

# 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*)

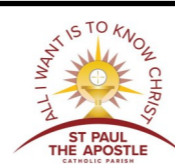
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

## Masses livestreamed to Facebook:

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



## World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Parish Prayer Ministry: this Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January

Approved by the Holy See, the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) with millions of members worldwide, live the message of Fatima and try to give witness of God's love, imitating also the little shepherds of Fatima, Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta Marto and Sister Lúcia. The WAF recognises and supports our own Parish Prayer Ministry and is a response to Our Lady's call for prayer, penance and sacrifice. The intention is to meet once a month for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima.

It is recommended to enrol and become a member of the WAF (free to join) where your name will be placed at Our Lady's feet in the Chapel of Apparitions, in Fatima. Please come along this Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and join us in the Marian Chapel.

Sign up here: <https://worldfatima.com/en/join-us>. To find out more contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424. **Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!**

## 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.

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

## What is this Sacrament called?

Especially as we celebrate this special Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is important to consider and appreciate the origins of how the Sacrament of Baptism was named. The following three paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church provide this detail:

1214 This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptise (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolises the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

1215 This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God."

1216 "This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding . . . "Having received in Baptism the Word, "the true light that enlightens every man," the person baptised has been "enlightened,"

he becomes a "son of light," indeed, he becomes "light" himself: Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift....

We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift.

It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty;

Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed;

enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard

and the sign of God's Lordship.

## Feast of Holy Child Jesus (Señor Santo Niño)

You are invited: at Good Shepherd Parish in Plumpton, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm being the feast day. The Feast continues to inspire deep devotion and bring people together in joyous celebration, honouring both history and faith.

## Access and security during the school holidays

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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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

13<sup>th</sup> Saint Hilary | 17<sup>th</sup> Saint Anthony

## Things are about to get Ordinary

The celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the liturgical Christmas and Epiphany season, falling on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. Ordinary Time immediately begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

## Returning in February

- The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2025 will take place on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- Saint Paul's Men's Ministry gathering will assemble for the first time in 2025 on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- Mass with the Ephpheta community will next take place Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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, 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January

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

To access all online training: [learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses](http://learning.safeguarding.org.au/courses)

To register for face to face training: [parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training](http://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training)

## Moments of Mercy

Govern me according to Your will, purify my love that it may be worthy of You, do with me as Your most merciful Heart desires. Jesus, there will be just the two of us during these days until the moment of our union. Keep me, Jesus, in a recollected spirit (218)

## Prayer for Vocations

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christians.

## 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

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

## From our priest

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy feast day of the Baptism of the Lord!

We liturgically conclude the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As we celebrate this feast, we may also remind ourselves of our own baptism. The day of our baptism is indeed an important day as "through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213*).

All the baptised members of the Church are called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in our homes, workplaces, community and throughout the whole world.

I wish to share with you that I am accompanying 11 young adults from our parish and from other parishes in our Diocese to Cebu and Manila, Philippines from January 20 to February 04. This pilgrimage is called 'Youth in Mission', which is a reminder to all young people that they too are called by God to be part of his mission in this world.

We will be going to places where our poor brothers and sisters live. We will be visiting different sacred places significant to the Catholic faith in the Philippines. There will be opportunities for them to meet other young people who are committed in their baptismal calling and have a great faith in Jesus Christ. I am hoping and praying that this pilgrimage will be a spiritually enriching experience for these young people who will be instruments of God's love to those people we meet, especially those who are living in poverty.

Please keep us in your prayers as we embark into this missionary journey of faith as young people who are called to fulfill their mission from Christ in this world.

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and St Pedro Calungsod (patron Saints of Filipino youth); pray for us!

Saint Paul the Apostle (our patron Saint); pray for us!

Father John Paul Escarlan

## Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Connie Debono-Cullen: Tuesday, 14th January 11:00am

✠ for the late Robert Cabot: Wednesday, 15th January 11:00am

## Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419.

More information at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://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. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances.*

*May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. 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 DeSouza, 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.

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

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Sister Yvette Coorey, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Arturo Ferrer, George Steel, Fouad and Olga Matta, Julia White, Lena Pereira, Maria Cabaco, Sonya da Silva, Betty Edwards, Connie Debono-Cullen, and the recently deceased Jeanette Maree.