

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

The Easter Triduum - the holiest time of the liturgical year

The Easter Triduum are three special days that invite us to walk alongside Jesus in his final moments, and where we can truly and deeply immerse ourselves in the profound mysteries of our faith.

Holy Thursday: The Institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood
March 28th 7:00pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

As we commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood, let us reflect on the profound gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. This is a night to remember the selfless act of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, a powerful example of humble service that challenges us to follow in his footsteps.

Good Friday: The Passion and Death of Our Lord
March 29th 10:00am - Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm Passion of the Lord

A day of sombre reflection as we contemplate the passion and death of Jesus on the Cross. The Stations of the Cross and the Veneration of the Cross lead us through the events of that fateful day, inviting us to unite our sufferings with Christ's redemptive sacrifice. It allows us to express our gratitude for the immense love Jesus showed us on the Cross, a love that conquered sin and death.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil
March 30th 7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

This liturgy is a profound journey from darkness to light, symbolising the passage from death to life. We gather in lighting the Easter fire, and participate in the Liturgy of the Word, reliving salvation history. With great anticipation, we welcome new members into our faith community through the sacraments of initiation. The Resurrection of Christ is proclaimed, and we joyfully celebrate triumph of life over death.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
March 31st 8:00am and 9:30am - Easter Mass

The culmination of the Triduum, and the day we exclaim, "He is risen!" We gather to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with great joy and gratitude. The empty tomb reminds us that Christ's victory is our victory, and his resurrection brings hope and new life to the world. Let us rejoice together in the Eucharist, giving thanks for the salvation won for us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

As we near this sacred journey of the Easter Triduum, let us open our hearts to the transforming power of these liturgies. May our attendance and participation in these solemn celebrations deepen our understanding of God's infinite love for us and inspire us to live as joyful witnesses of the Resurrection.

Please note that only the main liturgies and services are listed above, however there are many more including Reconciliation, and a full list is available from the take home sheet as you enter the Church.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Bishop Austin OFM, Father George O'Mara, Father Michael O'Callaghan, Angelique Jumeau, Beth Kenny, Bonifacio Casalme, Brian Baker, Charles & Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Clement and Beryl Fonseka, Coralie D'abrera, Fouad & Olga Matta, George Steele, Gonzalo Balagtas Senior, Grecia Zalvidea, Howard D'abrera, Jennifer Villanova, John Buggy, Maria Ciappina Carla, Maria Milinovic, Mary Papali, Michelle Makin, Namatallah & Sunira El Khoury, Patricia Minahan, Reginald Santos, Ronald Benson, Rosalie Merlino, Samuel Samson, Sarkis, Tamina & Badra Matta, Theresa & Charlie Borg, Trevor Anthony, Zara Coorey.

Moments of Mercy

Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to My mercy, for nothing can oppose My will *(Diary 573).*

Prayer for Vocations

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

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

Thrid 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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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.

Special children’s Station of the Cross - Friday March 22nd

As you are aware, our parish holds the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent. On Friday evening of March 22nd, the 7:00pm Stations will focus on the young children of our parish. Instead of the usual powerpoint led Stations, on this evening we will be using an animated based presentation from the Brother Francis series. We encourage as many children and families to attend.

Rosters and availability for the next quarter (April - June)

To assist in preparation of the next rosters, please advise the parish office regarding your unavailability by Monday 18th March. As always, thank you to the continued generosity of the many who assist in our various ministries.

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Why is there an absence of flowers during Lent? According to The General Instruction Of The Roman Missal, during Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers, with the exception of Solemnities and Feasts and Laetare Sunday. On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The Celebrant may choose to wear rose coloured vestments. as this change in colour symbolises the joy that awaits us at Easter. Pope Innocent III explained that this special Sunday provided “a measure of consoling relaxation... so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart.”

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

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

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.

Update to our Facebook livestreaming

Please note that we are now livestreaming the morning Mass on Thursday instead of the evening Mass.

Come and join in our fortnightly Leisure Group

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 Wednesday 13th March. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

Baptisms welcome

To Finley, Khloe, Theodore, Luna and Montago who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Diocesan Lent and Holy Week Scripture Reflection Evening: March 20th

Looking for ways to reflect on your experience of Lent towards Holy Week? Interested in praying with Scripture readings for Holy Week? Wednesday March 20th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. RSVP and enquiries to met@parracatholic.org

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March - for the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Saint Patrick’s Day - 17th March

Saint Patrick was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. where he converted many people and entire kingdoms and began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and preached for 40 years and converted all of Ireland. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. It wasn't until the 1630s that 17 March, the traditional day of his death, was added to the Catholic breviary (a book of prayers) as the Feast of St Patrick.

Breastplate of Saint Patrick (shortened version):
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. More information available at www.safeguarding.org.au

Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to safeguarding@parracatholic.org or call 8838 3419.