

# 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:

Monday to Saturday 9.10am, Sunday 9:30am



## “Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I hope and pray that you continue to celebrate the Easter joy that we experience from the Risen Christ.

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate this day as Divine Mercy Sunday as proclaimed by Saint Pope John Paul II in Jubilee Year 2000 during the Canonization Mass of Saint Faustina Kawalska, ‘a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church’, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

In her Diary, Jesus told Sister Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (*Diary, 300*). St Pope John Paul II reminded us, "Through the work of Sister Faustina, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time."

May this Season of Easter bring us peace—the kind of peace that only our God can offer to humanity. May we continue to embrace His merciful love for us by extending this mercy to others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5: 7).

Have a blessed and joyful feast of the Divine Mercy.

Saint Paul the Apostle; pray for us. May God bless us always!

Father John Paul



## Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Elly (Eleanor) Bejma Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

✠ For the late Iranie Perumal Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

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](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

## Morning Tea - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with fellow parishioners. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

**Please pray for our sick. Lord, heal the sick, grant strength, comfort, and divine peace. Amen**  
Adeen Hadchiti, Aeroll Klein, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, Daniella Younis, David, George El-Bayeh, Helen Facione, Helene Barker, John Gin, Kayla Ho, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Nick Galea, Nikita De Sousa, Peter Casey, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Valeriano Estacio Jnr.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Bob Hince, Carole McCabe, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios Cristina & Salvatore Pulvirenti, Fouad and Olga Matta, George Steele, Giustino Carnevale, Jack & Maria Bowman, Joan Vesper, Joan, John & Joseph Athaide, John Buggy, Keith D'Cruz, Laurence James Scott, Merv Davies, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Rosa & Saverio Marotta, Sebastian Trovato, Tessie Micallef, Tony Martin, deceased family members of the Cook and Kenny family, all the holy souls in Purgatory, and the recently deceased Nemesia Echevarria, Eleanor (Elly) Bejma and Iranie Perumal.

## Moments of Mercy

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners, I trust in You (*Diary, 949*)

## Prayer for Vocations

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

## 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 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

## 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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## Come and join the St Paul's Children's Choir !

An important part in enhancing our Liturgical celebrations is through sacred music, and one way is with our Children's Choir.

This choir is open to primary school age children, and the choir will be singing the second Sunday of every month at the 5:00pm Mass. Practice is held for about an hour after 5:00pm Mass on the first and fourth Sundays and parents are encouraged to join in.

If you are interested of joining these above-mentioned ministries, please contact Lydia Byun 0419 011 260 or [lydiajung@live.com](mailto:lydiajung@live.com)

## Men's Ministry gathering this Thursday 11th - please bring your sons for a special event

The upcoming Men's Ministry gathering this Thursday 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 our Holy Family garage which is located behind the Church. For catering it is important to RSVP to [mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com](mailto:mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com) or SMS to Norm 0401 564 566 by Wednesday 11:00am. For any queries please use the above contact details or telephone the Parish office 9639 6516.

## ANZAC Day Mass 2024

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am with morning tea to follow. Feel free to bring a plate. Please also note:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.
- the regular Monday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) **will not be held**
- the 6:00pm evening Adoration and 7:00 pm Mass will be celebrated as usual

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible—coming to our parish in May!

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps uncover the story woven through Scripture, to get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it's all about. It will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan. It will include video presentations, group discussion and fellowship. The program is scheduled to commence Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> evening and be held over eight consecutive Tuesdays in the Father David Scott Parish centre. More details will be available next weekend.

## Nominations to be opened for our Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council serves in an advisory role to help the Parish Priest in his role; motivating the congregation to work together. Members of the Council support the Parish Priest to carry out this mission of engagement not only at a parish level, but deanery and diocesan levels. As members of the Council we can live this call to Mission and have an opportunity to become more involved in our Parish life. Nominations to join will be open from next week with members of the Parish Council speaking at all Masses next weekend.

## What are Morning and Evening Prayer? Liturgy of the Hours?

The Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) are a set of Catholic prayers and forms the official set of prayers marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. Within the Latin Church, lay faithful “are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually” and may oblige themselves to pray the Liturgy of the Hours or part of it by a personal vow. During Holy Week, parishioners were invited to join Morning and Evening Prayers on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. These are also prayed on the first Friday during Adoration. The Liturgy of the Hours, which is like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration, does not exclude but rather (in a complementary way) calls forth the various devotions of the People of God, especially adoration and worship of the Blessed Sacrament. To find out more or for how to pray: [divineoffice.org/liturgy-of-the-hours/how-to-pray-the-liturgy-of-the-hours/](http://divineoffice.org/liturgy-of-the-hours/how-to-pray-the-liturgy-of-the-hours/)

## 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)

## 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.

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

Even though the season of Lent has come to an end, this prayer group will continue to gather every Friday at 10 am in the Conference Room of our Parish Centre As a group they look at the upcoming weekend Mass readings and Gospel, and also pray the Rosary. All are welcome! Contact Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039 for any enquiries, and there is no obligation to attend every week.

## Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection. Project Compassion boxes can be returned 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) .

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for April - for the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## Monthly Men at the Shrine - next gathering this Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

This is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Begins with a brief reflection before personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. Finishes with a cup of tea and all men are welcome. No need to RSVP. Enquiries to Bernard 0416 106 871.