

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*)



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - August

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 2nd | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 3rd

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him

It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Alfie, Charlee, Emmett and Luca, we pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Children's Catechesis starting in our parish: this Wednesday 31st

We are excited and pleased to announce that Catechesis for children will be held in our parish, and as the result of parishioner initiative.

Classes will include the teaching of scripture, liturgical seasons, feast days & the Catholic faith in a fun and engaging way.

Commencing July 31st, classes will be held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre on Wednesdays during school terms from 4 to 5pm.

All primary school aged children (age 4-12) are invited to attend. To register interest or to find out more email philomenamid@gmail.com

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday 31st

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 July 31st. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

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.

You are invited to meet and support visiting Sisters from Belarus: Thursday August 7th

You are encouraged and invited to meet with Sister from the Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus and support their ministries

where they will be present after the morning Mass on that day. You will have the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of hand made religious items and goods, some of which are made in the workshops of their Convent, or feel free to make a donation. Your continued

generosity towards these Sisters and who have visited our parish for many years has enabled them to continue their work.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 4th - 11th

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and

consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these

vocations. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply.

We pray that more generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia. The First Sunday of that week

is dedicated to pray for Single Life and Married life with the Second Sunday focusing on Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal - August 10th / 11th

At all Masses that weekend there will be a third collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. When you donate to Vinnies you are helping

rebuild lives this winter. As always, Vinnies appreciates the wonderful generosity of the parishioners of St Paul the Apostle Parish.

More details will be available next weekend.

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church: August 10th

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is

only two weeks away, on Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come

together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. Visit parracatholic.org/synodality.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: July 28th

Pope Francis has been an advocate for the dignity of the aging and has often emphasised the important role of grandparents in passing

on the Catholic faith and established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. This is celebrated on the Sunday closest

to the feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). In the Bible, we find both the certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and

the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain. Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in

today's social landscape. There is also a widespread conviction that the elderly are burdening the young with the elderly often

themselves falling victim to this mindset. By remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society

and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings! Let us spend time and show our tender love for

the grandparents and the elderly members of our families especially where they are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of

a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and

the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

Moments of Mercy

I Know that if your soul is filled

with the fire of My pure love,

then all difficulties dissipate like

fog before the sun's rays and

dare not touch the soul.

All adversaries are afraid to

start a quarrel with such a soul,

because they sense that it is

stronger than the whole world.

(Diary 1643)

Prayer for Vocations

When the apostles were trying

to reflect on their ministry,

Jesus asked them to "come by

yourselves to an out-of-the-way

place." Listening to God in quiet

prayer is very important in

vocational discernment.

Listen to God's voice in

an out-of-the-way place.

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).

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Parishioner perspective

We invited a couple to share their experience upon joining our parish

My name is Veronica, and a couple of years ago my husband Dale and I moved to Winston Hills and

started attending St Paul of the Apostle. We experienced a very friendly welcome from everyone at the

church, and instantly felt part of the parish.

We were really pleasantly surprised when Father John Paul joined our parish. We remember Father well

from our days of being parishioners at St Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta. It was there that I was

baptised as an adult, whilst recovering from a serious illness. Faith was an important part of my recovery.

Faith plays an important part in our lives, and it's wonderful to see so many people in the parish

contributing and participating - Easter is one of our favourite times of year, and to see the community spirit

and dedication is really special.

Dale has in the past been part of the men's ministry and absolutely loved it. He was so sorry to not attend

recently due to work, and often comments that he misses it.

We regularly put our names down to assist with the Presentation of Gifts, it's such a privilege to be able to

contribute in this small way. When there are events, we try to help as much as possible - and we're very

grateful to all the volunteers who so generously donate morning tea every month. Being part of these

community groups has really helped us settle into the area, and it's lovely to bump into other parishioners

down at the local shopping mall.

Thank you to all those who contribute to our masses on an ongoing basis - it's been wonderful to see

some recent changes (the choir being one of them), it really brings faith and worship to life.

We look forward to continuing to contribute to the parish, and to build friendships with other parishioners.

Veronica and Dale

Vale Bishop Kevin Manning (2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024)

Our Diocese owes much to his leadership and vision. We pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks

to God for his earthly life. The funeral Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta,

Friday, 2nd August at 11:00am. To read more about Bishop Manning please visit: catholicoutlook.org.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations:

29th Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus | 30th Saint Peter Chrysologus | 31st Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Aug 1st: Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori | 3rd Saint Peter Julian Eymard | 4th Saint Jean Vianney

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. 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, Bishop Kevin Manning, Father Amin Abboud, Arnold Bonifacio,

Carmel & Brian Benson, Carmelo Signati, Catherine Formosa, Cedric Morris, Charles and Josephine Clayton,

Concetta LaSpina, David Gannon, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Fred Rahi, George Steele, Giuseppa Spatar,

Giuseppe Di Mauro, Jackie & Raymond Bazouni, Jorge & Julio Revilla, Josephine & Paul Lauria, Judy Ramkishan,

Laurence Jamieson, Maggie Simpliciano, Maisie Pilcher, Nancy Donkin, Sebastian Pereira, Sebastian Trovato,

Ted Donkin, Tony Cunningham, Victoria Mifsud, Vincenza Greco.