

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org)

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*)

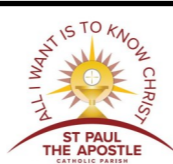
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



Moments of Mercy

I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is my joy at the faithfulness of my spouse in the smallest things (*Diary 352*).

Prayer for Vocations

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet.

Who will tell the Good News?

Now is a good time to begin.

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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Registration open for Sacrament of Reconciliation

Online registration ([via our website](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org)) is 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.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Alexander, Aneirin, Holly and Kathleen, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

All Hallows' Eve Party for children: Thursday, 31st October 4:00pm

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. For more information, or if you may be interested in assisting, contact Beth Vila bethvila1@gmail.com. This is a free event and we kindly ask to please bring a savoury plate.

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.

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 (\$4,755) 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.

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.

Catholic Care Online Safety Information Session: Tuesday, 15th October

Are you concerned about online scams and cyber threats? Join us to learn how to safeguard your personal information.

Our experts will share essential tips and effective strategies to help you navigate the digital world safely.

Enjoy complimentary morning tea and lunch while you learn! Registrations are essential. Contact Rita Hakkoum on 0477 952 024.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 9th - 10th November

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 9th-10th November, with future dates in February and May 2025. To register or know more, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

14th Saint Callistus I | 15th Saint Teresa of Jesus | 16th Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque


17th St Ignatius of Antioch | 18th St Luke | 19th Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross

2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims In Hope (Peregrinantes In Spem)

In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realise that it speaks to us in these words: "May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered" (*Heb 6:18-20*). Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength. The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. More on this important year will be shared over the coming months. To find out more about this Jubilee Year visit www.iubiliaeum2025.va/en.html

Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your generosity.

 **2025 Columbian Mission Calendars will be on sale from next weekend in our Piety Stall**

Peace in our time

As we witness conflicts and wars around the world, the call for peace resonates deeply and our hearts ache for peace and reconciliation. In these challenging times, prayer becomes our powerful tool, a way to seek God's grace in our efforts to stop conflict and promote harmony. Prayer for peace is a profound act of faith. It allows us to connect with God and express our deep longing for a world free from violence and strife. Each prayer, no matter how small, contributes to a collective cry for peace.

As a parish, we have the opportunity to come together in prayer where we can gather, eg at Mass or during the Rosary, to pray for those affected by war and conflict. These communal prayers can include moments of silence, reflections, and intentions for those suffering from violence.

Offering Mass intentions for peace or dedicating personal prayers for specific countries can make our intentions more tangible and focused. As we pray for those suffering from violence, we are called to act, embodying Christ's message of love and compassion.

Incorporating Scripture into our prayers can also deepen our resolve, especially our responsibility as followers of Christ. We can use these passages in our personal prayers, asking for God's guidance and strength to be instruments of peace in our world (*eg Romans 12: 9-21*).

Prayer must also inspire action. We are called not only to pray but to promote understanding and dialogue within our communities. Engaging in discussions about the root causes of conflict; be it poverty, injustice, or discrimination; enables us to become advocates for peace.

As we continue to pray for peace, let us also seek ways to be peacemakers in our everyday interactions. We also need to pray for peace in our own community, for our families and households, to experience peace. Through these prayers, change can occur in the lives of people everywhere. In our own homes, and on a personal level, prayer for peace can be woven into our daily lives. Simple acts such as lighting a candle, saying a special intention during family meals, or including prayers for peace in our personal devotions can create a powerful impact. The Rosary, the Prayer of St. Francis, and other traditional prayers can serve as heartfelt reminders of our commitment to fostering peace.

As we gather in faith, let us strengthen our commitment to pray for peace. May our prayers transcend borders and cultures, reaching those in need of healing and reconciliation. Together, as a parish family, let us trust that our prayers change hearts and minds, leading us closer to the peace we so fervently seek. May our prayers inspire us to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

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
- "One million children praying the Rosary" Friday 18th. Visit acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/

Parish Safeguarding

Refer concerns to Parish Priest, safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. 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, 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, Monsignor Vincent Redden, Archie Miranda, Carlito Guevara, Cedric Morris, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Cristina Pulvirenti, Felix Lawrence, George Steele, Joseph Anton Maria Helmut Kutin, Joseph Aouchan, Josephine Mamari, Juliette Rodericks, Mary Kate Pereira, Mervyn Alveyn, Nelly Eco, Pauline Rasheed, Victor Zammit, Virginia Gonzalves.