

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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Assistant Priest: Father Abraham Kunnatholy

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 Find us on: [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)

**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*)

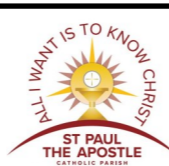
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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*)



## Sacrament of Confirmation - Masses this week and program update

After Mass you may have noticed children waiting eagerly and with anticipation outside the Sacristy. The reason for this enthusiasm is waiting to meet up with the priest to sign their Confirmation passport. This is no ordinary passport and issued to these special children as part of their faith journey and which accompanies them each time they attend Mass leading up to being Confirmed later this week. Their passport is part of their preparation and something they hold dearly as a special record.

The formal journey for children and parents began in late July with the first of the preparation meetings, followed by a second preparation meeting in mid August, and on this weekend everyone will have a review and rehearsal meeting in the Church.

During this week St Pauls will be welcoming 72 young people who will complete their Christian Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You are invited to join in the celebration of these Masses at 7:00pm:

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Ron McFarlane

Please keep these young people and their parents in your prayers: *Lord, bless these children as they receive this Sacrament, fill them with Your Holy Spirit and guide them in their journey of faith. Amen.*

The dedicated volunteers of our St Pauls Sacramental team have played an integral and crucial role in supporting the parents and the children in preparing for this Sacrament. Without their generous service and contribution, none of this would be possible and as a parish we extend our deepest appreciation. To know more about our parish Sacramental Program, or if you wish to join our team, please contact me via the parish office or speak to one of our priests.

*Sandra Sheehan, Sacramental Coordinator*

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations

19<sup>th</sup> Saint John Eudes | 20<sup>th</sup> Saint Bernard | 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Pius X | 22<sup>nd</sup> Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary  
23<sup>rd</sup> Saint Rose of Lima | 24<sup>th</sup> Saint Bartholomew | 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Monica | 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine

## 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 ...

*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, 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, Audrey Ng Mei Yen, Brian Dillon, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Christine Scanlon, Eileen Thornton, George Steele, Gladys Beck, Helen Patricia Paynter, Joan Gurr, Jose Ryan, Joseph Anton Maria Helmut Kutin, Joseph Bonello Senior, Joseph Ng Swee Teck, Lorraine Roberson, Lourdes Zaballa, Maria and Vyeko Plisic, Mary and Nick Carter, Mervyn Davies, Michael Grech, Paul, Angelique, Claude & Myriam Jumeau, Robert Willensen, Kayla Ho.

## 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

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us?

We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

## 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).

## Communion to the sick

Please contact parish office to make arrangements for a visit.

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

## Important change to liturgy: this Thursday evening August 22<sup>nd</sup>

As the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 7:00pm, please note 6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation will not be taking place.

## You are invited: Marian Pilgrimage (September 2025) with Father John Paul Escarlan!

This is not being promoted elsewhere at this time, in order to give our parishioners preference and first opportunity to join Father John Paul as he leads this wonderful 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](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tours) or contact Father John Paul.

## Submitting names for those sick or deceased

The weekly bulletin and Prayer of the Faithful are prepared and finalised every Thursday. If you intend to inform the office of names of those who are sick or are deceased, please submit these by Wednesday afternoon otherwise they cannot be included for that weekend.

## The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Church commemorates the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a feast that honours Mary's exalted status as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This celebration underscores her role in the divine plan of salvation, as she reigns alongside her Son, Jesus Christ.

Theologically rooted in Scripture and Tradition, it affirms her as a pivotal figure in the Church's life and a model of faith and devotion.

This feast serves as a reminder of Mary's enduring presence and powerful intercession in the lives of Australian Catholics.

It is a time to reflect on her virtues and seek her guidance, deepening our spiritual connection and commitment to teachings of the Church.

## Annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal: Thank You!

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. This has allowed Vinnies to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire those, especially in this particularly cold and wet winter and at a time when many struggle with the rising cost of living & finding a safe place to live.

For those that were unable to donate, simply do so at anytime online using the following fund raising page weblink:

[my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/svdp-winston-hills-vinnies-conference-general-donations-page](http://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/svdp-winston-hills-vinnies-conference-general-donations-page)

## Please join us for Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday mornings

Everyone is welcome to join us at the end of Mass Wednesday mornings for our weekly Novena. When we pray this novena, we are not choosing to worship her over her Divine Son. She is "our Mother on the order of grace" and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes. As long as we approach her as we do Him, with sincerely humble and contrite hearts, we can count on her aid and guidance.

If we persevere in our intentions to do Christ's will for us, we are doing hers as well. *Our Mother of Perpetual Help ... Pray for us.*

## Sign up for The FaithFeed: Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>

Looking for great conversations and live atmosphere and storytelling from those in their 20s, 30s 40s? Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start. Live music and much more. Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP and queries to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Parramatta Diocese Appointment: Michael Reid

Michael is a familiar face (and voice!) in our parish and is actively involved in many ministries and our parish pastoral council. We extend congratulations to Michael who has been appointed as the new head of the Parramatta Diocese Mission Enhancement Team (MET).

MET accompanies and supports all of God's people in their journey of faith, no matter where they are, providing practical services such as Marriage Preparation Courses, Natural Fertility Programs and Liturgical Formation. The team also includes Catholic Youth Parramatta and many Pastoral Formation Facilitators and Trainers. To find out more visit: [parracatholic.org/learn/mission/](http://parracatholic.org/learn/mission/)

## The Ministry of Sacred Music

Music serves the liturgical assembly by enabling us to express faith through song. The hymns that we sing speak of the wonders of God. The meaning of a Mass response or hymn is heightened if the melody reflects what the words express and music also allows us to express joy and enthusiasm. Our parish continues to be generously blessed with the gifts and talents of our musicians and choirs and for your awareness, the following shows those weekend Masses where they are typically performing:

Sundays	9:30 am	Steven with Veronica and Michael
1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Vigil	Luis and Ruvita
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	5:00 pm	Light Of Jesus (LOJ) Community
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Vigil	Youth For Christ (CFC YFC) Australia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	5:00 pm	Children with Parents Choir

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	Vigil	JMJ Choir
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	8:00 am	Young At Heart (YAH) Choir
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	5:00 pm	Magnificat Choir
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Vigil	Corpus family
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5:00 pm	Couples for Christ Australia