

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*)

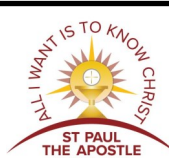
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



All parishioners are invited - Parish Assembly: Sunday, 24th November 11:00am

All parishioners are invited to attend this assembly where our St Paul the Apostle Parish Report and the Parramatta Diocesan Pastoral Plan will be presented.

The Parish Assembly plays a crucial role in ensuring inclusion and engagement of our parish members as we release and share the 2024 Parish Report. This gathering provides an opportunity for all parishioners to come together, be (more) aware of the activities of our parish and review the progress we've made in our shared mission. It is not a formal meeting, but a space for discussion and discernment. The report will allow us to share updates on ministries, finances, and key undertakings with presentations by members and representatives of various parish groups. Through the inclusion and attendance of our parishioners, we enable and ensure our parish remains committed in our faith journey and responsive to the needs of the community. There will also be opportunity to discuss and raise any questions and copies of the 2024 Parish Report will be available on the day.

At this assembly, we will also highlight the recently launched Diocese of Parramatta Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028: *'Behold, I am with you'*. This represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where the Diocese has come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward.

Together, we can use this plan to revitalise our local community and guide our mission in the years ahead.

A copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan can be accessed from parracatholic.org/synodality.

Please join us for this important event, as together we continue to build a vibrant, thriving parish for the years to come. The Parish Assembly will be held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre at 11:00am with morning tea of light refreshments from 10:30am. There is no need to RSVP.

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 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.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

18th Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul | 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 22nd St Cecilia | 23rd St Columban, St Clement I | 24th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Parish Safeguarding

Refer concerns to Parish Priest, safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. www.safeguarding.org.au

Please pray for our sick ... Heavenly Father, lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. Amen

Aeroll Klein, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Anthony Iannuzzi, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Emily Morrison, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Nick Galea, 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, Venessa Ibrahim.

Please pray for ... May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Asanta Mendis, Bal and Jennifer Villanova, Paul Jumeau, Sam Pappolo, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Mervyn Davies, Braganza, Lawrence and D'Souza families. Li Joon Ahn, and the recently deceased Ghadi Nakhoul.

Moments of Mercy

Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of my Justice. (*Diary 1146*)

Prayer for Vocations

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that 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.

News and Information

www.parracatholic.org/
www.catholicoutlook.org/
www.catholicweekly.com.au/

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You are invited! Faith Seeking Understanding (final for 2024): Thursday, 28th November

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. As part of our series on Faith Seeking Understanding, our next event which will be presented by Sister Rosie Drum with the topic *What is the Church For?*

The session will be taking a look at the Vatican II document Lumen Gentium, coming to a deeper understanding of why we even have a Catholic Church and how it can, and has, changed the whole world. Sister Rosie is a member of the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters, and who has worked in youth ministry for over twenty years, with ten of those years spent serving in the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Sisters are consecrated women seeking to bring the fire of God's love to all people through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in a lifestyle of prayer, sisterhood and mission, especially the young, and marginalised. To find out more visit: www.mglsisters.org/ Please join us for this special evening which commences at 7:30pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre after the 7:00pm Mass.

Parish Youth Teen (PYT) Ministry launch (for those in Year 7 to Year 12): Sunday, 1st December

We are excited to announce the launching of the Parish Youth Teen Ministry for the youth in our parish. We invite those who are in Year 7 to Year 12 to come long and join us for the launch which will take place at 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, 1st December. Following Mass, youth are invited to join in light refreshments and a gathering in the Father David Scott parish centre.

For catering purposes it is important to RSVP to the parish office by Wednesday, 27th November.

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. The focus this weekend will be the first of two preparation meetings for these children and their parents.

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.

IMPORTANT: Note there will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Mass here at St Paul's that evening.

Calling all green thumbs

We continue to be blessed with the magnificent gardens throughout our Church grounds and is the result of the labours of love of our volunteer gardeners. A constant source of admiration by many and never ceases to impress with beauty and vibrancy. We've all heard the saying many hands make light work and this is especially true for our gardens. If you are able to volunteer some time to assist with our gardens, we would love to hear from you. Any help would be greatly welcomed and please contact the Parish office to find out more.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday, 20th November

A social group where the young at heart meet to have a laugh, have a cuppa and have a fun time. There is always something new and different happening and the group meets in the Father David Scott Parish Centre every second Wednesday 10:00am until 12:00pm. Their next get together will be Wednesday, 20th November. Coffee, tea and milk provided. Want to join in? Curious to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605 and also share this with others and invite a friend!

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: Tuesday, 19th November 9:00am

Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 26 Swanston St, St Marys, followed by prayers at gravesites in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: Wednesday, 20th November

You are invited to this lecture from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown.

Register for limited seating via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> or contact met@parracatholic.org

Red Wednesday: Wednesday, 20th November

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to remember, support and pray and be in solidarity with, the 200+ million Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. This invitation is founded upon Red Wednesday (20 November), an international ACN initiative uniting Catholics worldwide to stand up for faith and freedom with Churches lit up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. The national focus will be supporting Christians in the Holy Land. You may wish to go to Mass for those who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol, to remember those unable to make a public display of faith: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: Tuesday, 26th November

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year?

Dr Michele Connolly RSJ will lead discussions from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. RSVP met@parracatholic.org

Table Talk - Navigating Multiple Challenges in Australia: Thursday, 28th November

Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges particularly with Disability, Unemployment and Seeking Asylum. Participate in meaningful small group conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: Held from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find our more and register at parracatholic.org/pietabletalk

FREE Men's Retreat "A Path to Sexual Freedom": Saturday, 30th November

Simon Carrington will facilitate "A Path To Sexual Freedom" retreat at St Patrick's, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Talks and opportunity for adoration and confession. For men aged over 15 with free lunch. RSVP: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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.