

# 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

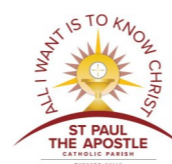
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)  
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

**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



## Pentecost: The Birth of the Church

Pentecost is one of the most significant feasts, celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

It marks the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission to spread the Gospel to all nations. In our calendar, Pentecost is celebrated with the colour red, symbolising the fire of the Holy Spirit.

According to Scriptures, after Jesus' ascension, His disciples were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Shavuot. It was at this time the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of tongues of fire. This miraculous event enabled the apostles to speak in various languages, allowing them to communicate the teachings of Jesus to the diverse crowd gathered. The Apostle Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, delivered a powerful sermon, leading to the conversion and baptism of about 3,000 people.

The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in the life of the Church and its members and the source of unity, wisdom, and strength. The gifts of the Holy Spirit empower Christians to live out their faith and witness to the world. Pentecost is a time for Catholics to reflect on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and an opportunity to renew our commitment to our faith and to the mission of the Church.

Additionally, it is a call to unity within the Church, reminding us that we are all members of one body, called to work together to bring the message of Christ to the world. As we celebrate Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, seeking guidance and strength. May this feast inspire us to live our faith boldly and to share the love of Christ with all those we encounter.

*Prayer for Pentecost: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations:

20<sup>th</sup> Mary, Mother of the Church | 24<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Help of Christians |  
25<sup>th</sup> St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, St Bede | 26<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity

*Pentecost also marks the end of Easter Season. Our Church now enters the period of Ordinary Time which extends for just over six months, ending in late November.*

## 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, Valeriano Estacio Jnr. George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, 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, Archbishop Brian Barnes, Bishop Bonaventure Geoghagen, Arnold Morris, Arnold & Mary Papali, Arturo Ferrer, Bala Navaratnam, Barbara Killick, Catherine & Charles Formosa, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Christine Scanlon, Dorothy & Leonard Braiding, Glenda Sultana, Josept Anton Maria-Helmut Kutin, Maree Kent, Maria Zammit, Marvin Marcelino, Matthew Essey, Neryl Dodds, Nicole Cini, Paul, Angelique, Claude & Myriam Jumeau, Robert Williams. Salvador Cruz, Theresa Shridhar, Trish Pallister, Yvonne Fernandez and the recently deceased Eve Otmar.

## Moments of Mercy

Know, My daughter, that the ardour of your heart is pleasing to Me, just as you desire ardently to become united with Me in Holy Communion, so too do I desire to give Myself wholly to you as a reward for your zeal, rest on My heart. (*Diary, 826*)

## Prayer for Vocations

Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world by the story of your life.

## 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).

*Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251*

## May - month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady" and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pray] to the Queen of Heaven". During this month Christians, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Pope Paul VI). **Especially in May, please join us as we pray the daily Rosary Mon to Sat at 8:40am.** Prayers and resources: [catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05\\_1.cfm](http://catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm)

## Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day: Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, together with Our Lady, under the title "Help of Christians", are our spiritual patrons. Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, has always had a special place in the devotions of Australian Catholics.

In 1844, Mary, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians, was chosen as patroness of Australia at the First Provincial Synod of Sydney. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians.

St Mary's Cathedral was also dedicated in her honour. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

## Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians: Australia's Patroness

*Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## You're all invited! Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day Mass and celebrations: Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

This is an annual 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. As we are typically blessed with large turnouts, this event relies heavily on the generosity of our wonderful volunteers. There are many areas to help and please consider how you may be able to assist this celebration in the areas such as bringing a plate, setting up, cleaning, serving food, BBQ and packing up. We are also keen to ensure there is entertainment, games and music and please give thought if you are able to make these possible. Next weekend there will be lists as you enter the Church we you can record details where you can volunteer, etc. THANK YOU!

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vigil, 9.30am and 5:00pm

## Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation

Online registration ([via our website](#)) opens 9:00am Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> and closes Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Sessions are held every Tuesday 7:00pm (to 8:30pm) until July 2<sup>nd</sup> (no session on May 21<sup>st</sup>) in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. 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 28<sup>th</sup> is *Egypt and Exodus, and Desert Wanderings*. It is free to attend and the target audience are teenagers and above.

## Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Applications close this Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## Holy Hour for Vocations (here at St Paul's): this Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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.

## Eucharistic Celebration in Honour of the Lady of All Nations

Mary's Little Children Community warmly invites you to the Eucharistic Celebration in Honour of the Lady of All Nations and the Community's Silver Jubilee. Novena Masses will be held at St Aidan's Church, 9 Adelaide Street, Rooty Hill at the following times: May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm, 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm, 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. This will culminate in the main Mass on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm which will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Jose S Palma D.D., Archbishop of Cebu, Philippines, followed by fellowship in their parish hall.

## Cancer Councils Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>

A group of local Mums are getting together to help host this years event to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Come and join in High Tea, chocolate wheel, raffles and silent auction. Tickets (\$25 Adult, \$10 Child) from Jennean Bates on 0429 817 393 or via the QR code on the poster in the church foyer. Includes a sumptuous High Tea, tea, coffee, cold drinks and entry into the lucky door prize.

## Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? It is roster based, however not for every week and you will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. For details contact [bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by June 15<sup>th</sup>  
*"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace" - Pope Francis*

## Adult Confirmation 2024

Office for Worship is hosting a Catechesis and Formation Day for those (16+) who have received all the Sacraments of Initiation except the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be held Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 2.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The confirmation will take place on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Parramatta Cathedral. To find out more please contact the parish office.