

# 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



**SAVE THE DATE! St Paul the Apostle Feast Day Mass and Celebrations Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. More Details next week**

## May – Month of Mary

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Growing up in a small island in the Philippines, I always looked forward to the month of May. It was not just because it was summertime (school holiday) and a time to see my relatives who already lived in the big cities, it was above all due to all the activities organised by my local parish—the so-called ‘Flores de Mayo’—in English, “Flowers of May”. Every afternoon, we attended catechesis run by our parish young adults who taught us basic prayers and teachings of the Catholic Church and concluded with a celebration of the Holy Mass where we offered flowers to Mother Mary. The entire month of May is culminated with a festive celebration of a Solemn High Mass, procession or Santacruzian and dinner with different performances from all of us.

In his encyclical letter, (Mense Maio, 1965), St Pope Paul VI wrote: “The month of May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.”

Our Mother Mary always leads us to her Son.

“Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise” (St Pope Paul VI).

As we celebrate this month of May as the month of Mary, may we nurture our relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by imitating our Mother Mary and by asking her to intercede for us.

St Paul the Apostle; pray for us! May God bless our parish always!

Father John Paul

## Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to Parish Priest, or [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**  
Aeroll Klein, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, Daniella Younis, David, Eddy Kusuma, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, George El-Bayeh, Glenda Sultana, Helene Barker, Herlina, John Gin, Kayla Ho, Nick Galea, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Nikita De Sousa, Peter Casey, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Celine John, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Chammouni Frangi, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Charles Thornton, Felice & Carmela Arena, Fred Hanna, George Khodeir, George Steele, Gioacchino Lombardo, Guiseppe Di Mauro, Giuseppina Spata, Iranie Perumal, James George, John Buggy, Joseph El-Bayeh, Josephine Angelito, Josept, Anton, Maria & Helmut Kutin, Marcelo Senior and Junior, Mort Christian, Nala & Harold Gagan, Nirmala & Kewal Puri, Norma Casamento, Reginald Thompson, Rodrigo Lindo, Rosa Marotta, Salvador Cruz, Tamara El-Rahi, Tessie Micallef, Thomas Beck, Vincenzo Filpi, all the holy souls in purgatory and the recently deceased Theresa Shridhar & Helen Facione.

## Moments of Mercy

I rejoice that souls ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts. (*Diary 1578*)

## Prayer for Vocations

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life.

Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

## 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).

## Parramatta Diocese

[www.parracatholic.org/](http://www.parracatholic.org/)

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## Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Theresa Shridhar on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

## Remembering our Mothers who are no longer with us

At all Masses on Mothers Day next weekend, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for all those listed. You are invited to include names of those mothers no longer with us on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.

## Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: starting here in our parish this Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

This is an eight-part Bible study, helps uncover the story woven through Scripture, to get the “big picture” of the Bible and help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan. Commences Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

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 (by July of this year) the Sacrament of Holy Communion and regularly attend Mass. Please refer to the sheet with all dates and information on the table as you leave Mass. Children are welcome from any school to join.

## I can see clearly now ...

We extend our thanks to members of the Frangi family who earlier worked tirelessly in giving the front glass windows and doors in the Church a solid clean. This was a labour intensive task, especially considering the height and number of glass panels involved.

## The Pope's Monthly Intentions for May - for the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

## Invitation to the Diaconal Ordination of Menard Gaspi: Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>

The Ordination will take place on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Saint John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens. All are welcome to attend. Please continue to pray for Menard and for young people to be open to God's call to holiness, whatever that vocation may be.

## Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour for Vocations is prayed at various Churches across the Diocese on the third Friday of the month to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood with Fr Chris del Rosario, on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm.

To find out more, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino 0450 821 812 or [galbert.albino@parracatholic.org](mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org)

## 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.

## You are invited to join the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

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. **Nominations close on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>** and please refer to the Nomination Form as you enter the Church. **Want to know more?** Please contact Peter Rood (PPC Chairperson) [pro05364@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pro05364@bigpond.net.au) or Father John Paul.

## Morning Tea next weekend - 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 our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

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 May 8<sup>th</sup>. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## Men's Ministry of St Paul's monthly gathering: Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>

With May being the month of Mary, the Men's Ministry talk by Tony Montgomery will be “Holy Purity in the context of Mary, our mother” All men 18 and over are invited. Commences with Adoration (6pm) and Mass (7pm) followed by fellowship (8pm). There is no obligation to attend every meeting and if you want to get a feel for what it's about, feel free to come to their next gathering on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. No RSVP. To find out more, please phone the parish office 9639 6516 or email [mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com](mailto:mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on May 15 6:30pm to 8:30pm. RSVP or queries to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to join in on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia. An introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for others, and presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea provided, and please bring your own picnic lunch. Enquiries: Ann Lomas [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or 0437 340 250.

## Mary Help of Christians Procession: Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Join Servants of Mary Help of Christians for an annual procession prior to Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Mass commences 10am St Peter's Surry Hills, then a street procession to St Mary's Cathedral and Mass at 12pm. All are welcome.