

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

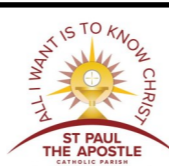
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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



Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal and our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary

Did you know the Diocese of Parramatta has its own Seminary? The Holy Spirit Seminary located in Harris Park was established in 2013 and supports the formation of our seminarians in their journey of personal transformation, committed to meeting the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. With a strong emphasis on brotherhood, the seminary takes as its model the group of disciples gathered around Jesus to learn from him the gracious plan of the Father for the world. In learning to be more like Christ, the seminarian as disciple is preparing to become an apostle to live out that mission as a priest, to gather together and care for the flock of Christ. It also takes at least seven years of intense study, vocational preparation, and guidance for God's ministry.

This Sunday, April 21st, is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Prayer for Vocations Day.

This is also why the annual Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal is held at this time. Our Parish is proud to support this appeal and your generosity will enable our Holy Spirit seminarians to remain actively present in our community, ministering to their flocks and helping people nurture their faith and live a Christian life. The Diocese is blessed to have seven seminarians anchored in their faith and education, and willing to "go out into the deep" and be of service. As part of this they need your prayers, accompaniment, and financial support. By supporting the emergence of priests, we can confidently continue to build our Catholic faith and church on the values of compassion. Please help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and hope, near and far.

A collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses and you can also contribute via this link: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-good-shepherd-parish-appeal-24/

Other ways to pray and support those intending to join the priesthood.

Every Thursday 6:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament here in our Church for the young people and their vocations followed by 7:00pm Mass.

Third Friday of the month: Holy Hour for Vocations is prayed at various Churches across the Diocese and please refer to the poster in the Church foyer for details.

Let's turn our hearts to pray for vocations, as Pope Francis reminds us: "Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" and pray that God's call may be heard by those He invites to serve His Church as priests, consecrated religious, and faithful witnesses.

"As a priest, you are father to a community, and your mission is to bring out the best in the people you serve. Our role is to cultivate each person's faith and spirituality, and help them flourish." Menard Gaspi, seminarian.

Parish Safeguarding

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

Please pray for our sick.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. 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, Alliston Corner, Bashir Younis, Carole McCabe, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Concetta Signati, Cristina Pulvirenti, Edith Capistrano, Eric Balagtas, Eva Olgado, George Steele and Gloria Lindo, Joseph & Malcom Berenger, Mervyn Davies, and Rosario Sciarra.

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).

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Invitation to the Diaconal Ordination of Menard Gaspi

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce the upcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Menard Gaspi. Menard was in our parish as a Seminarian placement in late 2021. The Ordination will take place at the vigil mass of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Saturday May 11th 6:00pm at Saint John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens. All are welcome to attend, and no RSVP is required.

This is a special moment for Menard in his journey and calling as a Priest and please continue to pray for Menard and for young people to be open to God's call to holiness, whatever that vocation may be, especially as we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: starting here in our parish from Tuesday May 7th

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. For those interested in attending, please record your details on the registration sheet as you enter the Church.

Men's Ministry gathering feedback

At the last gathering, Father John Paul gave a courageous testimony on when he heard God's call and what compelled him to become a priest. His revelation was extremely well received and inspiring and the following is some feedback from the many that were present.

"I love Christ was an inspiring response coming from a young man of 16 years of age. It is in our stories that Christ's face, the work of the Holy Spirit, is so often and always revealed. We can't always see it at the time, but looking back we can see it. It is a bit like God revealing himself to Moses: Moses could only see the face of God after he had passed by. Thank you to the organisers and those attending of all ages. It was great to be there for this first time and will aim to get there for the regular meetings"

The next gathering will be Thursday May 9th and to find out more please email mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

Nominations open to join our Parish Pastoral Council

At Mass last weekend, members of the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invited parishioners to join our Council. Our PPC also aims to enable members of our parish community to fulfill their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission.

To be effective, it must be representative of parishioners, offering a diversity of age, gender, and ethnic origin; not just representing a ministry or sub-group. The commitment is for a term of three years (with monthly meetings) with the next term commencing July 2024.

Nominations close on Tuesday May 14th and 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.

PPC Guidelines are available here: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/PPCGuidelinesV2023.01.pdf

Come and join our Leisure Group: Wednesday April 24th

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 April 24th. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

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

Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco Come and See: Saturday April 27th

Young women aged 20 to 30 are invited to a "Come and See" event on April 27th from 10am to 1pm at 8 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Take time to connect with Jesus, to share your journey of faith and empower each other to grow in faith, hope and love. This opportunity will then be available on the last Saturday of each month. For more details contact Sr Anna on 0409 469 138 or email fmastmarys@gmail.com

Grace & Silence Retreat for Young Women: Sunday May 5th

Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a silent retreat day on May 5th 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining session is on June 2nd. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for full series. For details and RSVP contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

Vatican official to speak on Interreligious Dialogue: Wednesday May 8th

The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Parramatta Diocese present a public lecture by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald: *"Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years after Nostra Aetate"*. Come and hear one of the most senior and highly qualified church figures who has enjoyed a long career in interfaith relations, rising to the highest position in the Vatican for interreligious dialogue. The lecture and Q&A session will be held May 8th at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

To register or find out more: <https://catholicoutlook.org/vatican-official-to-speak-on-interreligious-dialogue-in-parramatta/>

Diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Formation Opportunities: May and June 2024

All members of our faith communities and SRE catechists are invited to participate in a series of formation opportunities. Delve into St John's Gospel with a scripture expert, Dr Laurie Woods, over five weeks on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 May. Continue your Journey of Faith for five weeks with Marilyn Hancock (Head, CCD) on 7, 14, 21, 28 June and 5 July. All sessions will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. For SRE Catechists to be accredited with Level 3 training, they must attend both sessions. Morning Tea will be provided. Enrol for one or both sessions via parracatholic.org/events or email ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Next weekend we will announce how to join this Ministry!