

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*)

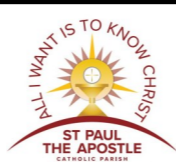
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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

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.

Father Sebastian is moving on to Greystanes

Our parish extends it's appreciation for the generous support and assistance by Father Sebastian since arriving here from overseas.

Over the next few days, Father Sebastian will be relocating to his Greystanes parish and please continue to pray for him in his service.

You are invited! Women's Ministry of St Paul's

Our parish is excited to share this wonderful opportunity and invite and strongly encourage as many women as possible to be involved.

The group is open to women aged 18 and over. For more information please contact Hala 0411 865 649 or the Parish office 9639 6516.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 26th February

A social group where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. The next get together is Wednesday, 26th February. Want to find out more? Please phone Anne on 0417 043 605

You are invited! Faith Seeking Understanding (first for 2025): this 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.

Ash Wednesday Masses: March 5th 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.

Feast of Saint Joseph in March - Novena and Mass times (including here at St Paul's)

The Filipino Chaplaincy invite you to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph, A Pilgrim of Hope Novena. There will be novena masses held across the Diocese and please join us here at St Paul's on Sunday, 9th March at 7:00pm for a special novena mass. The Feast Day Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Blacktown at 10:30am on Saturday, 15th March, followed by lunch and entertainment.

For those attending 2SM Filipino Mass, on Sunday, 9th March, please note for March only it will instead be held (in English) at 7:00pm.

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 and to place your order, add your details on the list as you enter Church by 24th 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, 29th March

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

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Harvey and Rhylee, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

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 and includes Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima, Salamanca, Alba de Tormes, Avila, Segovia, Caleruega, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes with optional Rome Jubilee extension. Visit: www.harvestjourneys.com/tours/, contact Tom Lara 0417 430 949 or Father John Paul.

Young Adult Faith Formation on St Therese of Lisieux: Sunday, 2nd March

Simon Carrington will talk and lead discussion on St Therese of Lisieux. Adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt at 7:00pm. Questions call Mark 0477 004 678.

FaithLIFE Lenten Scripture night by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ: Monday, 3rd March

Are you looking to read the Bible during Lent? Free Lenten Scripture Night from 6:30pm - 8:30pm Mary Queen of the Family parish, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. RSVP parracatholic.org/events/lenten-scripture-night/ or email met@parracatholic.org

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend Discernment Retreat: 14th - 16th March

Wondering what God has in store for you? Single women aged 16-35 are invited to join and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and help discern your vocation. RSVP mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com or call 0402 602 520.

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... the Jubilee of Deacons

'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope' reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35) are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025.

Includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul and to Rome for the celebration. Visti: parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

Moments of Mercy

O living Host, my one and only strength, fountain of love and mercy, embrace the whole world, fortify faint souls. Oh, blessed be the instant and the moment when Jesus left us His most merciful Heart! (*Diary, 223*)

Prayer for Vocations

"The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

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).

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

Invitation to join Our Sacramental Team

Welcoming and Supporting Young Families in Their Faith Journey

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get more connected and involved in parish life? We invite you to be part of a team dedicated to welcoming and supporting young families as they journey through the sacramental programs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships, accompany families in their faith, and inspire the next generation to encounter the perfect presence of God through the sacraments. We are looking to expand our amazing team of volunteers, to join this dedicated and committed group who have a heart for hospitality and discipleship. Together we can continue to build on and help create a welcoming environment while also encouraging families to deepen their understanding of the faith.

A planning and training session (date yet to be decided) will be held for all interested volunteers.

If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact the parish office to express your interest and receive further details. We look forward to growing together in faith and community!

Luke Hackett

Pastoral Associate, Great Expectation Ministry

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Why should I attend?

The Eucharist is the source of life for the Church. Eucharistic Adoration a pious custom in the Church since time immemorial. We adore God when we worship Him in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and being there in Adoration is a powerful and personal time to be in His presence. Our lives are filled with distractions and Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to be in silence with our Lord, to spend time with Him and where one can find deep, true joy. The Eucharist is also a call for thanksgiving, so what better way to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done in our lives and those of our loved ones!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." - Saint Pope John Paul II

Please come along to the next 24 Hour Eucharist Adoration on 7th and 8th March

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 McLoughlin, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Sally Georges, Sam Papallo, Sarah Sheehan, 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, Bishop Bede Heather, Deacon Rodrigo (Rudy) Rupac, Arnold Morris, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Christine Garamy, George Steel, John Shepherd, Joseph Lucas, Roland Gonzalez, Rosa Marotta, Nametalla and Sanira ElKhoury, Demi Francke.