

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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## Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

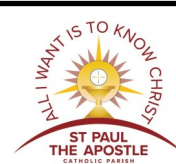
## Weekday Mass times

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

**Baptisms:** First and Third Sunday of each month  
*Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)*



## Catholics to unite for annual Day of the Unborn Child

The following is an edited extract from The Catholic Weekly on 11<sup>th</sup> March  
(source: <https://catholicweekly.com.au/catholics-to-unite-for-annual-day-of-the-unborn-child/>)

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, thousands will gather at St Mary's Cathedral for the (25th) annual Day of the Unborn Child, a powerful demonstration of faith and solidarity in defence of society's most vulnerable members. The day will commence with Mass at 10.30am, followed by the Angelus and procession through the city. Leading the procession will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, accompanied by Cardinal Mykol Bychok.

This year's Day of the Unborn Child holds special significance, coinciding with an anticipated parliamentary debate on abortion laws. The legislation under discussion, would empower the NSW Health Minister to mandate Catholic and other faith-based hospitals to provide abortions and require doctors who object on moral grounds to refer women to abortion services.

"It is crucial for us to come together annually to pray for an end to abortion," said Monica Doumit from the Archdiocese of Sydney. "This year's gathering is particularly significant as we not only pray for the defeat of this bill but also demonstrate to our politicians that we stand firmly for life." Paul Hanrahan (Family Life International) stated "There is no greater threat to humanity. In the past 50 years, more than three billion unborn children have been lost to abortion. This unprecedented tragedy demands our attention and action." Hanrahan also highlighted alarming aspects of the proposed legislation. "They want to compel doctors, nurses, and healthcare providers to act against their conscience," he said. "Catholic hospitals may be forced to participate in abortions or face closure, akin to what we saw in Canberra. The scope of who can perform abortions would expand to include midwives, nurses, pharmacists, and other health practitioners."

The Day of the Unborn Child originated in Argentina in 1998 when President Carlos Menem declared 25<sup>th</sup> March as the Day of the Unborn Child, aligning it with the Catholic feast of the Annunciation.

This concept gained traction globally and was later endorsed by Pope John Paul II.

Luke Rifkin (Servants of Mary, Help of Christians) described the day as a "collective crusade." Unlike secular protests, the Day of the Unborn Child is a "prayerful procession led by the Blessed Virgin," said Hanrahan. "Without divine intervention, we cannot win this battle. We must entrust this cause to God and unite in prayer."

The Mass and procession for the Unborn Child serves as a poignant reminder of the Catholic Church's unwavering commitment to protecting the sanctity of life from conception. It provides participants with an opportunity to unite in their faith and publicly bear witness to their convictions.

## Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419.

## 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, 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, 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, Friar Fabian Atkins, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, George Steel, Hilaria Estacio, Letitia Revilla, Marilou Cecilia, Roland Gonzalez, Vito Colosimo, Mervyn Davies, Nametallah and Sanira El Khoury, Patrick and Ellen Reen & Ronald Benson.

## Moments of Mercy

For the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord, open our hearts to hear your call and grant us the grace to respond generously to your service.

## 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

## Women's Ministry St Paul's

Third 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/](http://www.parracatholic.org/)  
[www.catholicoutlook.org/](http://www.catholicoutlook.org/)  
[www.catholicweekly.com.au/](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/)

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## Lenten program and discussion groups

There is no need to register and everyone is invited to attend any or all sessions.

- Held every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm during Lent in the Marian Chapel
- Christ's Catholic Community every Friday morning at 10:00am in the Parish Centre Conference Room.

## Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm every Friday evening (followed by Reconciliation until 8:30pm)

This Lenten season, come and share the sacred journey of the Stations of the Cross. It is a powerful time of reflection and prayer, as we follow Christ's path to Calvary and meditate on His love and sacrifice. Whether you've participated before or are new to this devotion, the Stations offer a meaningful way to grow closer to God during Lent. Join us every Friday at 7:00pm as we gather in prayer, remembering Christ's suffering and embracing His mercy. All are welcome and we encourage you to please bring along your family.

## This Saturday: Lenten Reflection Afternoon - 'The Seven Last Words of Christ From The Cross'

Charbel Raish, Director of Parousia Media will be leading a Lenten Reflection here in our parish as part of our Lenten journey. The afternoon will commence at 2:00pm with Charbel presenting a session titled "The Seven Last Words of Christ From The Cross". Eucharistic Adoration will follow starting at 4:00pm and will be followed by the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Please note that Reconciliation will still be held that afternoon from 4:00pm to 4:45pm during Eucharistic Adoration. We encourage as many parishioners to attend.

## Registration for Sacrament of First Holy Communion: opens Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March

Online registration ([via our website](#)) for this Sacrament opens 9:00am and closes Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

To find out more please submit your enquiry online via our website: [stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus](https://stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus)

Please also note that children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To August, Peyton and Thomas, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services - all masses next weekend

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation.

There will be a third collection after Communion at all masses next weekend or feel free to donate online at any time.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) . Thank you.

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

Enrolment packages can be collected from the School Office only between the hours of 8:00am and 3:30pm.

Applications close this Saturday, 29th March. To find out more visit: [info.parra.catholic.edu.au/expression-of-interest/stpawinstonhills](http://info.parra.catholic.edu.au/expression-of-interest/stpawinstonhills)

## Come along and join us Monday nights for ALPHA!

Alpha is a space where people can explore life, Christian faith and meaning, ask questions, and share their point of view.

All welcome to attend and is free. **Registration to attend is necessary** and be done via this link: [bit.ly/alphastpaulwinstonhills](http://bit.ly/alphastpaulwinstonhills) .

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. Visit: [alpha.org.au/](http://alpha.org.au/)

## Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Your generous support will provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, water shortages, while building resilience. You'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the vulnerable.

## Feast of the Annunciation: Tuesday, 25th March

Commemorates the announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of a truly "unique" child, a celebration of the Incarnation, that Mary will bear the child-God in her womb while remaining a virgin. In her absolute trust in God, Mary accepts the divine plan (*Luke 1:38*). Believing in Mary's virginity is an act of faith, just as Mary's first characteristic is her faith as she entrusted herself to God, certain that nothing is impossible for Him. Early Christians set 25<sup>th</sup> March as the conception, linked to the choice of 25<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas.

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March

A social group for the young at heart. Share a laugh and a cuppa from 10am - 12pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre.

## Next 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

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.

## 2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... 24 Hours for the Lord

The "24 Hours for the Lord" was introduced by Pope Francis in 2014 and has been held every year since. It is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation. It is celebrated on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Its intention is to put the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church.

## Nominations open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards

These awards recognise individuals and groups—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

## St. Michael's Church Baulkham Hills: Restoration and Reconsecration fundraising project

The original Church was built in the 1840's together with a small, beautiful sandstone Chapel. As the parish grew and the new church was built to accommodate the larger community, the old chapel fell into disrepair . In an effort to conserve the church's rich legacy as well as rebuild and restore it as a place of worship, solidarity, community, and more, the church will be reconsecrated in devotion to Our Lady of Ephesus, Queen Assumed into Heaven, Mother Mary. The goal is \$1.5 million and all parishes across the Diocese have been asked to share news of this project for prayers and support. Visit: <https://oldchurchfundraising.parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au/>