

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 Jobi Payyappilly

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 [facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish)

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*)

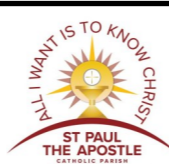
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

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](#)



Farewell Mass and Morning Tea for Father Abraham: Sunday, 11th May 9:30am

As a parish community, we farewell Father Abraham at his last mass here at St Pauls at 9:30am next Sunday. You are also all invited to attend a farewell morning tea after Mass in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. There is no need to RSVP and please come along. Father Abraham will commence his role as Parish Priest at [Corpus Christi parish](#), Cranebrook. We have been blessed and grateful for the service in the two years Father was part of our parish, and pray that God may continue to bless and guide him as he serves in his new parish. We also take this opportunity to warmly welcome Father Jobi Payyappilly who has joined our parish as Assistant Priest and we will share further information about him in next weekend's bulletin.

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 by Tuesday 6th May. 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.

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.

Remembering our Mothers who are no longer with us

At all Masses on Mothers Day next weekend, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for all those listed. You are invited to include names of those mothers no longer with us on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 7th May

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

Men's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday, 8th May

This month's focus is the third commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy". Tony Montgomery will be expanding on the meaning of what God expects of us in this commandment, especially in the current times we live. Please come along! Starting with Adoration (6pm) and Mass (7pm) followed by our talk and gathering at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm). All men aged 18 and over are welcome. To find out more contact the parish office on 9639 6516 or mensministryofstpaul@gmail.com

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

We will shortly be reaching out to our parishioners with updates and how to help make this a special celebration in our parish.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Procession: Saturday, 10th May

A procession will be held at St Mary's Cathedral after the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and process by candlelight around the Cathedral Forecourt making public witness to the power of the Rosary and the richness and beauty of our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

African Mass 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: Sunday, 18th May

African Catholics living in Dioceses of Parramatta, Broken Bay, and the Archdiocese of Sydney are invited to this Mass on Sunday, 18th May, 12:30pm for 1:00pm start, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Followed by gathering and refreshments. RSVP or info: met@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training: Saturday, 24th May

Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training Cycle 2 (Module 4-5) will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, Saturday, 24th May. Register : parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. More info: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, 11th May

Celebrated each year on 4th Sunday of Easter. The following (edited) was sent in advance in March by Holy Father Pope Francis: *Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children, the gift of life calls for a generous and faithful response. Whenever we listen to Jesus' words, our hearts burn within us and we feel the desire to consecrate our lives to God. Our world needs young people who are pilgrims of hope, who courageously devote their lives to Christ and rejoice in being his disciples and missionaries. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. Dearly beloved, the Church is alive and fruitful when she generates new vocations. Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call them. Dear young people, I entrust your efforts to follow the Lord to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of vocations. I accompany you with my blessing and I ask you, please, to pray for me.*

To find out more about vocations in our Diocese, please visit: parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/

Prayer for the conclave of cardinals

O God, eternal pastor, you who govern your people with a father's care, give your church a pontiff acceptable to you for his holiness of life and wholly consecrated to the service of your people.

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of Workers and Entrepreneurs

The Jubilee of Workers is dedicated to honouring the dignity of labour and the contributions of workers worldwide. It aims to reaffirm the Church's commitment to the rights and dignity of workers, emphasising the importance of fair wages, safe working conditions, and the integral role of work in human development. The Jubilee of Entrepreneurs recognises the important role in society that entrepreneurs play and opportunities to use the good they possess for the benefit of others, particularly those suffering from poverty.

Moments of Mercy

My daughter (to St Faustina), do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. (*Diary 1074*)

Prayer for Vocations

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

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

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.

Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30)

Hearing Loop: Set to 'T'

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

Ways to love Our Lady more throughout the Month of May

The Church sets aside the month of May in which we focus our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. Below are some ways during May, where might come to know and love our Mother in a deeper manner. When we give ourselves to her and allow her to teach and guide us, we can more effectively be her hands and feet in bringing others to Jesus.

Pray the Rosary: Our Lady of Fatima encouraged the children present to "[pray the Rosary](#)".

Pray a Marian Novena: Saint Teresa of Calcutta often prayed [the Memorare prayer](#) ten times in a row.

A Marian presence: In our home, do we see explicit signs of our love for Our Lady to help us turn to her?

Read a book about Our Lady: eg stpauls.com.au/strathfield/prayer-and-devotions/marian-devotions.html

Make a personal Act of Consecration to Our Lady: [some examples are contained here](#)

Undertake a Marian Pilgrimage: Visit places dedicated to her honour eg [Mount Schoenstatt Shrine](#) .

For those who cannot make a pilgrimage physically do so virtually for [Lourdes](#) and [Fatima](#) .

Celebrate the Marian Feast days: Visit www.roman-catholic-saints.com/marian-calendar.html

The Heroic Minute – live the example of Mary's Fiat each day The grace of the first minute each day accepted heroically and acted upon is given to Our Lady as a thanksgiving gift for her. [link](#)

Praying the Angelus: [The Angelus](#) is recited the world daily at 6am, 12pm and 6pm all over the world.

Wear the Miraculous Medal: Our Lady promised [all who wear it](#) will receive great graces.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular: Those who wear it many privileges [The Brown Scapular](#)

Study the history of the Marian Apparitions: [Link to authentic apparitions of Our Lady](#)

Set up a Home Shrine to Our Lady: As we pass by our [shrine](#), we offer words of love and affection.

Join a Marian Organisation: eg [Legion of Mary](#), [Knights of the Immaculate](#), [Blue Army of Our Lady](#),

and our own World Apostolate of Fatima parish prayer group worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: [Act of Consecration of the Family](#)

First Saturday of the Month Devotion: [Link to further information](#)

Learn and sing Marian hymns: Written to honour Our Lady in her titles and privileges eg [Salve Regina](#).

Enrol in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary: [Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary](#)

Know the history of Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia: [Mary Help of Christians](#)

Know the Marian Dogmas: catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55423/the-four-marian-dogmas

Know the Marian Champions: the Church shares with us the stories of saints, or [Marian champions](#).

Seven Sorrows and the Seven Joys of Our Lady: [Seven Sorrows](#) , [Rosary of the Seven Joys](#)

Accompany Our Lady along the Via Dolorosa: Commonly known as the Way of the Cross.

Follow along with [Blessed Virgin retraced the steps of her beloved Son by making the Way of the Cross](#)

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, Christine Coorey, David, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, 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, Mary Finianos, Maureen McLoughlun, Nick Galea, 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, Beth Kenny, Chammouni Frangi, Carmela and Felice Arena, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Joseph Anton Maria Helmut Kutin, Roland Gonzalez, Theresa Shridhar, Vince Colosimo, Vincenzo Filpi and Holy Souls in Purgatory.