

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)

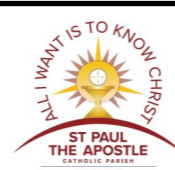
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - February

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 7th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 8th

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



Alpha is starting here in our parish this Monday 3rd February!

After it was last run here in 2015, the Alpha program will be held at St Paul's commencing on Monday, 3rd February.

Looking for a welcoming space to ask your life and faith questions? Interested in meeting other people in the parish?

Alpha 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 to attend. **Registration to attend is necessary** and can be done via this QR code,

or via this link: bit.ly/alphastpaulwinstonhills. There is no requirement to attend every session and you only need to register once.

Alpha will run every Monday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm from 3rd February through to 14th April in our Father David Scott Parish Centre.

An additional one to two day retreat as part of Alpha will be held Fri 22nd and/or Sat 23rd March and dates will be confirmed next week.

To find out more about Alpha visit: alpha.org.au/, contact the organiser Kaytee on 0421 573 259 or krichards3@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Dennis Justinic: Thursday, 6th February at 11:00am

Next Men's Ministry of St Paul gathering: Thursday, 13th February

All men aged 18 and over are invited our next gathering. The group gathers on the second Thursday of each month and there is no requirement to attend every session. Evening starts with Adoration (6:00pm), Mass (7:00pm) then gather at the Parish Centre (8:00pm).

More details next week. To find out more please contact the Parish office on 9639 6516 or email mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Parish Prayer Ministry (note change of date to 14th February)

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 note for February only it will be held on the 14th (instead of 13th) as it clashes with the Thursday Mass and Men's Ministry.

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!**

Youth Faith In Action Team (FIAT) Ministry gathering: Sunday, 16th February

The FIAT is for those aged 18 to 30 and meet on a regular basis for faith formation and fellowship. Commences with 5:00pm Mass.

A special talk and discussion will be held after Mass with the **topic of discussion: Pinocchio and The Life of Virtue....**

The association of children and fairytales is an accident of modern society. Fairytales have in the modern world been relegated to the "nursery," as old-fashioned furniture is relegated to the play-room, because the adults do not want it, and do not mind if it is misused.

The value of fairytales is not, in my opinion, to be found by considering children in particular. The contents of fairytales are disordered, and often battered, a jumble of different purposes, and tastes; but among them may occasionally be found a thing of permanent virtue: an old work of art, not too much damaged, that only stupidity would ever have stuffed away.' - J.R.R. Tolkien (2012)

"Tales from the Perilous Realm". Join us on February 16th to discover how the story of Pinocchio calls us to a life of virtue.

You are invited! Women's Ministry of St Paul's launch: Saturday, 22nd February

You are invited to attend the launch of our Women's Ministry of St Paul's at the Father David Scott Parish Centre after the 5:00pm Mass.

Our parish is excited to share this wonderful opportunity and we encourage as many of you to be in attendance for this important launch.

Open to women aged 18 and over. Please refer to the flyer as you leave Mass, contact Hala 0411 865 649 or Parish office 9639 6516.

You are invited! Faith Seeking Understanding (first for 2025): Thursday, 27th February

Saint Anselm, a great thinker in Church history, quoted "fides quarens 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 Peter Holmes: "A practical guide to celebrating the Jubilee Year"

Please join us for this special evening which commences at 7:30pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre after the 7:00pm Mass.

Doctor Peter Holmes has lectured in Scripture, Theology and biblical languages and podcast presenter on thiscatholiclife.com.au

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.

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.

Holy Father's monthly intentions for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Moments of Mercy

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. *Diary 1397*

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

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

Hearing Loop

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

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Hail Holy Queen: Article from September 1998

The following is a copy of an article by the late Father David Scott who was the first parish priest here at St Paul the Apostle, exactly 55 years ago this week.

During the Second Vatican Council the Bishops decided the Mass would be more meaningful if celebrated in the vernacular, that is, the language of a particular country. Various changes were made by the liturgists to the prayers, and the celebrant changed his position from praying with his back to the people to facing the congregation and inviting them to join more fully in the sacrifice, not only of the cross, but also the last meal of Christ with his disciples, the Last Supper. A number of prayers were omitted and others given their rightful place in the Mass. For example, the prayers that the priest originally said as preparation in the sacristy, had become included in the Mass itself; the prayers at the foot of the altar, including a psalm and the Confiteor - "I confess". The celebrant would then ascend the three steps and say the "Introit" (literally "he comes in"). Now we recite, or sing, the "Introit" or Entrance Song as the priest approaches the altar.

He then begins Mass by greeting the people and inviting them to confess with him their faults as a beginning. A recessional hymn is very often sung at the end of Mass as the priest leaves the altar. What was omitted at the conclusion of Mass were the last gospel of St John as being an addendum and numerous prayers which were said in English, prayers for the conversion of Russia prescribed by Pope Pius XI in 1934. These included the 'Hail Holy Queen', known in Latin as the 'Salve Regina'.

This is the prayer we say at the end of the Rosary. It is a prayer the members of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans, recited around the deathbed of a member of their community. It is sung by the priests at the funeral of a brother priest as they gather around at the hearse and commend his soul to God, through the gentle hands of his mother in Christ, the Virgin Mary.

This prayer was adopted by our parish as a recessional hymn after each Mass when there is no other hymn. It has been said for twenty eight years, simply on its own, no other versicle or response, 'Pray for us' etc. So it is not an attempt to reintroduce the prayers, 'trimmins', which were deleted in the changeover of the late sixties, (and the liturgists were consulted in that regard). It is said as a devotion to Mary and is often recited at the graveside of a parishioner after a decade of the rosary with a similar mind as that of the priests at their brother's funeral.

Here is the prayer: **Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, loving, O sweet virgin Mary."**

May God bless you all and your families.

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, Bailey, Cathie Christie, David, Dominic Abate, Edgar Cruz, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Krishna Premadas, Lorenzo Agostino, 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.

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

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Brother Brendan Maguire, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Colleen Joseph, Everett Harrison, Fouad and Olga Matta, George Steel, Judith Rooney, Marie Cunningham, Michael Fernandes, Roland Gonzalez, recently deceased Dennis Justinic.