

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



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - December

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1st | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 2nd

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - enquiry night this Tuesday November 28th

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 on Tuesday November 28th 7pm here in the Parish Centre (Hall). RSVP to 9639 6516.

End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers - this 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 this 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) for catering purposes.

Men's Ministry of St Paul Inaugural Gathering—Thursday December 14th

All men 18 & over are welcome for an evening of Mass and Worship in our Church followed by Prayer and Fellowship in our Parish Centre. December's topic of discussion: "The Christian meaning of Christmas". The evening commences at 6pm with Adoration then Mass. It would be appreciated to indicate your interest by phoning the parish office 9639 6516 else email mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

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.

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.

2024 Daily Mass Books have arrived

As Advent is the start of a new Church year, copies of the 2024 Daily Mass Book will be available in the Mass Books drawer next to the Holy Water font. Feel free to use these and as they are shared, we ask that they are kept clean and returned to the drawer after Mass.

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

These books are 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.

Baptisms welcome

To Luciana and Valentino who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta 2024

Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2024 Epiphany Pilgrimage (2 - 9 Jan 2024). Enjoy seven days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the Finnies Fiesta at St Finbar's Glenbrook. For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit epiphanypilgrimage.org.

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

Thank you—Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services

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. If you still wish to donate: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Visit 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 or Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

November 30th Saint Andrew | December 3rd Saint Francis Xavier, First Sunday of Advent

Are you interested in becoming a pastoral and professional supervisor?

Transforming Practices offers a rich formation in Pastoral Supervision. For program prerequisites, visit transformingpractices.org. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the Registrar, Mary Pearson via email marypearson@gmail.com

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."

Prayer for Vocations

Christ is King ...The faithful Witness. He loved us ... and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to call forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God?

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 Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a vital aspect of communion with the Church, being co-responsible in both the building up of the Body of Christ and in the participation of the Church's mission.

The Second Vatican Council recommended that Pastoral Councils be established to assist the Church's apostolic work, whether in the field of evangelisation and sanctification or in the fields of charity, social relations and the rest; the clergy and religious working with the laity in whatever way proves satisfactory. (Apostolate of the laity, n.26).

The Pastoral Council acts in an advisory capacity to the Parish Priest.

To be effective, it should be a representative body which is a significant form of the synodal church, accompanying and guiding the community in their efforts to live as missionary disciples.

In the spirit of synodality being embraced by the Diocese of Parramatta, our Parish Pastoral Council has now adopted a broader set of guidelines under which it will function into the future.

Significantly, these new guidelines include specific steps towards being more representative of our parish community, both now and into the future.

Our parish will be seeking expressions of interest and nominations for representatives to serve on the PPC, and expect this to occur after Easter next year. More information about this process will be circulated nearer to that time.

Our PPC undertook a commitment to create and establish guidelines for the PPC which have now been composed and available on the parish website stpaultheapostleparish.org/#about. Printed copies of these guidelines are also available from the parish office.

Our PPC also aims to enable members of our parish community to fulfill their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission to connect their needs and strengths with the parish's plans for the future. If you want to know more about our PPC, which meets monthly, please contact the parish office.

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

Aeroll Kleins, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, Daniella Younis, Fran Flaherty, George El-Bayeh, Iranie Perumal, 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, George Steele, Grace Lucas, Hasel McGee, Herbert Morris, John Buggy, John Ford Snr. Josephine Mamari, Leon Chalker, Maggie Simpliciano, Maureen Haddad, Maya Crescini, Paul Jumeau, Rizalina Balagtas, Salvador Cruz, Tiffany Hollings, Vicente Calonia.

All deceased relatives and friends on the November scroll.