

# 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



## 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - April

**Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 5<sup>th</sup> | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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**



## It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

## What is Eucharistic Adoration? Why should I attend?

The Eucharist is the source of life for the Church. Eucharistic Adoration a pious custom in the Church since time immemorial. We adore God when we worship Him in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and being there in Adoration is a powerful and personal time to be in His presence. Our lives are filled with distractions and Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to be in silence with our Lord, to spend time with Him and where one can find deep, true joy. The Eucharist is also a call for thanksgiving, so what better way to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done in our lives and those of our loved ones!

## Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. Project Compassion boxes can be returned over the next two weekends and placed in the boxes as you enter the Church. You can also donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

## Congratulations to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Elect

At the Easter Saturday Vigil mass, Li, Shontay, Maddie and Tan will receive their Sacraments of Initiation and also the recently Baptised Georgia, Lyvia & Xavier. Please continue to pray for them, and if someone you know would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office. A special thank you is extended to Paul Dahlberg who again this year was tireless in his efforts, mostly behind the scenes, with our liturgies and RCIA program, and to the dedicated volunteers in our parish community who sponsored our candidates generously with their time and support and made this all possible.

## Easter message from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Bishop Vincent Long has released his video message for Easter which can be viewed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel: [youtube.com/watch?v=3ghTzBEYqQA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ghTzBEYqQA) and on our parish Facebook page: [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish/)

## Easter isn't over yet!

The observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Did you know that the Easter Season is a fifty day period following Easter Sunday? The Easter Season actually comes to an end Pentecost Sunday on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Mens Ministry update

The upcoming Men's Ministry gathering on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> is open to all men, young and old with no age limit, and we certainly encourage fathers to please bring along their sons to this event. We invite you to join us for a barbecue after Eucharistic Adoration and Mass to celebrate Eastertide. A special treat for the night will be the personal testimony of Father John Paul on when he heard God's call and what compelled him to become a priest. This evening promises to be prayerful, fun and casual hosted at the Holy Family garage. More details to follow next week.

## Special children's Station of the Cross

The Stations of the cross held on March 22nd using an animated presentation from the Brother Francis series was extremely well attended, and as a parish it was a blessing to witness and experience the joy and anticipation by our young ones. Thank you to the many families who prepared their children and supporting them in coming and participating in this special parish liturgical event.

## Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: April 21<sup>st</sup>

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Around the Diocese our youth are visiting different churches for Mass and fellowship with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> for 6pm. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on [csfn.cristina@gmail.com](mailto:csfn.cristina@gmail.com)

## Daylight saving

A reminder that daylight saving ends Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> where clocks are turned backward one hour.

## Invitation to our parish youth: Come and join our various Liturgical Ministries!

If you are available to assist in any capacity at our Masses, please contact the parish office. There may be a role or ministry that may particularly interest you and so we would love to hear from you. Our parish looks forward to our liturgies being blessed with our youth.

## Come and join our Altar Server Ministry!

Our parish is intending to prepare and train interested children to join our Altar Server Ministry and commence in July of this year. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and regularly attend Mass and children are welcome from any school to join. More details and information will be available over the coming weeks.

*As an altar server, to serve God is a wonderful way to grow in their faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues.*

## Moments of Mercy

If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them.

There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me. (*Diary, 1682*)

## Prayer for Vocations

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

## 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

## Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

## 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/](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/)

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## Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Happy Easter!

It is with great joy that I celebrate my first Easter in our parish as your parish priest.

I wish to especially express my gratitude to all of you who are involved in different ministries as ministers of the word and of the altar, altar servers, choirs, cleaning ministry, collectors, altar linen, parish adornment ministry, the parish staff, PPC and PFC, parish youth and Liturgy Committee members who are so generous with your time in preparing our church and your involvement so that we will all have reflective and prayerful Holy Week, Easter Triduum and Easter celebrations.

In his 2024 Easter message, Bishop Vincent reminds us that "Easter gives us the meaning, strength and power to transform the world in which we live. Easter provides us with the horizons of hope within which we strive for the full realisation of the reign of God." Hence, let us strive as a community of believers to let God triumphantly reign in our hearts so that we can be witnesses of the Risen Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we begin this Easter season, may the Risen Christ be the source of joy, hope and love for you and your family as we continue to spread the mission of Jesus Christ in our world.

Saint Paul the Apostle; pray for us.

May God bless us always!

Father John Paul

## Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7<sup>th</sup> (and Novena)

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains many passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established. At the canonisation of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II announced "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." Leading up to this most special celebration we will be praying a **daily** Novena at 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel here at our Church. The Novena commenced Good Friday (immediately after the Passion) and continues Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend, you can pray the Novena using the resources from this website: [thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena](http://thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena)

## Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://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, Helene Barker, Iranie Perumal, John Gin, Kayla Ho, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Nick Galea, Peter Casey, Peter Gamble, Valeriano Estacio Jnr.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Sister Antionette Khoury, Bob Hince, George Steele, John Buggy, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Cristina & Salvatore Pulvirenti, Fouad and Olga Matta, Sebastian Trovato, Jack & Maria Bowman, Joan Vesper, Laurence James Scott, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Rosa & Saverio Marotta, Tony Martin, Merv Davies.