

# 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

For latest updates please visit our Facebook page

 [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*)

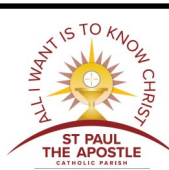
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration:** Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

**Masses livestreamed to Facebook:**

Sundays 9:30am, except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5:00pm



## Holy Eucharist: A challenge to you and me

*"Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood you do not have life in you: whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."*

A Parish community is a communion of believers in Christ of a locality who are united under a pastor having eternity as their goal or dream; or in other words: they are a group of believers in Christ who look forward to the eternal life rather than people concerned with the present. They are the ones who give priority to things that would matter to their journey to eternity and order their present lives in view of eternity.

The Eucharist is the factor that unites them to parish life or life of the church. But in the history of the church, we can see that many do not accept that in the Eucharist, Jesus is giving his body and blood for our spiritual nourishment as children of God or as his disciples.

In the gospel accounts where Jesus instructs about giving His flesh and blood as the food and drink to humanity, we see many disciples left Him or stopped following Him. Even in modern times there are many people experiencing difficulties to understand and accept the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. They take it only as a fellowship meal where, "like-minded people come together and share."

Jesus has not given Himself as a fellowship meal but has given Himself, or is giving Himself in the Eucharist, to be the centre of our lives as a sure means to nourish ourselves for eternity.

When we have set our goal on eternity, then the Holy Eucharist will challenge us to set our present-day lives according to the parameters prescribed to those who follow Him.

Do we accept this challenge to order our lives according to the demands of the master?

Are we self-guided or guided by the master?

Father (Dr) Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

## Update on Facebook livestreaming of Sunday Mass

As you are aware, the only liturgy we livestream is the 9:30am Sunday mass. This has now changed whereby the 5:00pm mass on third Sunday of every month will instead be livestreamed on that day.

We apologise that this change was not announced in advance and for any confusion.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations

27<sup>th</sup> St Monica | 28<sup>th</sup> St Augustine | 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of St John the Baptist | Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> St Gregory the Great

## 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, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Christine Scanlon, Concetta Signati, Eileen Thornton, Filippa Spata, George Steele, Giuseppe Di Mauro, Jose Ryan, Louie Zaiter, Joseph Anton Maria Helmut Kutin, John & Marie Cunningham, Joseph Ng Swee Teck, Lorraine Roberson, Maureen Haddad, Neil Alleyne, Robert Willensen, Rosalie Tan-Pascual, Rosario Sciara, Sebastian & Lena Pereira.

## Moments of Mercy

I desire that even in the smallest things, you rely on your confessor. Your greatest sacrifices do not please me if you practice them without the confessor's permission. (#639).

## Prayer for Vocations

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News we are all God's people.

## 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.

## News and Information

[www.parracatholic.org/](http://www.parracatholic.org/)  
[www.catholicoutlook.org/](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/)  
[www.catholicweekly.com.au/](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/)

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## Interested in knowing more? All enquirers welcome

Are you, or is someone you know, not Catholic but may be interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and understanding Catholic Teachings? Please leave your name with the Parish Office to arrange a quick chat.

## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests: collection held next weekend

This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. As you may be aware, they have dedicated their lives to guiding many of us both spiritually and emotionally, and often at great personal sacrifice. Your generous and compassionate donation will continue to care for our clergy's health and wellbeing especially during sickness and retirement. A third collection will be held next weekend else donate anytime [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal). Thank you.

## Invitation to attend our next 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration: September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Eucharist Adoration enables a truly personal and intimate connection with for those able to be in attendance. By having adoration extended over a 24 hour period, this allows as many people as possible to be in attendance, especially to fit in with their commitments and obligations. What better way to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done. Come along to share this special time with the Lord. Commences at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer/Vespers, and during which time Confession will be available.

## Welcome to those Baptised here recently

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

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday 28<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 this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

## You are invited: Youth In Mission 2025 in the Philippines with Father John Paul Escarlan!

Our parish of St Paul's and the Parramatta Diocese Filipino Chaplaincy are excited to invite young, passionate individuals to join this overseas mission to Cebu and Manila to help those in need. The target group are young adults aged 18 to 30. This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture while contributing to meaningful projects that make a real impact where your efforts will directly benefit communities in need. You can make a tangible difference by working on projects that address critical needs and support local development, grow and develop personally in gaining invaluable life skills and even build lasting friendships. This experience isn't just about giving; it's also about growing and learning. You'll return home with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of global issues. Book now! For more details please contact Father John Paul on 0420 310 771 or [johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org)

## 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. For more details please visit: [www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/) or contact Father John Paul.

## Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

Our 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 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

## St Phoebe Webinar: Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate, supported by Catholic Religious Australia invite you to the 2024 St Phoebe webinar "Where are St Phoebe's successors today?" on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm. Join Geraldine Doogue AO, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO and Dr Sandie Cornish to reflect on synodality and access for women to the diaconate. Visit [www.liturgyonthemargins.org/events](http://www.liturgyonthemargins.org/events)

## Dark to Light - an exploration on Domestic Violence: Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to a presentation on Domestic Violence September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm at the Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, Hunters Hill. This event features Livia La Rocca, a trained psychologist with 20 years of experience working with the Good Shepherd Sisters, and Nicole Yade, CEO of the Women and Girls Emergency Centre, a specialist homelessness service for women and families escaping domestic violence. RSVP by September 1<sup>st</sup> and for further details visit: [www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/dark-to-light)

## Sacred Heart Parish Fete: Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

The parish fete will be held on at Sacred Heart Parish, 25 Nelson Street Mt Druitt, from 10am to 3pm. Activities include Samoan food, raffles, while elephant stall, jumping castle, piety goods, chocolate wheel, showbags and more. For more details contact 9832 3896.

## MET FaithLIFE free Spirituality Short Course: Starting September 17<sup>th</sup>

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality, finding renewed ways of expressing your faith or to further discern God's call? Three sessions on Tuesdays 17 and 24 Sep and 1 Oct. Registration and details: [parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faithlife](http://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=faithlife)

## Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday September 20<sup>th</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. Please come along to Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Quakers Hill from 7pm where Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Stay afterwards for refreshments and for more information, contact their parish office 9626 3326 or email [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)

## ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. Download the Statement and a range of resources by visiting <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>