

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escarlan
Assistant Priest: Father Abraham Kunnatholy

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Weekend Mass times

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

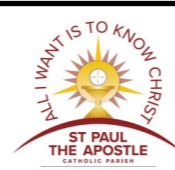
Weekday Mass times

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](#)



Palm Sunday - next weekend

- Palms will be blessed at all Masses next weekend.
- The ceremony of the Procession of Palms will start 9:30am sharp if the weather is suitable. Please assemble outside the Parish Centre from where the procession will commence.
- When parking for the 9:30am Mass, we kindly ask where it is possible to consider parking outside, or in the school car park, in order to allow others especially those less able bodied or those with babies, etc. to park closer to the Church.
- If attending the 9:30am Mass allow extra time beforehand for parking (and be cautious) as the congregation will be within the carpark.

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Lorenzo Agostino: Thursday, 10th April 11:00am

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.

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Our parish is intending to prepare and train interested children to join our Altar Server Ministry to commence in July. Children must have already received the Sacrament of Holy Communion (by July) and attend Mass regularly. All details will be available next week.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 9th April

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

"How to prepare for Holy Week" - Men's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday 10th April

The focus on this month's gathering is centred around Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Starting with Adoration (6pm) and Mass (7pm) followed by our talk and gathering at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm).

All men welcome. To find out more contact the office on 9639 6516 or mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com or QR code:



World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) - Sunday, 13th April at 7:00pm

Please come along! The group meets once a month for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima.

Topic for this month: *The intersession of Our Lady in our lives*. Contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Veiling Crosses and Statues prior to Holy Week

In general terms, crosses are removed or veiled if possible, so that the focus of the Adoration of the Holy Cross at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, is the one cross which is processed and unveiled. The cross is the central symbol of Holy Week.

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 travels 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/

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services - thank you

Thank you for your kind-hearted gift and prayers to help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. This allows them to continue to offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation.

Study of Luke's Gospel with Dr Laurie Woods: Fridays 2nd - 30th May

Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Held each Friday in May 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP 30 April: ccd.training@parracatholic.org

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

Accompanying the sick is an important vocation. While each of us are called to continue Jesus's mission of love and healing in our own way, we especially recognise the unique vocation of health care workers during this Jubilee and the value of their selfless contributions.

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. We kindly request that all boxes be returned during Holy Week and Easter time. Thank you.

Come along and celebrate 'Salubong': Easter Sunday, 20th April

The Filipino Chaplaincy invites you to join the traditional Easter celebration of 'Salubong' - a commemoration of the meeting of Blessed Mother Mary and Jesus Christ after his resurrection. Commences at 4:30am here at St Paul's and followed by 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

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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

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Message from Father Abraham

Beloved Family in Christ,

On 17th April I will have completed two years of my ministry in this parish.

As mentioned last week, I will be moving in early May to Corpus Christi Parish at Cranebrook as parish priest.

I take this opportunity to pen a few words of gratitude to all of you. Winston Hills parish has been my cherished home, my sanctuary, and my joy. And the time has come for me to journey forth to another vineyard of the Lord, yet my spirit carries the fragrance of the love, faith and fellowship we have shared.

Words are feeble messengers for the depth of gratitude I hold for each of you. You have welcomed me with open arms, supported me with unwavering kindness, and walked beside me in the sacred mission of our faith. I am fully aware of my limitations, and I am very grateful to all those gentle souls who have made me aware of the areas where I must grow, especially with my accent and things of the sort. Through moments of celebration, sharing, in prayers, and hymns, we have built something precious, a bond woven by the grace of God.

To the devoted parishioners, the tireless volunteers, the wise elders, the life radiating children, and all who have been part of this blessed journey I offer my deepest thanks. Your encouragement has strengthened me, your faith has inspired me, and your love has enriched me beyond measure.

I wish to thank Rev. Father John Paul, our parish priest and Rev Father Raning, former parish priest (under whom I started my ministry here), who both deserve special thanks for their support and nurturing care which they lavished on me. The contribution of the staff members in making my life easy here also cannot be forgotten.

I am moved beyond measure by your incredible and humbling generosity, support, and beautiful harmony with which you embraced the mission appeal I proposed, for the support of the Ugandan church. Each contribution given in prayer, and in financial support has been a thread in the vibrant tapestry of our collective faith. Your dedication has nurtured the building up of the St Kizito and St Chavara church in Kalasa, Uganda. And for this I offer my sincerest thanks to all of you and praise God wholeheartedly for the same.

May we continue to walk together in the spirit of love, ever mindful of our calling to serve and to uplift one another. As I move forward to serve in a new place, I do not want to say goodbye, for ties of faith and love know distance; instead, I wish to say: remain steadfast in the lord, continue to be beacons of hope for one another, and let your light shine ever brighter. You all will have a place in my prayers and in my heart. May God bless you all.

With love and gratitude,
Father Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Registration for Sacrament of First Holy Communion is closing

Please note that all registrations (online [via our website](#)) close 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, Amanda Caputo, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Anthony Iannuzzi, Bailey, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Evelyn Rucda, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Krishna Premadas, 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, Stella Kim, 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, Dex Habito, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Ignacio Enriquez, Charlotte Dos Remedios, George Steel, Joan Athaide, John Bowman, Levi Duckworth, Marilou Cecilia, Joseph Ng Swee Teck and Audrey Ng Mei Yen, Jovenal Buot Snr, Nonila Enriquez, Roland Gonzalez, Theodore Buot, Vito Colosimo, Joan Vesper and the recently deceased Lorenzo Agostino and John Gibson.