

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

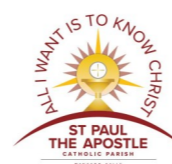
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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



Mother's Day reflection from a parishioner

Motherhood. There are many adjectives that come to mind: fulfilling, joyful, patience, nurturing, compassionate, hard-working, stressful, resilience. However, the two that best describes motherhood for me are they're a privilege and a responsibility. I feel blessed that I have had the privilege to raise three children in the Catholic faith, with the support of the wonderful Catholic schools that educated them with faith as a moral compass.

The responsibility of a mother is a lifelong journey and a tough balance between discipline, rules and relationships, with the hope that as adults they will grow to appreciate the dedication and love you have given them.

When my children were at school, I use to ask them every day to list three good things that happened at school during dinner. For a while my son would say "lunch", "recess", "bell time", but eventually he came to enjoy joining the conversation with my girls. It became our family ritual, a time to make sure we could all connect and spend in each other's company during our busy lives. On tougher days, I would look forward to these times with my family. My intention was by keeping the conversation focused on the positives, it allowed us all to realise that there was always a part of the day that we could enjoy.

I still ask my adult children every day, "how was your day?" These days they can answer with both positives and negatives without dwelling on the negatives. I am grateful they could grow into positive, optimistic adults as mental health is so important, now more than ever. As all mothers are on a journey, learning alongside their family, I pray you too can guide your children through their childhood, relationships, hardships and all through life with faith and positivity.

To all the mothers at St Pauls, I wish you a wonderful Mother's Day.

Julie Ogle

Happy Mothers Day with a reflection from Saint John Paul II

In every stage of the march through history, the Church has benefited from the prayer and protection of the Virgin Mary. Holy Scripture and the experience of the faithful see the Mother of God as the one who is united with the Church at the most difficult moments in her history, when attacks on the Church become most threatening. Precisely in periods when Christ, and therefore his Church, provokes premeditated contradiction, Mary appears particularly close to the Church, because for her the Church is always her beloved Christ.

Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to Parish Priest, or 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, Eddy Kusuma, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Herlina, John Gin, Kayla Ho, Nick Galea, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Mary McConvey, Nikita De Sousa, Peter Casey, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Vanessa Ibrahim.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Bala Navaratnam, Beth Kenny, Catherine & Charles Formosa, Celine John, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Chammouni Frangi, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Felice & Carmela Arena, George Khodair, George Steele, Helen Facione, Iranie Perumal, James George, John Buggy, Joseph El-Bayeh, Josept, Anton, Maria & Helmut Kutin, Marcelo Senior and Junior, Maria Zammit, Matthew Essey, Nala & Harold Gagan, Neryl Doods, Tessie Micallef, Theresa Shridhar, Vincenzo Filpi, and the recently deceased Christine Scanlon, Glenda Sultana, Nicole Cini and Robert Williams.

Moments of Mercy

O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy.

Prayer for Vocations

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Neighbourhoods & nations & need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious.
Listen to the call!

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/

Parramatta Diocese

www.parracatholic.org/

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Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day Mass and celebrations

This annual event will be held on Sunday June 30th and as always, is a parish event where everyone is invited to attend and celebrate. The day will commence with a special feast day Mass at 9:30am, with fellowship and lunch to be held afterwards in the school grounds. At this stage we kindly ask you to save the date, and to also consider if you can spare some time to assist in making this day a success. More details will be available leading up to the event in areas where we will need help, and also in helping out with catering. Thank you.

Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Theresa Shridhar Tuesday 14th 10:30am

✠ For the late Robert Williams Wednesday 15th 10:30am

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Amelia, Blaze, Chloe and Holly, we pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Upcoming Sacrament of Holy Communion Masses

We are pleased to announce that Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the following weekend masses: May 25th / 26th and June 1st / 2nd: Vigil, 9.30am and 5:00pm

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation

Online registration ([via our website](http://www.parracatholic.org/)) opens 9:00am Tuesday May 28th and closes Tuesday June 11th

If you wish to know more, please feel free to contact our Sacramental Coordinator Sandra Sheehan via the parish office.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: held every Tuesday in our parish

This Bible study helps you to pick up the Bible and understand how you fit into the bigger picture of God's plan. Sessions are held every Tuesday 7:00pm (to 8:30pm) until June 18th (noting there is no session on May 21st) and held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. Please note that attendance is not required for every week, especially as each week is designed as a stand alone session.

The theme for the next session on May 14th is *Patriarchs*. There is no cost to attend and the target audience are teenagers and above.

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. 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.

Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday May 17th

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 17th from 7pm.

Holy Hour for Vocations (here at St Paul's): Thursday May 23rd

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth will be holding a special Holy Hour to pray for Vocations. Holy Hour will commence at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited afterwards for tea and coffee in the Father David Scott Parish Centre.

Nominations close this Tuesday: 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.

Nominations close this Tuesday May 14th 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 or Father John Paul.

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: Wednesday May 15th

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 15th 6:30pm to 8:30pm. RSVP or queries to met@parracatholic.org

Mary Help of Christians Procession: Saturday May 20th

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.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations:

13th Our Lady of Fatima | 14th Saint Matthias | 18th Saint John I | 19th Pentecost | 20th Mary, Mother of the Church

Planned Giving, Weekly Envelopes and Direct Debit

To assist in reducing expenses for printing and supply of planned giving envelopes, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option before the start of the next financial year. If you are in a position to change from paper envelopes to direct debit, or wish to know more about this option, please contact the parish office. Direct debits are applied on the first Thursday of every month. It is important to note that although direct debit is a monthly deduction, the amount can be changed at any time during the financial year.

First and second collections and Tap and Go facility explained

As you are aware, there are two collections at our weekend Masses. There is a difference between these in terms of allocation of funds: First Collection: primarily supports the clergy across our Diocese. This provides the monthly stipend for our clergy and in addition provides for care and health of clergy both current and retired.

Second Collection: provides for our specific parish (ie St Paul's) expenses. These include both our Church and Office and in respect of our various ministries, and includes all operating and maintenance costs, liturgical provisions and insurance.

Tap and Go terminal: These do not specifically take the place of the first and second collections, or the weekly envelope offerings, and provide a convenient alternative for those wishing to make a donation. Contributions from these terminals are allocated as follows: 30% to the first collection and 70% to the second collection.

As always, thank you for your ongoing and generous financial support of our Parish and if you want to know more about how to contribute or financially support our parish, please contact the parish office.