

# 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*)

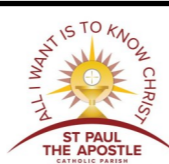
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

**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



## 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> April in our Father David Scott Parish Centre.

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

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

## Youth Faith In Action Team (FIAT) Ministry gathering: Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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....**

## You are invited! Women's Ministry of St Paul's launch: Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ash Wednesday Masses: March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm.

Includes distribution of Ashes. Wearing of ashes on the head and symbolise the dust from which God made us and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Penance, reflection, and fasting prepares us for Christ's Resurrection, through which we attain redemption.

## 2SM Filipino Mass: 9<sup>th</sup> March - change of time

Mass will instead be held (in English) at 7:00pm to celebrate the Novena to St Joseph. Mass will still be here at St Paul the Apostle.

## Lenten program and discussion group: commencing Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

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 and to place your order, add your details on the list as you enter Church by 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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.

## Save the date: 'The Seven Last Words of Christ From The Cross' on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Presented by Charbel Raish (Parousia Media). Main talk from 2:00pm-4:00pm, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and 5pm Vigil Mass.

## Invitation to attend: Children's Catechesis

Catechesis for children has been held in our parish since July of last year and includes the teaching of scripture, liturgical seasons, feast days and the Catholic faith in a fun and engaging way. Classes are held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre on Mondays (noting they were previously held on Wednesdays) during school terms from 4:10pm to 5:00pm. All primary school aged children (aged 4-12) are invited to attend. To register interest or to find out more, please email [philomenamid@gmail.com](mailto:philomenamid@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

17<sup>th</sup> The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order | 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Peter Damian | 22<sup>nd</sup> The Chair of Saint Peter

## St Paul the Apostle Primary School: Kindergarten Enrolments for 2026 and Open Day

Enrolment packages can be collected from the School Office only between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm. An Open Day will also be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March where parents will be able to view firsthand, learning spaces in action and have a tour of the school.

Session times are one hour each at 9:30am or 2:00pm. Open Day registration: [info.parra.catholic.edu.au/open-day/stpawinstonhills](http://info.parra.catholic.edu.au/open-day/stpawinstonhills)

## LIFTED Launch: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

Join us 6:45pm to 9:30pm at West HQ, Rooty Hill as we reveal events including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. Register at [parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/)

## Natural Fertility Instruction Sessions

The Mission Enhancement Team are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and the best time to reach your family goals.

Sessions include Sympto-Thermal Method: 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:15pm, and Billings Ovulation Method: 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm

To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## Mount Schoenstatt Women's Retreat 'Grace & Silence 2025'

For single women aged 20-35 discerning their vocation. The next retreat days take place on Saturdays: 8 March, 12 April, and 10 May, 9:30am to 4:30pm, at "Bethany," 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Attendance on all days is highly recommended. Cost is \$25 per day, including lunch. Spaces are limited, and registration is essential. For more information or to register, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

## Moments of Mercy

Everything that exists is enclosed in the bowels of My mercy, more deeply than an infant in its mother's womb. How painfully distrust of My goodness wounds Me! Sins of distrust wound Me most painfully. (*Diary 1076*)

## Prayer for Vocations

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

## 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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## Faith into action! Philippines mission blessings and gratitude

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings with the love and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven, he entrusted a great mission to his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age" (*Mt 28:19-20*). Since the beginning of the Church, her members have been fulfilling this mandate of her founder to spread his Good News to all the nations.

Last January 20 to February 4, I accompanied 11 young adults from our parish and from other parishes for a mission trip to the Philippines. We visited two main cities—Cebu and Manila. We also visited my hometown, Santa Fe, located in the northern part of Cebu. During this pilgrimage, one of the things that the young people were hoping to achieve is to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that with the grace of God, they have achieved this through an encounter with all the people during this mission trip and through each other.

We visited sacred places relevant to the Catholic faith of the Filipinos but above all, we had an opportunity to visit the places where our poor brothers and sisters live. We were immersed to the reality of the struggles of the people. We also witnessed and were amazed by the missionary works of priests, nuns, and lay people in serving the poor and evangelising the children and the youth who are not just the future but the now of the Church. This mission trip has surely brought a great impact in their lives which they can treasure as they continue in their journey of faith and fulfilling their mission and vocation that God is calling them to live.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to these young people and their families for the opportunity to journey with them as they generously, lovingly, and courageously joined this mission trip—away from their home and comfort zone—to put their faith into action. My gratitude also to all of you, parishioners of St Paul, for your support through prayers and financial support in making the mission trip successful.

I am hoping and praying that all of us will continue to fulfil our vocation and mission from Jesus Christ wherever we are.

St Paul the Apostle, pray for us.

Father John Paul

## 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, 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 McLoughlin, 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, Most reverend Bishop Arnold Orowae, Andrew Allen Pitai, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Doug Irwin, Jenny Lucas, Sir Julius Chan, George Steel, Roland Gonzalez, Alda Furtado, Sarkis and Tamina Matta.