

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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*)

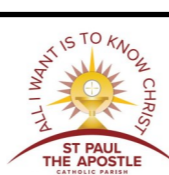
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

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



Why are the months of May and October dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church has long set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, and the month of October being dedicated to the rosary. On October 7th the Church also celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary". This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7th of that year. Prior to the decisive battle, St. Pius V requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons. Two years before establishing the feast, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form. In a development from earlier methods of praying the rosary, the new version included the second half of the Hail Mary, as well as the "Glory Be" prayer at the end of each mystery.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary daily, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other. The recitation of the Rosary, together with the ancient invocation "Sub Tuum Praesidium", and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel, protect us and help us in the struggle against evil (cf. Revelation 12, 7-12).

Sub Tuum Praesidium: *We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

The Holy Father has also asked that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Leo XIII: *Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

There are many ways to pray the rosary to honour Mary during October

- Daily rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:40am before our morning Masses
- World Rosary Day here in our Church on Sunday 13th at 4:00pm. Visit worldrosaryhour.com
- "One million children praying the Rosary" Friday 18th. Visit acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/

The Pope's Monthly Intention for October: *for a shared mission*

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

7th Our Lady of the Rosary | 9th Saints Denis and companions, Saint John Leonardi | 11th Saint John XXIII

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, Bruce Fry, Carlito Guevara, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steele, Joyce Lord, Victor Zammit and the recently deceased Walter Bradstock.

Moments of Mercy

Know, My daughter, that if your soul is filled with the fire of My pure love, then all difficulties dissipate like fog before the sun's rays and dare not touch the soul. (Diary, 1643).

Prayer for Vocations

If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart. Faith does move mountains, so faith does remove hardness of heart.

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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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 for this blessed event where we will assemble inside the Church and commence at 4:00pm to pray the Rosary. During the Rosary, those assembled will leave the Church for a procession with Our Lady of Fatima around Church grounds. For those unable to attend, all aspects will be livestreamed or can be view later. To know more, or to view the livestream, visit worldrosaryhour.com. Our Facebook page will also show the livestream.

Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation now open

Online registration ([via our website](#)) is now open for this Sacrament and closes Monday, 21st October 4:00pm.

If you wish to know more, please feel free to contact our parish office by phone 9639 6516 or the Contact Us page on our website.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday, 9th October

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.

Morning Tea next Sunday - see you there !

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

Please come along: Men's Ministry of St Paul gathering this Thursday, 11th October

This group gathers on the Second Thursday of each month. It commences with Adoration (6pm), Mass (7pm) then assemble at the Parish Centre (8pm). All men aged 18 and over are welcome. More details: Parish office 9639 6516 or menministryofstpaul@gmail.com

We aim to have a different theme each month and blessed that Father Abraham will be spending time with us leading this discussion.

The topic for this gathering will be on God's call and living our lives with strong values.

All Hallows' Eve Party for children: Thursday, 31st October

All Hallows' Eve is the Vigil of All Saints' Day on Nov 1, when Catholics remember those gone before us to enter our heavenly home.

An All Saints Party is being organised by a number of our parish parents. This is an opportunity for children and their families to come together and celebrate the lives of the Saints while enjoying games, food and fellowship. More details will be published next week.

Young Adults Faith Formation: Sunday, 13th October

Join us at The Hustle (4/4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. Christian Stephens will talk and lead discussion on "Is Evolution Compatible with Faith?" Adults 18-35 encouraged to come along for faith formation, pizza and fellowship! To know more call Mark 0477 004 678.

Catholic Youth Parramatta "LIFTED GO": Thursday, 17th October

"LIFTED Go" is an exciting new initiative, You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers. WestHQ at 7-9pm visit: parracatholic.org/liftedgo

Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday, 18th October

On the third Friday of the month across the Diocese, Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood is celebrated. You are invited to attend St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday, 18th October from 6pm to 7pm with Fr Galbert Albino. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass.

For more on Priestly Vocations contact Director for Priestly Vocations Father Galbert 0450 821 812 or galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: Saturday, 19th October

Do you take Communion to the Sick and Dying? Please join the Office for Worship for ongoing formation to further your knowledge.

Held from 9.30am - 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. Register before 14th October.

Contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

Rouse Hill Parish Car Book Sale: Saturday, 19th October

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, is having a Car Boot sale between 10am to 3pm on the church grounds. All are welcome!

Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day and Crowning Golden Jubilee: Sunday, 20th October

The family festival begins at 10.15am, Mass at 11:00am followed by procession to the Shrine. There will be food stalls, jumping castle, BBQ, face painting and more activities for the whole family. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>

The FaithFeed Echo: Sunday, 20th October

A space for creativity, music and meaningful conversations, and where leadership among those in their 20s to 40s can be celebrated and empowered. Details and RSVP <https://parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-october-2024/> Food, drink and live music provided!

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sunday 27th October at 11:00am

Wedded couples are invited to attend the annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch with all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary receiving a certificate. Please register parracatholic.org/weddingmass or 0488 000 211 by 20th October. Family and friends are welcome.

Natural Fertility Instruction Sessions

Natural Fertility are organising the last instruction sessions of 2024 on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

Sympto-Thermal Method: Tuesday, 22nd October at 7.15pm, and Billings Ovulation Method@: Tuesday, 12th November at 7.15pm.

For bookings or further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.