

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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)

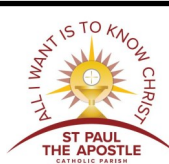
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**Adoration:** Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

## Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

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



## January 1<sup>st</sup>: Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

The Solemnity Of Mary is one of the most important days of the Church calendar, however it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays. Holy Mass will be held Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January at 9:10am.

### Morning Holy Rosary

The Rosary is prayed at 8.40am before each weekday Mass.

### Wednesday Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena is prayed at the end of Mass on Wednesday mornings. Mary is "our Mother on the order of grace," and all the graces Mary gives us come directly from our Lord. She is always ready to intercede with Him on our behalf, but never for anything contrary to His wishes.

### Thursday Cenacles

Our Lady insistently calls upon us to gather with her in fervent prayer, in authentic cenacles as when the first apostles gathered with her in the Upper Room awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This prayer group is held in Marian Chapel after Thursday morning Mass.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Chaplet is a devotion that implores the Father's mercy by invoking the merits Jesus has won for us through his redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is typically prayed using Catholic rosary beads. Held every Friday at 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

### Liturgy of the Hours

This is the daily prayer of the Church and a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father, and integrate the prayers of the psalms. Held on the first Friday of the month at 6:00pm.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a pious custom in the Church since time immemorial. We adore God when we worship Him in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and being there in Adoration is a powerful and personal time to be in His presence. Come... spend some time with Him.

- 24 hour Adoration is held every first Friday commencing with 9:10am Mass Friday . First Adoration in 2025 is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- Thursday Adoration is held every Thursday at 6:00pm for one hour, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

### Men's Ministry of St Paul's

A gathering of men in order to deepen their faith, in an effort to serve, learn, and reach out to their family, parish and wider community. All men over aged 18 and over welcome. Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month. To find out more email [mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com](mailto:mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com) .

### Mass with Ephpheta

On the third Sunday of every month at our 9:30am Mass, we also welcome our brothers and sisters from the Ephpheta Centre for Deaf and Hard of hearing people, and actively participate during our Eucharistic celebrations. First Mass in 2025 will be 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### Stay and enjoy a cuppa after Mass

A morning tea is held outside the Church after the 8am and 9:30am Masses on the second Sunday each month.

Come and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

### Filipino Mass (2SM)

On behalf of the Filipino community, there is a special Mass held here on the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am. This Mass is celebrated in Tagalog to give its predominantly Filipino congregation a personal experience in living their faith back in the Philippines.

### Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home please contact the parish office to arrange.

### Come and join in our fortnightly Leisure Group

A social group where the young at heart meet every second Wednesday to have a laugh and a cuppa in our parish centre.

Morning tea is provided. Their first get together for 2025 will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. To find out more phone Anne 0417 043 605.

### Parish Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

### Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity Of The Lord | 26<sup>th</sup> Saint Stephen | 27<sup>th</sup> Saint John | 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents | 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Thomas Becket

29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph | Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

### World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Parish Prayer Ministry

Held in our Marian Chapel at 7:00pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> of every month for one hour to pray and discuss messages of Our Lady of Fatima.

### St Paul the Apostle Faith In Action Team (FIAT)

Opportunity for young adults aged 18- 30 to seek friendships, engage in their faith, grow in love and understanding and build their identities within the church. We warmly invite and encourage all young adults to come, share and experience this fellowship.

### Parish Youth Teen (PYT) Ministry

The Parish Youth Teen Ministry was launched in our parish in late 2024 and supports the youth in our parish who are in Year 7 to 12.

## Message from our Priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Together with Father Abraham and the parish team, I wish to express my heartfelt and joy-filled greetings to you and your family as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is indeed a wonderful time of family celebrations.

As a parish family, I am deeply grateful to celebrate and start the Christmas season with you as we gather during our Eucharistic celebrations. May these celebrations lead us to deeply appreciate and reflect on the extraordinary love that God has for each one of us.

This Christmas season may our homes and hearts be filled with God's love, peace and joy.

May the child Jesus be our guiding light that leads us to a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Saint Paul the Apostle - pray for us!

Father John Paul Escarlan

*We extend a warm welcome to anyone visiting our Parish and hope that you take home lots of wonderful memories of your visit to St Paul's.*



*As we celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus, may His holy presence bring you comfort and peace. In the quiet of that sacred night, the Prince of Peace entered the world, bringing hope and light to all. May His love surround you, calming your heart and filling your spirit with joy and serenity. In this season of grace, let us find comfort in knowing that Jesus, our Savior, is with us always, offering peace that surpasses all understanding. Wishing you a blessed Christmas, filled with the warmth of His love.*

*We kindly invite you, and for any members of your family or household, to consider joining our various parish groups and ministries. We warmly welcome new volunteers and ministers to join our community of faith. If you can see yourself assisting in any capacity we would love to hear from you! There is no task too small or too big that can't be fulfilled when we are there for each other and there are many opportunities to make a meaningful impact. Feel free to contact the parish office or chat with any of our priests.*