

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*)

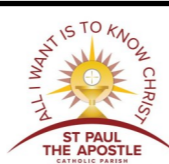
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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



Alpha is happening here in our parish! Come along and join us

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, 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 shortly.

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

Next Men's Ministry of St Paul (MMSP) gathering: this Thursday, 13th February

This years focus for the MMSP will be that of Morality and what God commands of us. What better way to get to the heart of the topic than the 10 commandments. This month's focus is the first commandment: "Thou shall have no other Gods before me!".

The cynic may think of the Commandments as a list of don'ts, but truly they are a list of protections that others also cannot do against you.

All men aged 18 and over are welcome. The group gathers on the second Thursday of each month and there is no requirement to attend every session. Evening starts with Adoration (6pm), Mass (7pm) followed by our talk and gathering at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm)

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

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF): note change of date to this Friday, 14th February

This Months topic: **The Apparition at Tuy (1929)**. Our Blessed Lady, keeping Her promise, returned to ask the world for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, together with a vision of the Most Holy Trinity, displaying a message with the words "Grace and Mercy".

The intention is to meet once a month for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima.

Please note for February 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!**

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Liam, Kyra and Nix, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Youth Faith In Action Team (FIAT) Ministry gathering: next 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.

After all masses this weekend and next, members of the ministry will be available outside church to answer any questions you may have.

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

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 a podcast presenter.

Lenten program and discussion group: commencing Wednesday, March 12th

Discussion groups will be held every Wednesday evening during Lent in the Marian Chapel. The theme for our program is *Metanoia*.

There is no need to register your attendance and everyone is invited to attend any or all of these sessions. *Metanoia* is rich with insights that inspire and challenge us to live the true meaning of Lent and offers the tools to rediscover hope, mercy, and the life-giving power of God's grace. Booklets will be provided free of charge and to place your order, add your details on the list as you enter the Church.

You are invited: Lenten discussion group - Friday mornings during Lent

During Lent, the Christ's Catholic Community will focus on Lenten prayers and reflection instead of their usual prayers and discussions. They gather in the Conference Room of the Parish Centre every Friday morning at 10:00am. Enquiries Pauline Camilleri 0407 417 039.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

10th Saint Scholastica | 11th Our Lady of Lourdes | 14th Saints Cyril and Methodius

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Tuesday, 11th February 11:00am

Includes Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All welcome, including those who are sick, who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. St Patrick's Church, Allawah Street Blacktown.

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: Wednesday 12th, 19th and 26th February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12th, 19th and 26th February. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. RSVP via parracatholic.org/faithlife or email met@parracatholic.org

Moments of Mercy

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (*Diary 965*)

Prayer for Vocations

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

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).

News and Information

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

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Urgent need: Special Religious Education Teachers (Catechists)

As you may be aware, several of our parishioners, on a weekly and voluntary basis visit several of our local State schools in their role as Special Religious Education Teachers (SRE) or Catechists.

Catechists are critical as they spread the joy of the Gospel to children who otherwise may not get a chance to hear it. The emphasis is to show the children that God loves them unconditionally, to develop a relationship with God and to feel welcomed and valued members of the Church community.

The role of Catechists is both crucial and sacred. Not only are they sowers of seeds who respond to the call of Jesus, they bring the light of Christ into this world and do so with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

The need for scripture teachers in public schools continues to increase dramatically, with more students than we have Catechists to teach. In a world filled with distractions and challenges, the need for strong, compassionate, and dedicated catechists is more significant than ever.

For an increasing number of children in State schools, Catechists are their only contact with the Church and unfortunately we have continue to experience a reduction in the numbers of Catechists within our parish.

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining this ministry and extend a heartfelt invitation to all faithful hearts within our parish to consider answering the call to become Catechists. You will contribute to the spiritual growth and formation of our parish youth and make a lasting impact on their lives. The rewards of being a Catechist extend far beyond the classroom. It is a journey of personal growth and deepening one's own understanding of the Catholic faith and your faith too will grow.

Catechists need to be prayerful, live a Christ-centred life, be passionate about sharing their faith and enjoy being with children. In terms of commitment, they only need to give up about one hour a week, being 30 minutes to prepare the lesson and 30 minutes of class time.

You do not have to be a trained teacher just have a generous heart, a willingness to share your faith and the Gospel of Christ with children and a sense of humour. Catechists come from all walks of life, retired or working, the young and the young at heart. Interestingly, the role of Catechist is becoming increasing popular with tertiary and university students. All relevant training and resources to support Catechists are provided, ensuring they feel confident and prepared to guide our youth on their faith journey, and have the generous support of our Catechist team. You will be placed with an experienced SRE when first starting out. As you may also appreciate there are some requirements needed beforehand such as current Working With Children.

We continue to be grateful for the dedication, sacrifice and passion of all our Catechists, which they perform on a purely voluntary basis. To know more about this ministry or even to chat with one of our Catechists, please contact me on 0409 744 565 or mel.ellis@me.com, or have a chat with one of our priests.

Melissa Ellis, Parish Catechist SRE Coordinator

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, 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, Mark Lopez, 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, Ang Chit, Beth Kenny, Casamira Ang, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Fouad and Olga Matta, George Steel, Ivan and Dennis Justinic, Jackie Bazouni, Raymond Isaac, Roland Gonzalez, Tom Dennis and the recently deceased Domenico Abate.