

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escarlan
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For latest updates please visit our Facebook page



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

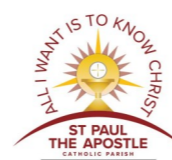
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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



January 1st: Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

The Solemnity Of Mary is one of the most important days of the Church calendar, however it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year. Holy Mass will be held Monday 1st Jan at 9:10am.

St Paul's Mens Ministry—come and join us on January 11th

Are you setting a New Years Resolution? Have you considered that your relationship with God could be something to work on in 2024? The Mens Ministry on January 11th will be trying to find ways to make this “a new years resolution that sticks”. Following Adoration and Mass our discussion for January will be “How can I deepen my relationship with God? This talk promises to offer good practical ways to build upon your 2024 faith journey. All men over 18 welcome. To find out more contact the Parish office 9639 6516 or mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

1st Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God | 2nd Saint Basil and Gregory | 3rd Most Holy Name of Jesus
7th The Epiphany of the Lord | 8th The Baptism of the Lord

World Day of Peace — January 1st

Pope Paul VI announced in 1967 the world needs to be sensitised and oriented for peace and understanding, and recommended the Church to play a greater role in search for world peace, and this day, was appointed to celebrate these efforts. Pope Francis has asked “We must make sure that Artificial Intelligence is put at the service of peace in the world, rather than being a threat, and that it make a beneficial contribution on humanity future. I have dedicated the Message for the World Day of Peace to this”

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or to find out more, email met@parracatholic.org or call Karin 0419 242 435 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

Volunteers and Ministers Roster now available

Rosters have been emailed and please contact the parish office if not received. Thank you again for your tireless efforts and support!

Come and join in our fortnightly Leisure Group in 2024

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 17th January. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

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. For more information please contact the parish office.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: February 10th

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by February 6th to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Everyone is welcome to join us at the end of Mass Wednesday mornings for our weekly Novena. When we pray this novena, we are not choosing to worship her over her Divine Son. She is “our Mother on the order of grace,” and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes. As long as we approach her as we do Him, with sincerely humble and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and guidance. If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for us, we are doing hers as well.

Please join us for Thursday Cenacles

The Cenacle is a small faith-sharing group and is as old as the Church itself. The format followed is where small groups gather to learn and share their faith. In her messages, Our Lady insistently calls upon priests, religious and faithful to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. “Just as in the Cenacle of Jerusalem the Apostles, reunited with me in prayer, prepared for the moment of the first Pentecost, so also, in the cenacle of my Immaculate Heart – and consequently in the cenacles where you are gathered in prayer – you apostles of these last times can, with your heavenly Mother, obtain a new effusion of the Holy Spirit.” The Cenacle is held in the Marian Chapel every Thursday morning following Mass. You are invited to join us every Thursday or any Thursday that suits you.

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

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.

Access and security during the school holidays

Now that school holidays have commenced, there will be a considerable reduction in the amount of people in the church grounds and it is important to remain vigilant. If you notice anything suspicious please phone the parish office 9639 6516 and press 5 (at any time) which will transfer your call to a staff member or clergy. Thank you.

Please note there will be no 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday in January.

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

St Paul's Men's Ministry

Second Thursday of the month:
6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

Moments of Mercy

To comprehend, experience and offer The Divine Mercy of God we must first adore the Most Holy Trinity. If we could but fathom just a glimpse of true adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we'd be left speechless, silent, overwhelmed with peace, contentment and joy (*Diary 5*).

Prayer for Vocations

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.

Catholic Outlook

www.catholicoutlook.org/

Catholic Weekly

www.catholicweekly.com.au/

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request.

Hearing Loop

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

Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251

Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather in the spirit of community and faith, and amidst the joy of Christmas, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers and ministers who tirelessly contribute to the vibrant life of our parish. 2023 has again been another year where their selfless efforts have greatly humbled us.

We express our sincere appreciation to each volunteer and minister who generously donates their time, talents, and energy to make our parish a place of spiritual growth and community connection. This also extends to those in their family or household who support them and enable this to happen. Their commitment to various ministries, events, and activities has not only enriches our worship experience but has also strengthened the bonds that unite us as a faith community.

Their dedication and hard work can, and does, leave a lasting impact on the lives of our parishioners. Their contributions do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for their ongoing commitment.

As we express our gratitude, we also extend an invitation to all parishioners who may feel called to contribute their talents and time to our parish ministries. Your involvement is a vital part of our continued growth, and we warmly welcome new volunteers and ministers to join our community of faith.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, we have a variety of ministries and activities. Whether it's as part of our liturgical celebrations, participating in any of our various programs, or assisting with the ongoing maintenance of our church and grounds, there are many opportunities for you to make a meaningful impact. Your commitment can make a profound impact on our mission to serve the vulnerable, strengthen faith, and foster a sense of belonging.

If you feel called to serve, or would like more information about our ministries, say hi and have a chat to any of our ministers and volunteers, contact the parish office, or chat with myself or Father Abraham. We always look forward and keen to welcome new members into our parish family and continuing to build a community grounded in love, faith, and service.

May God bless each of you abundantly, and His love continue to shine upon you in the new year!

Father John Paul

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 Klein, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, Daniella Younis, David, George El-Bayeh, Iranie Perumal, Kayla Ho, Lucas Le Huray, Marjory Baker, Mary Finianos, Nick Galea, Peter Gamble, Tony Charlesworth.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Anthony Camilleri, Brian Baker, Burbidge, Gardner & Griffiths families, Carly Young, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Charles Spiteri, Colomba Mifsud, Concetta Signati, Denis Debono-Cullen, Filippa Spata, George Steele, Geraldine Senewirathne, Gioacchino Lombardo, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Laurence James Scott, Lorain Coyte, Lourdes Zaballa. Mary Hackett, Maxwell John Talty, Mervyn Davies, Mifsud Family, Nametallah Nassif, Phelomena and Sanira ElKhoury, Noelene & Matthew Maree, Norma Casamento, Parnis Family, Paul, Gladys, Tom and Damien Beck, Paul, Angelique, Claude & Myriam Jumeau, Rosario Sciara, Saverio and Rosa Marotta, Seamus, John, Shirley & Gerard Dunne, Stephen & Anthony Perumal, Teresina & Francesco Reitano, Tess Borg, Vicky Mifsud.