

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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Assistant Priest: Father Abraham Kunnatholy

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Weekend Mass times

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

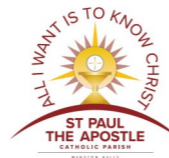
Weekday Mass times

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](#)



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - April

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 4th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 5th

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



It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- **Please note for April there will be no 6:00pm Evening Prayer/Vespers or 6.00pm Reconciliation**

Lenten program and discussion groups

- 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.

Lent and Easter programme 2025 - important information

A sheet is available from the front table to take home, providing a detailed breakdown of all liturgical services during Lent and for Easter.

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

Come and share this sacred journey, a powerful time of reflection and prayer. Join us every Friday at 7:00pm and all are welcome.

Special children's Station of the Cross: Friday, April 11th

On Friday evening of April 11th, the 7:00pm Stations will focus on the young children of our parish. We will be using an animated based presentation from the Brother Francis series. We encourage as many children of all ages and families to attend.

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Why is there an absence of flowers during Lent? According to The General Instruction Of The Roman Missal, during Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers, with the exception of Solemnities and Feasts and Laetare Sunday. On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The Celebrant may choose to wear rose coloured vestments, as this change in colour symbolises the joy that awaits us at Easter. Pope Innocent III explained that this special Sunday provided "a measure of consoling relaxation... so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

Are you interested in driving a parishioner to Church?

A female parishioner living in Seven Hills is in need of a lift to Mass. It does not have to be every day and when you are available. There is no expectation it will be an ongoing commitment especially if circumstances change. Please contact the office to find out more.

Come along and join us Monday nights for ALPHA!

Explore life, Christian faith, ask questions, and share points of view. All welcome and free to attend. Every Monday 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Registration is necessary: bit.ly/alphastpaulwinstonhills. Held in our Father David Scott Parish Centre and through to 14th April.

Mens sana in corpore sano (a healthy mind in a healthy body)

"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow".

This saying by Saint Augustine is indeed important especially as we can include exercise like dancing in our daily life.

Please come along for an evening of social dancing. Come as often as you like and there is no need to come every week.

Contact Lilian Roque 0409 883 292. Sessions are held every Tuesday 7:30pm in the Father David Scott Parish Centre.

2025 Jubilee Year: this weeks focus is on ... Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

Recognises those who work to spread mercy throughout the world. For the Church, may she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. For priests, who are a conduit to the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Penance, that they may continue to reflect the Lord's boundless mercy and loving tenderness.

Diocesan Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage Information Session: Wednesday, 9th April

Learn more about this life-changing journey! The night will include travel details, costs, and spiritual preparation and opportunity to ask questions. Venue: Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Enquiries: met@parracatholic.org

CYP Annual Good Friday Night Walk: 18th April

Hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta's youth ministry office, the Good Friday Night Walk is an annual pilgrimage attended by hundreds of young people across the Diocese. Pilgrims travel from St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, throughout the night of Good Friday and into Holy Saturday. Visit: parracatholic.org/events/gfnw/

Safeguarding face-to-face Training Opportunities: Saturday, 3rd May

Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held at Holy Family Church, 252 Luxford Rd, Emerton for Cycle 2 (Modules 4 and 5). Register at: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. For more details: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: Tuesday, 13th May

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place 7:30pm on Tuesday, 13th May at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/

Moments of Mercy

Your greatest sacrifices do not please Me if you practice them without the confessor's permission. (*Diary 639*)

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, open our hearts to hear your call and grant us the grace to respond with generosity and courage, that we may serve you faithfully in whatever vocation you have for us.

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).

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Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal - all masses this weekend

In this Holy Year of Jubilee in our Catholic Church, Pope Francis invites us all to let "the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all!" The Holy Father's call is particularly important to those living on the margins in difficult places. In our prisons and hospitals, feelings of frailty, loneliness, and social isolation abound. Our social welfare agency, Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, offers chaplaincy services in these places of brokenness and suffering to provide spiritual and emotional support and share the healing power of God. With Christian companionship and love, may we each be signs of hope for our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

A Catholic Care chaplain at Parklea Correctional Centre is not your typical line of work. It's a ministry of profound human encounter with the compassionate face of Jesus, bringing healing and hope to isolated people experiencing pain and suffering in hospitals and prisons. They need your compassionate support.

At Westmead Children's Hospital, Catholic Care's hospital chaplain describes his ministry as a mission. "A lot of people ask me, 'What do you do for your job?' And I reply, 'I don't have a job. I have a mission'."

"I'm an instrument of God in this place. Everything I do here is what He does through me." His mission has brought him face-to-face with a range of raw emotions, including grief. In the face of emergencies, serious accidents and illnesses and death, he provides emotional and spiritual support in his presence.

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 this weekend or feel free to donate online at any time. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

Your gift brings comfort, faith, and hope where it is needed most.

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." - Romans 5:5

Important Clergy Update for our parish

A number of clergy appointments across the Diocese have been announced during the week and include:

- **Reverend Abraham Kunnatholy CMI** appointed Parish Priest of Cranebrook for six years in May 2025.
 - **Reverend Jobi Payyappilly MS** appointed Assistant Priest in the Parish of Winston Hills in May 2025.
- Congratulations to both Fathers Abraham and Jobi and more details will become available in the coming weeks.

Registration for Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Online registration ([via our website](#)) is open and closes Monday, 7th April.

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or 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 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, Ana and Joseph Grdinic, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Claude Deluchi, Fouad and Olga Matta, George Steel, Iranie Perumal, Jonenal Buot Snr, Katherine Modini, Leony Villarba, Marilou Cecilia, Patrocino Villarba, Roland Gonzalez, Sebastian Trovato, Theodore Buot, Vito Colosimo.