

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

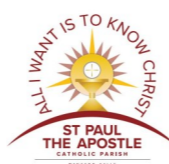
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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



29 years in the Vineyard of the Lord

On January 3rd 1996, this was the day on which I was ordained as a priest in the Catholic Church when I was in India. Life of a priest is full of challenges and opportunities. It is a challenge to grow unto the likeness of the master Jesus who has called me to his service.

The priestly ministry gives me the opportunity to grow with the Lord. The “mantra” to be successful as a priest, is nothing but remaining focused on the mission and on the one who has called me to this life. I thank the Lord for his faith, support, and care that he has invested in me. I can’t claim that I was fully focused as the Lord expects of me. If I had been successful, it was because of your unwavering support, encouragement and prayers. Your steadfast belief and solidarity have been the cornerstone of my service. Together we have woven a tapestry of love, compassion, and faith, enriching lives and nurturing souls.

Thank you one and all for being an integral part of this incredible journey of mine as a priest.

Success of every priest is the success of power of unity and shared purpose.

I humbly ask for you to please continue to support me with your prayers, and may God bless you all. *Father Abraham*

Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the year that has passed and the many blessing you have showered us in time. We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one. We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, his guidance and his light to shine our path. Amen.

St Paul’s Mens Ministry—come and join us on Thursday 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

8th The Baptism of the Lord | 13th Saint Hilary | 17th Saint Anthony

Feast of Holy Child Jesus - Nine Day Novena Masses

A nine day novena of daily Masses are being held to celebrate the blessed feast of Señor Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus).

On the third day of the Novena, Mass will be celebrated here at St Paul the Apostle on Saturday 13th January at 7:00pm.

At Good Shepherd Parish in Plumpton, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 21st January at 2:30pm being the feast day.

You are all invited to attend and participate in this Novena, especially as the worship of Our Lord is truly universal.



Pregnancy Help Sydney and “The Little White Box”

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out “the Little White Box” at the entrance to the Church at all masses. The donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours, seven days a week on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. All donations help with the cost of phone bills, and the training and development of the telephone support staff.

It is important to note that these phone lines are staffed on a voluntary basis. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, or if you want to know more, or to make a contribution, please visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Our parishioners have supported the Little White Box for many years and this generosity has been continually acknowledged by Pregnancy Help. Thank you.

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 10th 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

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.

Reminder on Parish Office Availability and Accessibility

Visit: Office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
Phone: Call 9639 6516 where you have menu options to speak to the parish secretary, priests, hear mass times, etc.
Office unattended: In instances where your call goes unanswered we encourage you to leave a voicemail.
If your matter is time critical, phone 9639 6516 and press 5 and your call will be diverted to a mobile .
Email: Our parish email address is not published (to reduce spam) and can be obtained by phoning the parish office, or feel free to use the Contact Us page from our website: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus

Church (and toilet) Access

Church access: To better support parishioners and visitors in knowing when the church will be open, the following applies:
October to April - 8:00am until 6:00pm, May to September - 8:00am until 5:00pm.
Church toilet: Toilet inside the church will be locked on school days Monday to Friday 2:00pm onwards.
Driveway gates: These lock automatically at 10:00pm every evening.

Access and security during the school holidays

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.

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

“No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated (Diary of St. Faustina, 1777).

Prayer for Vocations

More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Catholic Outlook

Access at anytime online:
www.catholicoutlook.org/

Catholic Weekly

Their website also has a range of news, articles and information:
www.catholicweekly.com.au/

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An Epiphany Message

Happy New Year!

As we start 2024, we find ourselves celebrating the Epiphany, a momentous occasion in the Christian calendar. The word “Epiphany” itself means a sudden realisation or understanding, and this feast commemorates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world, particularly to the Magi or Wise Men.

Imagine a captivating journey guided by a bright star, leading these Wise Men to the humble manger where Jesus lay. This is a powerful symbol of God’s light breaking into our world, revealing His love and salvation to all people. The Epiphany invites us to reflect on how God’s divine light constantly illuminates our lives, offering us guidance and understanding.

For many of us, life can be a whirlwind of uncertainties. We may find ourselves searching for meaning, purpose, and direction. The Epiphany teaches us that, just like the Wise Men, we too can find the light of Christ in unexpected places. Sometimes, it’s in the simple moments of kindness, the warmth of community, or the quiet reflection in prayer.

As we embark on this new year, let’s consider how we can be the bearers of Christ’s light to others. Our actions, no matter how small, have the power to illuminate someone else’s path. Just as the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, let us offer our talents, time, and love to those around us.

The Epiphany challenges us to be open to the unexpected, to seek the divine light in every aspect of our lives. In doing so, we can truly experience a personal epiphany, a moment of profound understanding and connection with the divine.

So, as we celebrate this Epiphany, let’s embrace the journey of discovery and be open to the unexpected ways in which God’s light continues to shine in our lives. May this year be filled with moments of revelation, understanding, and the joy that comes from walking in the light of Christ.

Returning in February

- The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2024 will take place on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd
- Morning Tea will be held after both morning Masses on Sunday 11th
- 9:30am Mass with Ephpheta Community on Sunday 18th
- Everyone is invited to attend and we encourage you to bring members of your family or friends.

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

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, Mary Finianos, Nick Galea, Patricia McInerney, Peter Gamble, Tony Charlesworth.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Aaron Apikotoa, Ajay Kallukalam, Antoun & Laila Moubarak and their deceased family members, Beth Kenny, Brian Baker, Carly Young, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Donald John Bush, Dorothy Dahlberg, Ella (Bobbie) Darcy, Filippa Spata, George Steele, Geraldine Senewirathne, Gioacchino Lombardo, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Joyce Morris, Lourdes Zaballa, Mary Hackett, Mervyn Davies, Nametallah and Phelomena ElKhoury, Norma Casamento, Seamus, John, Shirley & Gerard Dunne, Teresina & Francesco Reitano, Vito Collisimo.