

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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



\*\*\* ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO \*\*\*

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

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this annual parish event which will commence with a special feast day Mass at 9:30am, followed by fellowship and lunch. We can't make this day a success without the generosity of our volunteers.

There are many ways and areas to assist eg bring a plate, setting up, cleaning, serving food, BBQ and pack up. As you enter the Church there are lists where you can record your details in areas where you can help or to bring a plate. With the large turnout of families, we are keen to provide entertainment and activities such as games and music and please give thought if you are able to assist. Please don't hesitate to contact the parish office to find out more. THANK YOU!



## Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

☩ For the late Peter Casey Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

## Roster and availability for July to September: please advise by Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

To assist in preparation of the next rosters, please advise the parish office regarding your unavailability by Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you to the continued generosity of the many who assist in our various ministries.

## Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses: September to November 2024

This is formation for anyone interested in assisting our parish as Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. **IMPORTANT: Positions for these courses fill quickly!**

If you are interested in joining any of these Ministries or want to know more, please contact the parish office.

## Important Planned Giving update and requesting receipts for all collections

- Receipts will only be provided upon request to the parish office as they are not automatically generated.
- Requests for receipts for Planned Giving, or for any collection, must be submitted by Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the Church foyer and please throw away any leftover 2023/24 envelopes in July.
- Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

## This weekend: Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth

You are invited to support the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal, raising funds for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth; to empower women to navigate the challenges of being a mother in difficult times. A third collection will be held at all Masses this weekend. You can use envelopes provided, or donate via this link: [parracatholic.org/donate/good-samaritan-appeal/](http://parracatholic.org/donate/good-samaritan-appeal/) Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday June 19<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 June 5<sup>th</sup>. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday June 21<sup>st</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 Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie with Fr Matthew Dimian, on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 7pm.

## 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 year's 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.

## Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Sunday 30 June for 9:30am Mass.

Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more details please contact Laura Burton on [laura@stbernadette.org.au](mailto:laura@stbernadette.org.au)

## Catholic Youth Parramatta CYP LIFTED Retreat: Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back for those aged 16 to 18. Located at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville. This is a free event and registration essential: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)

## Please join us for Thursday Cenacles

The Cenacle is a small faith-sharing group and is as old as the Church itself. The format followed is where small groups gather to learn and share their faith. In her messages, Our Lady insistently calls upon priests, religious and faithful to gather together with her in fervent prayer and fraternal love, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room in Jerusalem awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "Just as in the Cenacle of Jerusalem the Apostles, reunited with me in prayer, prepared for the moment of the first Pentecost, so also, in the cenacle of my Immaculate Heart – and consequently in the cenacles where you are gathered in prayer – you apostles of these last times can, with your heavenly Mother, obtain a new effusion of the Holy Spirit."

The Cenacle is held in the Marian Chapel every Thursday morning following Mass.

You are invited to join us every Thursday or whichever Thursday suits you.

## Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your ongoing donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and all are gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

## 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. (*Diary1578*)

## 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

## Hearing Loop

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

## Communion to the sick

Please contact parish office to make arrangements for a visit.

## Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

## Parramatta Diocese

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

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## One year on ... A message from the parish priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I hope and pray that you and your family are well.

On June 16, 2024, I am commemorating my first year since my appointment as the parish priest of our beautiful parish of St Paul the Apostle, which is known as 'the parish that has the best view in the Diocese of Parramatta'. During my Installation Mass, I have mentioned in my speech of the three main duties or offices in which every parish priest has been entrusted to fulfil by the Bishop, namely, the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing.

As I celebrate my first anniversary as your parish priest, I wish to express my gratitude to God and to you my parishioners for the opportunities and privilege to teach you the beauty of the true teachings of Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church not just through my words of preaching but also through how I relate with you as we build relationships with God and with one another; to sanctify you through the Sacraments and other Liturgical celebrations I presided when we worship God together; and to govern you through my service to you, following the examples of Jesus as someone who came not to be served but to serve. If I have ever failed you in not fully fulfilling these three duties as your parish priest, I wish to seek your forgiveness and prayers so that I can hopefully, with God's grace, fulfill those duties in the coming years.

With the intercessions of St Paul the Apostle and of our Mother Mary, I am looking forward for more years to come in journeying with you in achieving our parish motto, which comes from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians, "All I want is to know Christ" (Philippians 3:10).

May Jesus Christ be always the centre of our parish life and everything we do in our parish.

May we grow together in our faith in God and our relationship with one another.

I humbly and kindly ask that you include Father Abraham and myself in your prayers as we continue to serve you as your priests in the parish.

May God bless us always!

Father John Paul

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

19<sup>th</sup> Saint Romuald | 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Aloysius Gonzaga | 22<sup>nd</sup> Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

## Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419.

More information at [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, Father David Hume, Father Maurice West, Alberto Principe Romero, Anna Mary Joseph, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Christeen Mammoliti, Glenda Ayoub, Louise Muscat, Margaret Horder, Marie Grace Bonello, Mary El-Bayeh, Marya Segar Joseph, Michael South, Paul Ford, Prisca De Souza, Ratnam John Joseph, Rosa Marotta, Roseanne Gomez, Salim El-Bayeh and our recently deceased Diane Donkin and Peter Casey.