

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

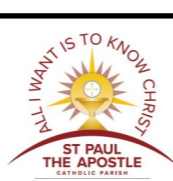
Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by Rosary at 8:40am*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by Adoration at 6:00pm*)

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:

Sunday 9:30am (*Monday to Saturday 9.10am ceased temporarily*)



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - what did I miss?

Our parish recently hosted a series "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" and we invited a couple from the parish who participated, to share their own experience in this article.

Did you know reading and understanding the Bible was easy, concentrating on 14 of the 73 books in the Bible?

Over the last eight Tuesdays both parishioners and visitors gathered at our parish hall to listen and learn the secret to "unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", as presented by Parousia Media director Charbel Raish.

It was evident that Charbel has received a gift from God in his ability to deliver an eloquent, genuine and enthusiastic sharing of God's word and to connect ancient wisdom with contemporary issues enriching our understanding and faith journey. We were provided with resources to guide us, including access to an online presentation by Jeff Cavins, a Biblical scholar. This indirectly advanced our learning further at home.

Did we benefit? In leaps and bounds! We experienced the pictures that Charbel drew in our minds enhancing our learning, the insights of the first five books in the Old Testament, the same as the Jewish book, the TORAH. That only Moses is mentioned in all three books -the Torah, the Bible and the Koran. The meaning of recorded history in the Old Testament books, of God's guidance of the chosen people, and what relevance it has in the practice of our faith. Not only did God have a covenant with Abraham and others, but also, God has a covenant with us as Christians. More importantly the presence today of The Ark of The Covenant.

Charbel opened up the hidden and intricate meaning of the important names, words, numbers, events, places and prophecies in the Bible. The meaning of Jesus reference to Mary (also known as the Ark of the Covenant) as the "woman". The importance of the events and words of Jesus in the New Testament. The significance of the events that took place on the way to the crucifixion, the meaning of the last seven words of Jesus on the cross. And much more. It was an experience to picture the way Psalm 22 comes alive and how the features of the crucifixion relate to the Holy Mass and to our lives.

In conclusion, apart from adding to knowledge of our faith, we met many parishioners and enjoyed fellowship. We encourage all parishioners to attend these sessions as and when made available to us by our Parish. In the words of Archbishop Fisher "It is my firm wish that Parousia Media's work can prepare the People of God for the coming of Christ into our hearts and minds."

Shantha and Winston Fonseka

Parousia Media has a wealth of resources both online and in store. Please visit: www.parousiamedia.com

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.
More information at 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, Ameriza Ayoub, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Emily Morrison, Tashia Vergara, 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 Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vanessa Ibrahim.

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

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Austin Griffiths, Beth Kenny, Boris Justinic, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Christine Scanlon, Claire & Marcel Maya, Concetta Signati, Dani Plisich, Iranie Perumal, Denis Debono-Cullen, John Buggy, Mary Oliver, Mildred Davison, Patricia Dodds, Paul Jamieson, Rodney Joseph, Rosario Sciara, Tessie Micallef, Valeriano Estacio Snr, Vincenzo Collismo.

Moments of Mercy

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person (*Diary 588*)

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

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

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

Special collection at Masses next weekend July 13th and 14th – Helping the Missions

Earlier bulletins highlighted the work of the missions of the Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) of which Father Abraham is a priest in that Order. These missionaries are in need of help in their ongoing work of establishing new churches. It is estimated that \$24,000 is needed to establish a small church in order to conduct their services. The Carmelites are requesting support and Father Abraham is humbly approaching our parish to assist and finance this project to the best of their capacity. It is indeed ambitious to expect that our parish can fund this entirely, however it is possible. Families or individuals may even consider sponsoring a component or segment of the project. There is a poster in our foyer which contains more information and a breakdown of costs for the project. Our parish will be holding a collection for towards this project at all weekend Masses next weekend. Please consider in any way at all how you may be able to provide financial support towards this project.

You are also welcome to donate at any time via the parish office. May God bless you always. Father Abraham Kunnatholy CMI.

A heartfelt Feast Day thank you!

Fathers John Paul and Abraham extend their deepest gratitude to each and every person who generously volunteered their time and energy for our Parish Feast Day, for both Mass and for lunch. Your dedication, tireless efforts and contributions played a crucial role in making the event a success. It was heartwarming to witness the community spirit and commitment in all aspects of the Feast Day and no amount of rain could dampen the enthusiasm of all the volunteers and those involved with the Mass. Everyone's hard work has not gone unnoticed and especially behind the scenes and not always visible to those present. The willingness to go above and beyond allowed our parish community to enjoy such a special day. We are incredibly fortunate and blessed to have such dedicated volunteers!

Welcome to our new Altar Servers and Parish Pastoral Council members

The theme of our Feast Day Mass was *Serving God By Serving One Another*. At this Mass we celebrated the Altar Server Ministry and with those recently joining, we are humbled in that there are just over 40 children involved! Our parish also welcomed and commissioned (new and returning) members of the Parish Pastoral Council which will serve and represent over the next three years.

Everyone is welcome! Visiting evangelist and preacher here at St Paul's: Thursday July 11th

We are pleased to announce that Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is visiting from America and will be speaking here at our parish Church. Deacon Harold has a no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith, to challenge and inspire those who hear him. He is a highly sought after powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher across the world and the topic of his talk will be:

Apologetics 101: Seven Truths of the Church You Must Know To Defend Your Faith

In the face of these challenges, do we really know and understand our faith enough to defend it? In this lively presentation, you will be equipped with the tools you need to explain and defend the Catholic faith in the following areas: Scripture and Sacred Tradition, Authority and the Papacy, The Sacraments, Salvation and Grace, The Church, Mary and the Saints, and Church History.

No need to RSVP. Commences with Eucharist Adoration 6:00pm, followed by 7:00pm Mass then Deacon Harold's talk held after Mass.

You are invited to attend a Healing Mass here at St Paul's: Thursday July 25th 7:00pm

Father Justin Torres (Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary) will celebrate a special Healing Mass here at St. Paul's on Thursday 25th July at 7:00pm. Eucharistic Adoration will still be celebrated at 6:00pm as usual prior to the Mass. Father Justin shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe, emphasising the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. This is a unique opportunity and please bring your family and friends to experience this most beautiful occasion.

Couples for Christ Australia invite you to a spiritual journey (July to August)

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) is a Catholic renewal community, whose goal is to strengthen the Christian family, established to support Christian families committed to living by the biblical principles. Married couples are encouraged and invited to join in this program: *Rediscovering God's Love: A Christian Life Program*. Held every Saturday commencing July 20th until August 31st from 1pm to 4:30pm. The venue is the Father David Scott parish centre and child minding is available. RSVP required to Marc or Clavel 0449 119 248.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for July - for the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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.

Mandatory Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: July 27th

Face-to-face Safeguarding Training for (Modules 1-3) on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

Register: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. More details: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens: August 5th

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultor to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam will deliver a lecture on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmyriam

Morning Tea next weekend - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations:

9th Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions | 11th Saint Benedict | 13th Saint Henry