

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*)

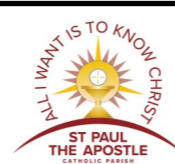
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



Moments of Mercy

“Transform me into Yourself, O Jesus, that I may be a living sacrifice and pleasing to You. I desire to atone at each moment for poor sinners.” (*Diary, 908*)

Prayer for Vocations

Christ is King ... the faithful Witness. He loved us and made us a line of priests, prophets and kings to serve God His Father. Who are we to call forth as the priests of tomorrow - prayerful men - leaders, ready to preach the Word of God?

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/

Invitation to light our Advent Wreath candles

As part of our tradition at Christmas time, an Advent wreath is placed on the Altar. At the beginning of each Mass, these candles are lit by members of our congregation. If you would like to take part, please record your details on the roster located in the foyer.

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

Saint Anselm, a great thinker in Church history, quoted “fides quaerens 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.

Men's Ministry talk - "A Path to Sexual Freedom": Thursday, 12th December

Men aged 18 and over are invited to attend a session and discussion entitled “Overcoming Temptation – A Path To Sexual Freedom”. This is a free event presented by Simon Carrington, co-founder of Fire Up Ministries, and a renowned speaker on theology of the body.

The modern world challenges men in many ways including that of sexual promiscuity which not only affects those involved but by extension it robs family, friends, community and God. The reasoning behind this is while one wallows in sin they are unable to effectively help others as God commands. Please come along even if you haven't been to a previous Men's Ministry gathering and entry is not limited to St Paul parishioners. Held in the Father David Scott parish centre from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and will include tea and coffee.

It is important to RSVP by Wednesday, 4th December to menministryofstpaul@gmail.com or to the parish office on 9639 6516.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes - next weekend

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' nationally accredited Houses to Homes program. This supports pregnant women and young mothers aged between 16 and 25, who are homeless or at serious risk of homelessness; provides transitional housing, as well as essential support including counselling, parenting education, living skills support, employment and training support. Many of these women and their children have experienced significant trauma, including domestic and/or family violence, and your support would help reshape the lives of these local, vulnerable young families. At all Masses next weekend, a collection will be taken or donate at anytime: parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

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 second of two preparation meetings for these children and their parents, and next Sunday afternoon these children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Rite of Reception

At the 8:00am mass this weekend, the Rite of Reception will take place for one of our parishioners whom we welcome into the Catholic family of faith. We pray that she may have the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to persevere faithfully in the choice she has made.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Grace and Joshua, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Dedication of the new St Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta: Friday, 29th November

On that day in 2003, the new St Patrick's Cathedral was dedicated. It was rebuilt after being destroyed in an arson attack February 1996. The old Cathedral adjoins as a Blessed Sacrament Chapel. St Patrick's was also the first Australian Cathedral of the new millennium.

Happy New Liturgical Year!

Next weekend marks the commencement season of Advent which is the start of the new Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church. We will replace the Daily Mass books in the church as the new lectionary cycle will be Liturgical Year C. More on this next week!

Advent Bible Studies: Christmas: Folktale or Truth?

Some people think that the nativity story is historically inaccurate. Rather, it is an adaption of pagan myths. Is it so?

How did the authors of the Four Gospels and Paul see the birth of Jesus? Come, explore the biblical-theological dimension of the Nativity. Presented by Father Joseph Lam: Tuesdays: 3rd, 10th and 17th December, starting at 7.30pm in the Downey Room, St Michael's Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Places are limited and please pre-register your attendance: admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

Carols by Candlelight: Saturday, 7th December

You are invited to attend Carols by Candlelight at St Michael's Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills from 6.30pm-9:00pm

Please bring your own picnic dinner, chairs, rugs, snacks, drinks etc, and register here: parishshare.com.au/christmas-carols-night/

Greystanes Parish Team Employment: Faith Enrichment Role

Suitably qualified and experienced person for 16 hours a week onsite including faith enrichment: facilitating and resourcing parents, assisting opportunities for faith inquiry and for parishioners' enrichment and relevant admin and tasks. Details: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Solemnity was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, in response to growing secularism, rise of totalitarian regimes, and the decline of religious observance in society. The observance is also commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King which emphasises the true kingship of Christ. The feast was introduced to affirm the authority of Christ over all aspects of life, political and social, as a reminder to Christians that Christ's kingdom is not of this world, but one of service, love, peace, and truth. It challenges believers to consider how they live out Christ's kingship in their own lives and to work for a world that reflects the values of His kingdom.

The feast establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men:

- Christ is God, the Creator and wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him";
- Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, we are His property and possession;
- Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy";
- God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Christ's kingdom is:

- supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings;
- universal, extending to all nations and to all places;
- eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever";
- spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

As we celebrate this solemnity, let us be reminded of the mission to bring Christ's reign into every aspect of life, and to do so in a way that reflects His love, peace, and truth.

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

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.

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

24th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe | 25th St Catherine of Alexandria | 30th St Andrew

2025 Columban Mission Calendars available for purchase

This iconic Catholic Calendar, well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Available in our piety stall for \$9.00.

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, Dominic Abate, Edgar Cruz, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary McConvey, Nick Galea, Mary Finianos, Maureen McLoughlin, Peter Gamble, 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, Catherine (Kitty) Ebejer, Charles and Josephine Clayton, John Buggy, John Ford, Gonzalo Del Villar, Grace Lucas, Julio Revilla Jr, Leon Burbidge, Leon Chalker, George Steel.