

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)

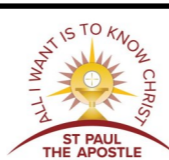
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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)



Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Kayla Ho on Tuesday 13th at 11:00am

Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times: this Thursday August 15th – 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm (preceded by 6:00pm Adoration)

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation observed August 15th.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Felicia and Rocco, we pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Parish Young Adult (Faith In Action Team) Ministry gathering: this Saturday August 17th

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our evening for young adults last Sunday. We were blessed with a strong turnout with over 25 people to celebrate Christmas in July. This event represented the initial gathering for our Parish Young Adult (Faith In Action Team) Ministry. We encourage and invite young adults (aged 18 and over) to attend our next gathering on Saturday August 17th. To find out more about this ministry, please contact Josette Khater 0452 220 561, Keenan Fitzsimons 0426 060 156, Father John Paul or Father Abraham. Please continue to pray for our parish youth.

Sacrament of Confirmation Masses in our parish: August 22nd and 23rd

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in this parish on the following evenings at 7:00pm:

Thursday 22nd by Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long and Friday 23rd by Vicar General, Very Reverend Father Fernando Montano.

You are invited to attend and **please note that Thursday 6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation will not be taking place.**

Lord, bless these children as they receive this Sacrament, fill them with Your Holy Spirit and guide them in their journey of faith. Amen.

To know more about our parish Sacramental Program, please contact Sacramental Coordinator Sandra Sheehan via the parish office.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday 14th

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 this Wednesday 14th. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

Children's Catechesis every Wednesday afternoon

Catechesis for children classes include teaching of scripture, liturgical seasons, feast days and Catholic faith in a fun and engaging way.

Classes are held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre on Wednesdays during school terms from 4 to 5pm, and all primary school aged children (age 4-12) are invited to attend. To register interest or to find out more please email philomenamid@gmail.com

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: Tuesday August 20th

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' will be officially launched on Tuesday August 20th. This will take place from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday August 18th

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

Sisters of Faith Young Women's Retreat: Saturday August 31st

To celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, young women aged 18-35 are invited to a retreat day on August 31st 10am to 3pm at Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. Register: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0426 092 699.

Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

We recognise and understand members of our parish community are unable to physically attend Mass as they may be sick, elderly etc. If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist where they reside, please contact the parish office to arrange.

You are invited: Marian Journey and pilgrimage

Participate in the world's most requested Marian journey featuring villages of some of the Church's most renowned saints. From the celebrations in Fatima, the walled city of Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola and Lourdes, this will truly be a pilgrimage full of grace. Destinations: Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Avila, Segovia, Caleruega, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes with Optional Rome Jubilee extension. Featured Saints: St Anthony, Our Lady Of Fatima, Sts Jacinta & Francisco Marto, St Teresa, St John Of The Cross, St Dominic, St Ignatius, Our Lady Of Lourdes, St Bernadette. Some of the tour highlights include:

- Savour a three-night stay in each of the great Marian Centres of Fatima and Lourdes.
- Be among the sea of pilgrims waving their white handkerchiefs in honour of Our Lady during the momentous Anniversary celebrations in Fatima.
- Experience an absorbing two-night stay inside the medieval walled city of Avila and be touched by the tangible grace of St Teresa.
- Explore the sacred towns dedicated to St Teresa, St John of the Cross, St Dominic and St Ignatius of Loyola.
- Be mesmerised by the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos as they chant their Gregorian Mass during our overnight stay.
- Come to Lourdes (City of Mary), take time down by the Holy Grotto to pray and find your healing and drink from the sacred springs.
- Join international pilgrims walk, sing, pray and raise our candles high at the evening candlelight processions in Lourdes and Fatima.

For more details on these wonderful and memorable journeys please visit: www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/

Moments of Mercy

Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully. (Diary 1076)

Prayer for Vocations

"I am the Bread of Life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." "Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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

Hearing Loop

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

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Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - St Paul the Apostle Parish

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and Catholic Social Teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives is in everyone. At Vinnies we do more than offer a hand out – we offer a hand up.

This has been a particularly cold and wet winter at a time when many people are struggling with the rising cost of living and finding a safe place to live. Calls for assistance have increased for all Vinnies services. Our conference conducts home visits for people living both in our Parish and in the Mount Druitt area while two of our members also assist at the Harris Park and Emerton Vinnies Community Support Centres. Although food remains the most common request for assistance, we also provide white goods, furniture, blankets and clothing to those in need. More recently, we have been teaming up with other Conferences to provide assistance to refugee families in urgent need. Finally, many of the people we assist are socially isolated so our time to sit and chat is often just as important as the material assistance of food and clothing.

We cannot do this alone. This winter your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still needed and very much appreciated. Saint Paul's parishioners have always been very generous in supporting the work of conference members and we look forward to this continuing. Thank you from us and thank you from those we assist.

God bless.

David Brogden. Spiritual Advisor & Acting President, Winston Hills Conference.

How to support and donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal:

- A third collection after Communion at all Masses this weekend
- Credit Card donations after mass where Vinnies members will be available with terminals
- Online donation by scanning the QR code on the posters in the Church or anytime online via this link: my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/svdp-winston-hills-vinnies-conference-general-donations-page

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and go directly to support those in need.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations

12th Saint Jane Frances de Chantal | 13th Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus | 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe | 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 16th St Stephen of Hungary

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, lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. Amen

Aeroll Klein, Ameriza Ayoub, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Emily Morrison, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Nick Galea, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Mary McConvey, Nikita De Sousa, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Sarah Sheehan, Tashia Vergara, 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, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Brian Dillon, Carol Wells, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Christine Scanlon, George Khodeir Senior, George Steele, Gladys Beck, Helen Patricia Paynter, Herbert Schuster, Iranie Perumal, Joan Gurr, John Buggy, Joseph Bonello Senior, Lourdes Zaballa, Maria and Vyeko Plisic, Mary and Nick Carter, Mervyn Davies, Michael Grech, Paul, Angelique, Claude & Myriam Jumeau, Roger Athaide, Tessie Micallef, and the recently deceased Kayla Ho.