

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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*)

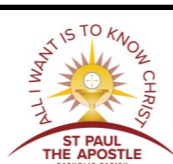
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

## Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

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



## You are invited! Parish based 'Faith Seeking Understanding' program

Saint Anselm, a great thinker in Church history, quoted "fides quarens intellectum", which literally means "faith seeking understanding." We may begin with the virtue of faith, which is paramount, but we must absolutely seek deeper understanding. Our parish recognises the significance and relevance of 'Faith Seeking Understanding' and has responded by undertaking our own parish based program.

This enriching program is designed to deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith and to inspire a greater love for our Lord. It will allow us to explore various aspects of Catholic doctrine, spirituality, and tradition through engaging discussions and thought-provoking presentations. Each session will be an opportunity to reflect on our faith, ask questions, and grow together in understanding.

Our aim is to continue to build on and grow our parish community where faith and reason come together, illuminating the richness of our Catholic heritage. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or new to the faith, this series is open to all who wish to deepen their relationship with God and enrich their spiritual journey. Join us as we embark on this journey of faith and discovery. By understanding the reasons behind our beliefs, we will be better equipped to live out our faith with confidence and conviction in our daily life. We look forward to your participation and hope you will be inspired by the shared insights and fellowship.

You are invited to our first session presented by Father John Rizzo with the topic on *Mariology*, which studies not only the life of our Blessed Mother Mary, but also the veneration of her in daily life, prayer, hymns, art, music, etc. Please come along on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The evening commences at 7:30pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre which follows after the 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration and 7:00pm Mass. Tea and coffee will be available with no need to RSVP.

We are planning on holding a monthly Faith Seeking Understanding evening on the fourth Thursday, each with different Catholic speakers and presenters, and the topic for October will be on "Faith and Reason".

If you are unable to attend, we humbly ask for your prayers that this program will thrive and flourish.

Let us seek a greater understanding of our Catholic heritage and deepen our love for God and His people.

May God bless us always!

Father John Paul Escarlan

## Save the date for these upcoming events in our parish ...

- Special Mass and blessing for HSC students: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 5:00pm
- World Rosary Hour and Our Lady of Fatima procession: Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00pm
- All Hallows' Eve Party for children: Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October (starting time T.B.A.)

## Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to Parish Priest, or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information [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. Amen*

Aeroll Klein, Ameriza Ayoub, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Emily Morrison, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joseph Aouchan, Nick Galea, Lorraine Abrahams, Loy DeSouza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Peter Gamble, Mary McConvey, Nikita De Sousa, Rosa Caccamo, Sam Papallo, 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, Bishop John Ignatius Doggett, Alfred Davison, Archie Miranda, Arturo Ferrer, Axel Kupferer, Camela Arena, Charles and Josephine Clayton, David Elton Khi, George Steele, Giuse Suy Bui, Joseph Anton Maria Hellmut Kutin, Lena Pereira, Rizalina Balagtas, Saverio and Rosa Marotta, Tom and Maureen Butt.

## Moments of Mercy

God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour Yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus. (*Diary, 1183*)

## Prayer for Vocations

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

## 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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## Youth In Mission 2025 in the Philippines with Father John Paul Escarlan!

Our parish of St Paul's and the Filipino Chaplaincy of Parramatta Diocese 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)

## 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. Visit: [www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/), contact Tom Lara 0417 430 949 or Father John Paul.

## Central Europe Pilgrimage with Father Joseph Lam: May 2025

Final few places are available for the Cosmos tour of Central Europe with Fr Joseph Lam, Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook (Parish Priest of Baulkham Hills from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024). The tour runs for 15 days from 11<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia. Prices start from \$5,290 per person, excluding flights. For details or how to register please contact Ruby Travels Worldwide on 0401 895 998, email [june.rubytravels@gmail.com](mailto:june.rubytravels@gmail.com) or visit [rubytravelsworldwide.com](http://rubytravelsworldwide.com)

## Replacing our Church Monstrance

Eucharistic Adoration is the opportunity for the faithful to pray to Jesus in His very Presence on display, to enter the Presence of Jesus and adore the Eucharist fully and without distraction. Eucharistic Adoration is possible for today's Catholics because of the Monstrance. Our Parish Finance Council has supported and approved \$7,500 for the purchase of a Monstrance. Some of our parishioners have financially donated already (\$3,005) towards its costs. Our parish is intending to purchase this shortly and if you wish to financially help, please contact the parish office or Father John Paul. Thank you.

## Available to purchase: God's Word 2025 - Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary

Your companion on the journey to pray, share, grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God and includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. To order, record your details on the table as you leave Mass and payment of \$20 can be made when the books arrive. For more about the diary: [secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2025-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html](http://secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/god-s-word-2025-daily-reflections-liturgical-diary.html) All proceeds from the sale of these books will aid our Youth In Mission to the Philippines in early 2025.

## Invitation to attend Christ's Catholic Community weekly prayer group: held every Friday

This prayer group gathers every Friday at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of our Parish Centre. As a group they look at the upcoming weekend Mass readings and Gospel, and also pray the Rosary. All are welcome! Contact Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039.

## Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Kate, we pray her faith will be an important and integral part of her life.

## 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.

## Important change: prayers for the deceased during Mass

The love and remembrance for those that have gone before us is evident with the many requests we receive for the names of our loved ones to be read during the Prayer of the Faithful, or Universal Prayer. The intention of this Prayer is to be expressive of the prayer of the entire community (as per the General Instruction of the Roman Missal - GIRM). As you are aware, the list of those that are deceased can be quite lengthy and may not always be known to the majority of those assembled. Being mindful of the intention of the GIRM, the Prayer of the Faithful will be limited to those that are recently deceased. This change will commence on the first weekend of October. If your intention is to acknowledge an anniversary of the deceased, or a similar significant date, their name can be included at a specific Mass of your choice during the week or weekend, however not all Masses. There is no change to the existing process of including names in our bulletin with all requests to be submitted by Wednesday afternoon.

## Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation: opens Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

Online registration ([via our website](#)) opens 9:00am Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 9:00am and closes Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 4:00pm If you wish to know more, please feel free to contact our parish office.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

23<sup>rd</sup> St Pius of Pietrelcina | 26<sup>th</sup> Sts Cosmas & Damian | 27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul | 28<sup>th</sup> St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September

Where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa 10am - 12pm in our Parish Centre. To find out more phone Anne on 0417 043 605.

## "The Aramaic Lord's Prayer" Reflection Day: Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Returning to what Jesus actually said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience. Cost is \$15. Please contact 4773 5555 or [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

## Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund: Applications close 18<sup>th</sup> October

Worried that your family cannot afford a Catholic education? Consider applying for a bursary that will cover school fees, uniforms, etc. The fund is a Diocesan charity. For information: [parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund](http://parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund)