

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*)

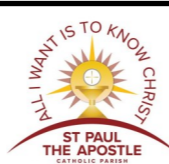
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

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



Our Marian Chapel: What a beautiful, blessed and sacred space!

It would be a very small number indeed who have not yet visited or spent time in our Marian Chapel. Some may be asking is it used for Mass or what is it used for? Why is it sound proof? Is it a crying room? The Marian Chapel, as is the main area of the Church, is above all else a sacred space.

Although Mass is not actively celebrated there (apart from COVID livestream when the Church was closed), the Chapel does contain an altar. Why is this significant? Because the altar is not just a physical table; it is a sacred space that embodies the heart of our faith and represents the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. The altar serves as a reminder of that ultimate act of love and sacrifice, it is a dedicated and sacred space for worship and prayer, and elevates our worship, drawing us closer to the divine.

We must not forget this every time we enter into the Marian Chapel or however we spend our time there. Our Chapel is used for regular devotional activities, such as Thursday Cenacles and Friday Divine Mercy. At Easter, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the Altar of Repose in our Marian Chapel. Our Chapel is adorned with statues and imagery of Holy Saints, a large crucifix and the solemnity of the Chapel is further accentuated by the enormous stained glass window of Our Lady which was designed and created by one of our parishioners and why it is named the Marian Chapel.

During Mass, it is also a space that allows families to still actively and wholeheartedly participate in worship while ensuring that their children are cared for. This is especially important for those with prams, etc or even to nurse and feed our youngest of parishioners! If not already, please take the opportunity to explain to your children what is in the Marian Chapel and how it is a solemn, reverent and sacred space. Our Marian Chapel is always accessible whenever the Church is opened. You are invited to spend some special time in personal prayer, meditation, or quiet contemplation and be drawn closer to God.

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Joyce Lord on Thursday, 3rd October at 11:00am

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

30th Saint Jerome | Oct 1st Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus | 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

3rd Saint Francis of Assisi | 5th Saint Faustina Kowalska | 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. More information 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, Joshua McCarroll, Nick Galea, Lorraine Abrahams, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary Finianos, Peter Gamble, Mary McConvey, Nikita De Sousa, Rosa Caccamo, Sam Papallo, 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, Agnes Coia, Archie Miranda, Arturo Ferrer, Cecily Jamieson, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steele, Giuse Suy Bui, Jimmy Haddad, Joseph Anton Maria Hellmut Kutin, Laurence James Scott, Lynette Maguire, Saverio and Rosa Marotta, Thomas, Gladys, Damien and Paul Beck, Rizalina Balagtas, Victoria and Elias Haddad and the recently deceased Joyce Lord.

Moments of Mercy

We resemble God most when we forgive our neighbours. God is Love, Goodness, and Mercy.

Prayer for Vocations

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

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/
www.catholicoutlook.org/
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

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/, contact Tom Lara 0417 430 949 or Father John Paul.

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 already donated (\$3,055) 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.

Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation: opens Tuesday, 1st October

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

St Paul's catechesis for children

Our parish catechesis for children classes include teaching of scripture, etc with classes held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. The first term of the St Paul's children's catechesis was a great success. The children are starting to blossom in friendship and they have enjoyed being introduced to the liturgical seasons and feast days in a fun and interactive way. A typical class includes time for prayer in the church, learning about the week's topic, learning a hymn and then completing a craft or hands-on activity to reflect the week's theme. We are looking forward to another term commencing Wednesday, 23rd October (4-5pm) and primary school aged children are warmly invited to join us. There is a small fee of \$25 per child for the term (maximum of \$50 per family) to cover expenses. For more information and to sign up for Term 4, please email Philomena: philomenamid@gmail.com

Save the date ...

- All Hallows' Eve Party for children: Thursday, 31st October (starting time T.B.A.)

Special Mass and blessing for HSC students: Sunday, 6th October at 5:00pm

With the annual HSC exams just around the corner, we invite you to attend our annual HSC Mass. Join other students and their families and friends in prayer for everyone undertaking their final exams. During the Mass, all students assembled will receive a special blessing. Please wear your school (sports) jersey and we encourage you to invite as many of your school friends as possible to join in this Mass.

World Rosary Hour and Our Lady of Fatima procession: Sunday, 13th October at 4:00pm

Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together at 4:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Please join us at this time for not only the Rosary but also a procession around the Church grounds. Full details will be published next week and to know more please visit worldrosaryhour.com.

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 at 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.

Thank You from Saint Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your help during the recent visit of one of our Sisters to your parish. Your help is truly a blessing for us as it enables us to continue our missionary work in Belarus and to help those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction as well as mentally and physically challenged people. With deep gratitude and love in Christ, Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent.

Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: Tuesday, 15th October

There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance at this special memorial service. Held at Mamre House, Orchard Hills starting at 11:00am. RSVP to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 4731 4385.

110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 29th September

Migrants and refugees face challenges and difficulties, separated from families and loved ones, lost, bereaved, exhausted, hurt or afraid. People can be unwelcoming or hostile to them in their time of vulnerability. James reminds us that God sees the disregard and injustice of the rich and comfortable. Our relationship with those suffering has eternal implications. More info: linktr.ee/met.pje