

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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For latest updates please visit our Facebook page



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*)

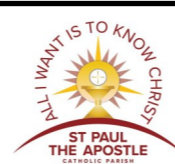
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



Epiphany of Christ

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Epiphany of Christ invites us to reflect on the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, to the gentiles and to everyone. Christ came not Just as the saviour of Israelites alone, but of the gentiles as well.

If Christ came as the saviour of everyone then how epiphany is going to affect me and you?

It invites and challenges us to broaden our world vision. The narrow-minded thinking of me and mine has no place in the life of Christians. They should have the generosity to include everyone into their world. No one is discarded or sidelined. It's an "all inclusive" world vision to which we are called.

This will ask us to be open to God's word in our being and doing.

This is better said than done. Let us ask ourselves? Do we have this generous "all inclusive" approach in our lives. We may say we do not have any problem with anyone, but the question is: am I ready to include others who are not familiar to us or hold different views in their lives into my circles and discussions.

This question will lead me to more complicated questions. "Should I lose my identity as a Christian to include others into my circle?"

The answer again is a challenging one. Not an easy task.

This broadening of minds to an "all inclusive attitude" does not mean that Christians should be generous enough to accommodate sin and evil into their lives. Here again the model is Jesus our master. He loved sinners not sin. He told all those sinners who came to him, "Sin no more" This and only this, is the criterion that Jesus gives us too; include everyone but not the sinful ways of those who may differ in their being and thinking, into our lives.

As disciples of the Lord, we are called not to identify ourselves with the world, but to identify ourselves with the Lord and transform this world according to the mind of Jesus. This is the challenging task that the Epiphany of the Lord places before us. Let us manifest Jesus and his teachings in and through our lives and show that we are Christians who are completely committed to the Lord.

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Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Betty Edwards: Tuesday, 7th January at 11:00am

✠ for the late Connie Debono-Cullen: date and time TBA

✠ for the late Pauline Grima: Friday, 10th January at 10:30am

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.

More information at 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, Lorraine Abraham, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Mary McConvey, Nick Galea, Mary Finianos, Maureen McLoughlun, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Sally Georges, Sam Papallo, Sarah Sheehan, Tashia Vergara, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vanessa Ibrahim. Jeanette Maree.

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

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, Fouad and Olga Matta, Maria Cabaco, Sonya da Silva and the recently deceased Betty Edwards, Connie Debono-Cullen, Jessica Roach and Pauline Grima.

Moments of Mercy

I asked him "Do you have among our students any who are a comfort to your heart?" The Lord answered (that) he has, but their life is weak, and so I put then in your special care - Pray for them. (*Diary #288*).

Prayer for Vocations

Mary, Mother of the Priest Jesus, is especially Mother to all Priests. Pray to Mary to ask her guidance in your life.

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

Men's Ministry St Paul's

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

Contact parish office to organise.

St Vincent de Paul Society

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 7pm Parish Centre conference room

News and Information

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

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Father Abraham commences his 30th year as a priest

On January 3rd 1996, Father Abraham was ordained as a priest in the Catholic Church while he was in India. We acknowledge this special date, especially as he commences this 30th year as a priest in the vineyard of the Lord. As a parish we deeply thank the Lord for Father Abraham's care, support and faith. Please continue to pray for Father Abraham, and all priests, as they continue to serve.

You are invited: Marian Journey and 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. Destinations: Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Avila, Segovia, Caleruega, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes with Optional Rome Jubilee extension. Featured Saints: St Anthony, Our Lady Of Fatima, Sts Jacinta & Francisco Marto, St Teresa, St John Of The Cross, St Dominic, St Ignatius, Our Lady Of Lourdes, St Bernadette. Some of the tour highlights include:

- Savour a three-night stay in each of the great Marian Centres of Fatima and Lourdes.
- Be among the sea of pilgrims waving their white handkerchiefs in honour of Our Lady during Fatima Anniversary celebrations.
- Experience an absorbing two-night stay inside the medieval walled city of Avila and be touched by the tangible grace of St Teresa.
- Explore the sacred towns dedicated to St Teresa, St John of the Cross, St Dominic and St Ignatius of Loyola.
- Be mesmerised by the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos as they chant their Gregorian Mass during our overnight stay.
- Come to Lourdes (City of Mary), take time down by the Holy Grotto to pray and find your healing and drink from the sacred springs.
- Join international pilgrims walk, sing, pray and raise our candles high at the evening candlelight processions in Lourdes and Fatima.

For more details please visit: www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/, contact Tom Lara 0417 430 949 or Father John Paul.

Feast of Holy Child Jesus - Nine Day Novena Masses

A nine day novena of daily Masses are being held to celebrate the blessed feast of Señor Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus).

On the third day of the Novena, Mass will be celebrated here at St Paul the Apostle on Saturday 11th January at 7:00pm.

At Good Shepherd Parish in Plumpton, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 19th January at 2:30pm being the feast day.

The Feast of the Holy Child is one of the most beloved traditions in the Philippines and continues to inspire deep devotion and bring people together in joyous celebration, honouring both history and faith. You are all invited to attend and participate in this Novena, especially as the worship of Our Lord is truly universal.

Returning in February

- The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2025 will take place on Friday, 7th and Saturday, 8th February.
- Saint Paul's Mens Ministry gathering will assemble for the first time in 2025 on Thursday, 13th February.
- Mass with the Ephpheta community will next take place Sunday, 16th February at 9:30am

Parish Safeguarding Compliance and Renewal Training

Mandatory Safeguarding Compliance Training is compulsory for all staff, volunteers and ministers in the Diocese of Parramatta.

The initial training is known as Compliance Training and requires the successful completion of compulsory Modules 1,2 and 3.

- *Module 1: Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards*
- *Module 2: Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)*
- *Module 3: Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries*

After a two year period, there are two further modules (known as Renewal Compliance Training) that are required to be completed.

- *Module 4: Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk*
- *Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct*

If it has been two years since you have completed Modules 1, 2 and 3, and you have not undertaken or completed Modules 4 and 5, you can complete this training online at home, or as part of a face to face group. Please refer to the details below for training options.

The next round of face-to-face training will be held at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong.

Compliance Training: Introductory training modules 1, 2 and 3 - Wednesday, 29th to Friday, 31st January

Compliance Renewal Training: Module 4 (Wednesday, 5th February) and Module 5 (Thursday, 30th January)

To access all online training: learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses

To register for face to face training: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

Access and security during the school holidays

Now that school holidays have commenced, there will be a considerable reduction in the amount of people in the church grounds and it is important to remain vigilant. If you notice anything suspicious please phone the parish office 9639 6516 and press 5 (at any time) which will have your call transferred to a staff member or clergy. Thank you.

St Paul Feast Day celebration (Richmond): Saturday, 18th January

Come and join in the special celebrations at the St Paul's Feast commencing with Feast Day Mass at 5.30pm followed by procession. Entertainment includes Lady Queen of Peace band, BBQ, food, drinks, rides and chocolate wheel. St Monica's, Bourke St Richmond.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

7th Saint Raymond of Penyafort | 12th The Baptism Of The Lord