

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escarlan
Assistant Priest: Father Abraham Kunnatholy

For latest updates please visit our Facebook page



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

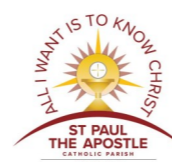
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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



A bouquet of thanks to everyone from Father Abraham

On 17th April 2024, that day will mark my first year here in Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills. As I reflect upon this, it seems that it all happened so recently and surprised how the time has passed so quickly. I am very happy and blessed that you all received me wholeheartedly and welcomed me into this parish with open hearts. I am grateful to God, and all of you, for all you have been for me. From the moment I arrived, Father Raning, Father John Paul and staff members, and the different ministry groups and committees, were of great help, making my days here, easy and joyous. I will continue to be grateful to everyone and especially those who help me in areas where I recognise there is scope for improvement. Being a bigger community compared to the Blue Mountains, you have taught me many things, and one thing I know is that I will continue to learn new things in my everyday life here. God bless you all, and I humbly request your continued support and prayers. *Father Abraham Kunnatholy CMI.*

Baptisms welcome

To Li, Lyvia, Mia, Mila, Scarlett and Xavier who were baptised here recently. We pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

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 Thursday 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 - starting Tuesday 7 May

This is 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 commences Tuesday May 7th evening and be held over eight consecutive Tuesdays (each 7:00pm to 8:30pm) in the Father David Scott Parish centre. Please note that attendance is not required for every week. From next weekend a registration sheet will be available as you enter the church to record details of those interested in attending.

Caritas Project Compassion boxes - closes off next weekend

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.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal Collection next weekend

Help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and hope, near and far! We are blessed to have the opportunity to actively contribute to the education and formation of our future priests as disciples of Jesus and 'fishers of people'. By supporting the emergence of priests who are well-versed in theology and equipped with the skills to address the challenges faced by the community they serve, we can continue to build our Catholic faith and church on the values of compassion. Your generous support and prayers will help our future priests to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling. A collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses and you can also contribute via this link: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-parish-appeal-24/

Three times blessed

As a parish we continue to be humbled and blessed by the generosity of our parishioners volunteering their time and services. Some of this may be quite apparent while others may not be as obvious. We extend our gratitude and deepest thanks to the following people:

Jennifer Di Marzo has generously given of her time and talents in capturing the essence of the Holy Family onto canvas in a most beautiful painting. We intend for this painting to adorn our Holy Family Garage; which is the area that has been transformed from a garage into a place for our various ministry groups to access and enjoy.
Norm Badaoui was instrumental in preparing and donating the Cross used for our Good Friday Passion of the Lord. This large Cross which was carefully prepared was commissioned to replace the much smaller versions and will help us as a parish to better witness and experience the Cross on which our Lord was crucified and central to our faith.
Mal Barnes spent countless hours of his own time on many occasions working tirelessly to resolve issues with our church audio systems. Mal was also able to greatly improve the sound and audio functionality through the generous donation of much needed equipment. Thanks also to the small team that assisted Mal and whom we acknowledge for their great work.

Voluntary Assisted Dying healthcare workshop: 4 May

Our Diocese is organising a free workshop to explore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Voluntary Assisted Dying statement: "To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope" on Saturday May 4th at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Lunch will be provided. To register please email met@parracatholic.org or for enquires please email michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 18 – 19 May

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be 18-19 May, with future dates in August and November 2024. For details or to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Natural Family Planning series

- *Billings Ovulation Method: Tuesday 23 April from 7.15pm to 8.15pm via Zoom.*
- *Natural Fertility Sympto-Thermal Method: Tuesday 30 April from 7.15pm to 8.15pm via Zoom.*

To book or make enquiries on these, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Moments of Mercy

God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour Yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus. (*Diary, 1183*)

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 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/

Catholic Weekly

www.catholicweekly.com.au/

Parramatta Diocese

www.parracatholic.org/

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Nominations now opened for our Parish Pastoral Council

The Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a representative body, collaborating in guiding the pastoral direction of our parish and where Council members strive to make the mission of Jesus the paramount consideration in all deliberations. Our PPC also aims to enable members of our parish community to fulfill their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission to connect their needs and strengths with the parish's plans for the future. It is a vital aspect of communion with the Church.

PPC Membership comprises our Clergy, and to be effective, a representation of parishioners, offering a diversity of age, gender, and ethnic origin; not just representing a ministry or sub-group.

The next term of the Council commences from July 2024.

We are now inviting for nominations for representatives to serve on the PPC.

The commitment for our PPC members is for a term of three years, with monthly meetings.

Some responsibilities and expectations also include the following:

- Provide input to deliberations of the Council
- Actively participate and empower other community members with plans and events
- Develop a spirit of discernment and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners
- Represent the Council when required e.g. other Parish meetings, deanery or diocesan meetings.
- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development

Nominations close on Tuesday May 14th

Please refer to the Nomination Form as you enter the Church which contains further details.

Want to know more? Please contact Peter Rood (PPC Chairperson) pro05364@bigpond.net.au

or Father John Paul. Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines are available on the parish website:

www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/PPCGuidelinesV2023.01.pdf

What is a neophyte?

In Ancient Greek it refers to something that is newly planted. Within the Church it encompasses those that are newly baptised and received into the faith community. As a family we have walked the journey with our newly baptised parishioners. Now we share a responsibility to actively welcome them and include them in our life of faith as they continue to grow in their relationship with God.

Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Iranie Perumal on Monday 15th 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 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

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, Bashir Younis, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Cristina Pulvirenti, Edith Capistrano, Eleanor (Elly) Bejma, Eric Balagtas, Eva Olgado, George Steele, Gloria Lindo, Iranie Perumal, and Nemesia Echevarria.