

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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 [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*)

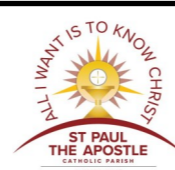
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - November

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1st | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 2nd

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

Mass times for Solemnity of All Saints, and All Souls Day

- Solemnity of All Saints - Friday, 1st November: 9:10am Mass; preceded by Rosary at 8:40am.
- All Souls Day (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) - Saturday, 2nd November: 9:10am Mass; preceded by Rosary at 8:40am. The Vigil Mass on Saturday 5pm will be the Mass of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time and not All Souls Day.

Please note that in addition to all the Sundays in the year, the only feast days to be observed in Australia as Holy Days of Obligation are: the solemnities of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (December 25th) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th).

November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope...For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." The November Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom. All Masses offered in November will be for the souls named on the scroll. If you would like to include your deceased family members and friends, please use the November envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church. These may be placed in either of the collection plates at weekend masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish

As our children continue on their faithful journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, please keep them, and those accompanying them, in your prayers. This weekend sees the start of the program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with parent formation meetings.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Darius, Luca, Mason and Sofia, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Ordination to the Presbyterate of Menard Gaspi: Thursday, 21st November

We are truly pleased to announce the Mass of Ordination to the Presbyterate (Priesthood) for Deacon Menard Gaspi will be celebrated Thursday, 21st November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community. RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org by Thursday, 14th November.

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. A unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture while contributing to meaningful projects that make a real impact to benefit communities in need.

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! Details: 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 (\$4,805) 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.

St Luke's Faith Community 'Victory in Christ' Conference: 1st and 2nd November

This retreat organised by St Luke's Catholic faith community (Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park) and Risen Lora Prayer Community, is an opportunity to refresh your hearts, to reset and reconnect with God. Childminding services and programs also available.

This is a free event, and registrations essential. For more information and registration visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CVTNB>

2025 Columban Mission Calendars available for purchase

This is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative and available for \$9.00.

Moments of Mercy

It is when you submit yourself to my will that you give me the greatest glory and draw upon yourself a sea of blessings. I would not take such special delight in you if you were not living My will. (*Diary 954*)

Prayer for Vocations

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!

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.

Overheads for hymns used in the Church are used with permission under ONE LICENCE No A-642251

Invitation for our young parishioners: All Hallows' Eve party this Thursday!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Greetings with the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Can we, Catholics, celebrate Halloween?

Yes, of course, but not the way the secular world is celebrating it when children are dressing up in witches, ghosts, and scary costumes. I am encouraging you all to let your children dress up as saints and holy people. Let us reclaim the religious aspects of the Halloween.

Halloween has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hollow's Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day when we remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Hence, it is a day when we celebrate the church triumphant who are now enjoying eternal happiness with God in heaven.

This being the Vigil of All Saints' Day on 1st November, when Catholics remember those gone before us to enter our heavenly home. This especially needed as all the people in our world are in need to be reminded to live out our purpose in this world—to spend our earthly life in God's way.

Last year a good number of parents initiated an event to celebrate the religious aspects of the Eve of the Solemnity of All Saints in the form of an All Hallows' Eve party. We were abundantly blessed with over 70 children in attendance and dressed as a saint or holy person. 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.

I am inviting all children together with their parents from our parish to come and join our All Hallows' Eve party on this Thursday, 31st October at 4:00pm. Let your children dress up as saints or holy people.

The children will lead the Holy Rosary, as we conclude the month of the Holy Rosary on that day.

There will be light refreshments as part of the celebrations and we encourage those attending to kindly please bring a (savory) plate to share. This is a free event and to find out more, or if you may be interested in assisting, contact Beth Vila bethvila1@gmail.com.

St Paul the Apostle; pray for us! May God bless our parish always!

Father John Paul

Parramatta Street Feast: Wednesday, 13th November

Share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

28th Saints Simon and Jude | Nov 1st All Saints | 2nd Commemoration of all the faithful departed

3rd Saint Martin de Porres | 4th Saint Charles Borromeo

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, Rosa Caccamo, Sally Georges, 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, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Frederick Williamsen, Joyce Morris, Mario Mercecia, Anita Lorono, Marcelo Lorono Sr, Nirmala Puri, Kewal Puri, Marcelo Jr, Josephine Angelito, Mart Christian.