

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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 - May

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 2nd | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 3rd

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 prayed in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - Evening Prayer/Vespers will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6:00pm - Reconciliation until 7:00pm

The late Pope Francis

During our Masses at this time, you will notice during the Eucharistic Prayer that Francis (as Pope) is no longer mentioned and only 'Vincent our Bishop'. Until a new Pope is elected, the name of the Pope is omitted and can therefore be commemorated in the departed in the Eucharistic Prayer and also in the General Intercessions.

For anyone wishing to write condolence messages, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is organising a condolence book to pass on to the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, who was appointed Nuncio by Pope Francis in 2022.

Please email your message to condolencebook@catholic.org.au. May Pope Francis rest in eternal peace.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*excerpt from the English translation of The Roman Missal © 2010*)

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Honorine Marie Rosario: Wednesday, 30th April 11:00am

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Luke, we pray that his faith will be an important and integral part of his life.

Congratulations to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Elect

At the Easter Saturday Vigil mass, and this Sunday 9:30am mass, Daniel, Sharlann and Taylor received their Sacraments of Initiation. Please pray for them; and if someone you know would like more information about becoming a Catholic, please contact the office.

A special thank you is extended to Paul Dahlberg who again this year was tireless in his efforts, mostly behind the scenes, with our liturgies and RCIA program, and also to the dedicated volunteers in our parish community who sponsored our candidates generously with their time and support and made this all possible.

Planned Giving, Weekly Envelopes and Direct Debit

To assist in reducing expenses for printing and supply of planned giving envelopes, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option before the start of the next financial year. If you are in a position to change from paper envelopes to direct debit, or wish to know more, please contact the parish office as soon as practical. Direct debits are applied on the first Thursday every month. It is important to note that although direct debit is a monthly deduction, the amount can be changed at any time during the financial year.

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Please apply using the form available on the table as you leave Mass today and contact the parish office for any enquiries.

Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Thank you for your generous support and we kindly request that any remaining boxes be returned by next weekend.

Coming up in our parish:

27th April to 7th May: Father Abraham will be on leave to Uganda

Thursday, 1st May: Father Father Jobi Payyappilly commences in our parish as assistant priest

Sunday, 11th May: Farewell morning tea for Father Abraham in the Parish Centre after the 9:30am Mass (which is his final Mass)

Save the date! Annual St Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day: Sunday, 29th June

Over the coming weeks we will be reaching out to our parishioners with updates on this special celebration in our parish. Stay tuned!

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. To nominate (closes 31st May) or for more details: parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of People with Disabilities

We remember the words of recently deceased Pope Francis in his message on the 2022 International Day of Persons with Disabilities: *Nothing, however, can detract from our certainty that no disability – temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity. The Lord loves us all with the same tender, fatherly and unconditional love.*

Let us take these words as an inspiration to look at reality with new eyes and see how the Lord is at work in our lives. All persons with disabilities are a great gift to the Church and help to inspire hope and joy in the other members of our communities. Let us also work to recognise all the faithful in the Body of Christ, especially those with disabilities who bring their unique gifts and talents to the community.

Moments of Mercy

Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners, I trust in You (*Diary 949*)

Prayer for Vocations

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times.

The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?".

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).

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

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27th

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina.

The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.

I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.

Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.

It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations and is not primarily about St. Faustina. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter.

The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Source: www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy - held every Friday

Prayed on rosary beads, the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to pray this Catholic devotion which is held every Friday at 3:30pm in our Marian Chapel. The timing is appropriate as it recalls the time of Christ's death on the cross during the "Hour of Great Mercy". In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour. To know more: thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet