesday 22nd

A social group where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. The next get together is this Wednesday 22nd November. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

Red Wednesday - November 22nd

You are invited to pray for, and be in solidarity with, the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. You may wish to go to Mass for those who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol, to remember those unable to make a public display of faith: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday

Brother Barry Donaghue Preparing for Advent Series: Starting November 29th

These 90 minute Advent presentations are held over four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm to 9pm. 29th Nov until 20th Dec. Scripture based presentations with time for questions, reflection and group conversation. Will be held at Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Please contact 0478 408 337 or bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org for enquiries.

End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers - Thursday November 30th

All St Paul's volunteers and anyone involved in any of our various ministries are invited to attend a Mass of thanksgiving on Thursday November 30th at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on the efforts and contributions, and for those present to assemble and share in the celebration of Mass. Light refreshments will follow afterwards. Please RSVP (ideally by email) by Friday 24th for catering.

Advent Retreat for Young & Single/Unmarried Young women (20-40 years) - Sunday December 3rd

Advent, a time to prepare our hearts for the coming birth of the Christ Child at Christmas. Step out of a busy schedule in order to reflect on your life and encounter God in the silence of His creation. At Mount Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa from 10:30am to 4pm. Cost is \$15 and registrations close Sunday November 26th. To register or for more details please contact Hannah 0433 443 384.

60th Year of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Commemorative Mass: Monday December 4th

Bishop Vincent invites all to join him in a commemorative Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0460 037 795 or Hannah Portelli hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 22nd Saint Cecilia | 23rd Saint Clement I, Saint Columban
24th St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions | 25th Saint Catherine of Alexandria | 26th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Did you know that the Diocese of Parramatta has a smartphone app?

Provides Mass, Reconciliation (Confession) & Adoration Times for each Church in our Diocese and the latest Diocesan news, events and updates including the Catholic Outlook, our Bishop and more. It's available on both of the following operating systems:

- Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dcms.d2u.parra>
- Apple/iOS <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/diocese-of-parramatta/id1219557370>

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

"I realise more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me" (Diary 1036)

Prayer for Vocations

Isaiah: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching 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/

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online: www.catholicoutlook.org/

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Message from our priest

Though Catholic Church is said to be one, holy, apostolic, and universal, it has different liturgical families within the communion of the Catholic Church. They are coming from six different families of rites spread among the *sui iuris* churches of Catholic communion. They are, broadly: we can say, the western rites (Latin rites) and the eastern rites. Western rites include Roman rite (ordinary and extra ordinary) Gallican rites (Ambrosian rite of Italy, Braga rite of Portugal), Catholic Order rites (Benedictine and Carmelite Rites of a few communities) and Eastern rites have liturgical rites of all 23 churches which are in communion with Rome.

Eastern Catholic churches include the Coptic Catholic Church, Eritrean Catholic Church, Ethiopian Catholic Church, Maronite Church, Syrian Catholic Church, Syro Malankara Church, Armenian Catholic Church, Chaldean Catholic Church, Syro_Malabar Church, Albanian Catholic Church, Belarusian Catholic Church, Bulgarian Catholic Church, Croatian Byzantine Catholic Church or Croatian Greek Catholic Church, Greek Catholic Church, Hungarian Catholic Church, Italo-Albanian Catholic Church, Macedonian Catholic Church, Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Romanian Church united with Rome, Russian Catholic Church, Slovak Catholic Church, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

Church, according to canon law (27), is said to be a group of Christian faithful united by a hierarchy according to certain norms of law which was expressly or tacitly recognised by the supreme authority of the church. Rite reflects ritual traditions and church customs. All rites in the Catholic Church have equal rights and dignity.

In liturgy there are immutable parts and parts that can be changed by the church. Immutable parts will remain the same for all churches, but the parts that can be changed can be altered by the *sui iuris* or autonomous churches incorporating the local customs and traditions (CCC1203-1206).

Diversity in the churches does not mean that it affects the unity of the church. Church remains united in her basic profession of faith and proclamation. All Catholic churches accept the primacy of the Pope and thereby remain united under one authority. The Pope's decision is binding for all Catholic churches concerning the teachings of faith and morals of the church. All the churches had their origin in Jerusalem and from there apostles moved in different directions to different parts of the world and so we have a "Church of Churches" or communion of the Catholic Church.

Father (Doctor) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI.

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 or 8838 3419. More information available at www.safeguarding.org.au

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, Fran Flaherty, 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, Arturo Ferrer, Beth Kenny, Catherine Kitty Eberjer, Doreen Heywood, Eileen Edwards, George Steele, Hasel McGee, Josephine Mamari, Joyce Morris, Julio Revilla, Len Winston, Maureen Haddad, Maya Crescini, Paul Jumeau, Rizalina Balagtas, Salvador Cruz, Tiffany Hollings, Vicente Calonia. All deceased relatives and friends on the November scroll.