

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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:

Monday to Saturday 9.10am, Sunday 9:30am



Please pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist

We are pleased to announce that our program for the Sacrament of Eucharist (also known as First Holy Communion) has commenced in our parish for 2024. This Sacrament is part of the Christian process of initiation, and where we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. When we receive Communion, we become one with him, and we become one with each other. As a community we become 'the body of Christ'.

For those on this precious journey to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a significant step in their spiritual journey, marking a deeper connection with our Lord. Through our prayers, we ask for God's guidance and understanding to fill their hearts, especially as they may encounter questions, uncertainties, and curiosities. In a world filled with distractions and challenges, our young communicants need our prayers for protection and strength. May they be shielded from the pressures that may sway them from their faith, and may they find strength in the Lord to stand firm in their commitment to Him.

Let us be reminded of the profound impact our collective faith can have on their journey. Through our support and prayers, we contribute to the foundation of a strong and enduring faith in the hearts of these young believers. As a parish community and church family, we need to be supportive mentors and examples of faith, guiding them with love and encouragement as they take this important step in their spiritual journey. This is also a time where we can deepen our own relationship with Christ!

For your awareness, at the following weekend Masses, the Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated:

- May 25th/26th: 5pm (Vigil), 9.30am and 5pm
- June 1st/2nd: 5pm (Vigil), 9.30am and 5pm

To know more about our Sacramental program, please contact our Sacramental coordinator Sandra Sheehan on 0405 085 457 or email ssheehan@me.com or contact the parish office.

Funeral service this week

✠ For the late Trevor Anthony. Monday 4th at 11:00am here at St Paul the Apostle Church. May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace.

Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. More information www.safeguarding.org.au

Please pray for our sick. Lord, heal the sick, grant strength, comfort, and divine peace. Amen

Adleen Hadchiti, Aeroll Klein, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, Daniella Younis, David, George El-Bayeh, Helen Facione, Iranie Perumal, John Gin, Kayla Ho, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Nick Galea, Peter Casey, Peter Gamble.

Please pray for ...

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Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Bishop Bede Heather, Angelique, Claude, Myriam and Paul Jumeau, Arnold Morris, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Brian Baker, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Fouad & Olga Matta and for the deceased members of their family, George Steele, Grecia Zalvidea, Jean Adrian, Jennifer Villanova, John Buggy, Maria Milinovic, Mary Papali, Michelle Makin, Rosa & Saverio Marotta, Rosalie Merlino, Samuel Samson, Theresa & Charlie Borg, Zara Coorey, Trevor Anthony.

Moments of Mercy

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person *(Diary 588)*

Prayer for Vocations

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena prayed after Mass every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

Christ's Catholic Community

Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

St Paul's Mens 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

Communion to the sick

Please contact parish office to make arrangements for a visit,

Hearing Loop

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

Catholic Outlook

www.catholicoutlook.org/

Catholic Weekly

www.catholicweekly.com.au/

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Lenten Reflection here at St Paul the Apostle Parish - you are all invited

Our parish will hold a special Lenten Reflection this Saturday March 9th. The structure of the afternoon will be as follows:

- Parish Centre: 2:00pm Arrival (tea/coffee)
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm Presentation by Doctor Peter Holmes followed by small group discussions.
- Church: 4:00pm - 4:30pm Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament (including Vespers / Liturgy of the Hours)
- 4:00pm - 4:45pm Regularly scheduled confession will still be held

For planning purposes, there is a sheet as you leave the Church where you can record your intentions to attend. Doctor Peter Holmes has lectured in Scripture, Theology and biblical languages and presenter on [This Catholic Life Podcast](#).

Liturgical services in our parish during Lent - everyone is welcome to attend

- Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00pm every Friday evening (followed by Reconciliation until 8:30pm).
- Lenten discussion groups will be held every Wednesday in the Marian Chapel at 7:00pm. Each week there will be a different theme. There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions.

Lent and Easter program 2024—important information

A sheet is available to take home with you and provides a detailed breakdown of all liturgical services during Lent and until Easter.

Update to our Facebook livestreaming

Please note that effective this week, we will revert back to livestreaming the morning Mass on Thursday instead of the evening Mass.

Interested in the works of The Lay Camillian Family?

Their volunteer work has included visitation to nursing homes and public hospitals; also ministered by the Camillian Fathers (Ministers of the Infirm). Lay members are committed to care of the sick, with some employed in aged and healthcare facilities. As you are aware, clergy and liturgical ministers from St Paul's celebrate Masses and conduct pastoral visits to the homebound, which also includes retirement and aged care facilities within your parish. A dedicated Lay Camillian Family-Winston Hills lay ministry was recently formed in this parish. If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry, or to assist in their works, you are welcome to drop in when they next assemble on Friday 8th March at 7pm in the Parish Centre else contact Michael Kukla on 0490 733 315.

Invitation to attend Christ's Catholic Community weekly prayer group - held every Friday

Lent is a time to focus on prayer, to open our hearts and minds to God who loves us. You are invited to experience God's peace and love by slowing down and reflecting in a small group. There is no obligation to attend every week and feel free to join in at any time. They meet 10am in the Conference Room of our Parish Centre and take about one hour. All queries to Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please continue to pray for those involved in our RCIA program as we all continue our journey to Easter.

Filipino Chaplaincy: Solemn Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph - March 16th

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday March 16th at 10:30am at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Novena Mass for St Pedro Calungsod - March 21st

The 7pm Mass on Thursday March 21st, will be the Novena Mass for Saint Pedro Calungsod.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations

4th Saint Casimir | 7th Saints Perpetua and Felicity | 8th Saint John of God | 9th Saint Frances of Rome

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 Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

Men's Ministry of St Paul - next gathering March 14th

This Lent has brought about some challenges no doubt. To assist in finishing Lent in strong fashion would you consider joining us Thursday March 14th? All men 18 and over welcome to drop in and join us. **Our topic of discussion for March will be "Fortitude"**. The evening starts with Adoration (6pm) and Mass (7pm) in the Church followed by us gathering in the Parish Centre (8pm). If you want to know more, please contact the Parish office on 9639 6516 or email mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

Catholic Schools Week - celebrated this week at St Paul the Apostle Primary

Catholic Schools Week is an annual event and involves the communities of around 600 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, with the main aim to raise awareness and celebrate the strength and distinctiveness of Catholic schools. The week is also about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and the wider community. To find out more about please contact the school www.stpawinstonhills.catholic.edu.au/

CARITAS - Project Compassion

This weekend, in the spirit of Lenten reflection, Project Compassion shares the remarkable story of Leaia, who lives in Samoa. Samoa may surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water can be scarce, with many families facing extreme hardship. Not having access clean water was very difficult for Leaia's family, but with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed, improving their health and living conditions. Please take home a Project Compassion box as you leave church today. Thank you.

Positions Vacant - Administration Assistant (part-time)

Sacred Heart Parish, Mt Druitt South and Diaconate community. Applications close March 11th . Details: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

 **There will be no 2SM Mass on March 10th due to the Novena Mass for Saint Joseph.**