

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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 Find us on: [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)

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*)

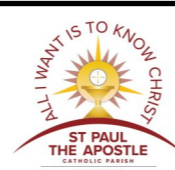
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

I am beginning the retreat today, Jesus, my Master, guide me. 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

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

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Alpha is coming to St Paul's in early February!

After it was last run here in 2015, we are excited that the Alpha program will be held again at St Paul's commencing early February. Looking for a welcoming space to ask your life and faith questions? Interested in meeting other people in the parish? The Alpha program is a great next step for you! Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, where people can explore life, Christian faith and meaning, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha is free and all are welcome and registration to attend will be required. More details will be available in next week's bulletin and on our Facebook page. Find out more about Alpha: alpha.org.au/

Opportunity: Morning Tea Coordinator for one Sunday per month

We extend a special and heartfelt thank you to Claudine D'Costa who has recently moved on from the coordinator role of the Sunday 9.30 am parish morning tea, which is held on the second Sunday. Claudine ensured there was a spirit of hospitality; leading, and as part a team, where everyone was included and valued. If you want to know more, or are interested in the role, please contact the parish office. You will be part of a dedicated team and everything needed is generously provided by parishioners and the parish.

Clergy update

- As you are aware, Father John Paul will be leaving for the Philippines on Monday as part of 'Youth in Mission' pilgrimage and return on 4th February. We pray that his journey, and for the youth, will be safe, fulfilling and a deeply spiritually enriching experience.
- We extend a warm welcome to Father Sebastian who has recently arrived into our Diocese, permanently moving here from Kerala State in India. Father is a member of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate which is the same order as Father Abraham. Father Sebastian will be staying in our parish and soon have a placement in Greystanes parish when Father John Paul returns. Father was ordained in 2006 and this is his first time in Australia. He has spent nearly ten years working in various parishes and teaching in schools in central India. Father has also spent five years in the Amazon as a missionary and speaks Malayalam, English, Hindi and Portuguese. Please say hello to Father Sebastian in his time here especially as he will be assisting with our liturgies.

Please pray for our sick section in this bulletin — some questions answered

Each week this bulletin includes names in our *Please pray for our sick* section. Following are answers to commonly asked questions:

How do I include someone's name? Contact the parish office by phone/email/visit or approach an Acolyte or Clergy after Mass.

Do they have to be a parishioner? No. Even though the majority of those named are parish based, we understand that there are friends or family members who are not actually in our parish and in need of (our) prayers.

How sick do they have to be? There is no specific criteria. In general terms if you feel that they will benefit from parishioners prayers, then certainly feel free to request their names for inclusion.

How long do their names remain published? When you request a name to be included, ideally also indicate if possible how long you would like their name to be published. In addition, if someone has since recovered or sadly passed away, please contact the parish office so their name can be removed to allow the list to remain up to date and also allow others to be included due to space limitations.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

20th Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian | 21st Saint Agnes | 22nd Saint Vincent | 24th Saint Francis de Sales | 25th Conversion of Saint Paul

Returning in February

- The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2025 will take place on Friday, 7th and Saturday, 8th February.
- Saint Paul's Men's 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

We are in need of volunteers for Presentation of Gifts

Would you like to help with our Presentation of Gifts (Offertory Procession)? We are seeking volunteers to take up the gifts of wine and bread for each Mass. To ensure that we have people at each Mass to assist, please record your name on the list at you leave the Church for any of the upcoming Masses you are available. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Thank you.

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/, contact Tom Lara 0417 430 949 or Father John Paul.

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, 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

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.

There is nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time !

Today in the Church's liturgical calendar we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

You may also be asking yourself why isn't there a first Sunday of Ordinary Time? Because there isn't! Epiphany Sunday, is not part of Ordinary Time as it is officially part of Christmastime. The following Sunday, which is would have been the first Sunday of Ordinary Time, is actually the Baptism of the Lord, and was celebrated last Sunday, 12th January.

It is also important to recognise that Sunday (and not Monday) is the first day of a liturgical week. When we offer the prayers of a weekday in ordinary time, assuming there is no particular feast that day, we use prayers from the Sunday before. So to call the Sunday, that we call the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the First Sunday, would be to look backwards and not forward in the week, which is not the way we view liturgical time. So in the Roman Missal, prayers for those days are listed under "First Week of Ordinary Time," while the prayers for every future week fall under the relevant "Sunday of Ordinary Time" for that week.

Ordinary Time is a season encompassing the majority of the liturgical calendar, lasting for 33 or 34 weeks. The season is divided into two parts: one between the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Ash Wednesday, and the other between Pentecost and Advent. This division reflects the unfolding of Jesus' life and ministry, with the first part focusing on his early years and the second part on his public ministry.

The term "Ordinary Time" does not imply that these Sundays are ordinary or unimportant; rather, the word "ordinary" is derived from the Latin word "ordinalis," meaning "numbered."

Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time are days of growth and harvest -- days of hope and time to mature in one's faith. Green is the colour of ongoing life in nature: the renewal of spring grass, flowers and trees. Green signifies hope and growth, inviting us to journey deeper into the heart of our relationship with God.

Australia Day Mass times

The usual weekend Mass time will apply for the Australia Day weekend and Monday public holiday.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Ezekiel and Wilfred, we pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives

Lenten discussion group - commencing Wednesday, March 12th

Lenten Discussion Group will be held every Wednesday evening during Lent in the Marian Chapel.

There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions.

More details will be available over the coming weeks including availability of resources and books.

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, 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, Alfred Firth, Arnold Papali, Beth Kenny, Claude Jumeau, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Connie Debono-Cullen, George Steel, Jeanette Maree, Jennifer Villanova, Joyce Morris, Ronald Gonzalez, Rosa and Saverio Marotta, and all the Holy Souls.