

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

Emergencies or Anointing of the Sick:
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Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escarlan
Assistant Priest: Father Jobi Payyappilly

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Weekend Mass times

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

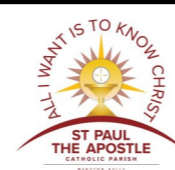
Weekday Mass times

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](#)



Mother's Day reflection from a parishioner

May is the month of our Beloved Mother Mary. We as Christians see our Lady, as an intercessor, praying for our needs, and as a model of motherhood, demonstrating compassion, care, and love. Even though Our Lady is considered a unique figure, Mary is also understood as a woman who experienced the joys and struggles of motherhood, just like any other mother.

There is nothing as powerful as a mother's unconditional love.

Motherhood, is the easiest but also the hardest job in the world. You find yourself not only known as Mum but also know as the teacher, The nurse, the shoulder to cry on, taxi driver, chef, referee, etc.

Motherhood is like a ministry, helping build strong faith. It's the foundation on which a child builds their sense of self-worth, their confidence and emotional security. A mother's love provides her children with the support they need to explore their world and develop strong relationships.

God has truly blessed me by being mother to seven beautiful children and one adorable grandson. As a mum I have been so proud being by my children's side in all that they have done and achieved.

Helping build their faith by schooling and Altar serving at St Paul's. It warmed my heart over the years each time I received a compliment of how beautiful my children are, their beautiful manners and the wonderful job Chris and I have done in raising them.

I have many proud moments to reflect upon. I thank God for each one of them and that he entrusted me with the job as a mother to care for and nurture them. Even as teenagers and adults they all still need their mother. Each one is very different but my love for all is the same.

Life has had its ups and downs, and as a mother you can lose yourself but I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world. They say you will never truly understand until you become a mother.

Happy Mother's Day to all the beautiful mothers of the world.

Kind Regards, Shirley Massoud

Happy Mothers Day with a reflection from Saint John Paul II

In the march through history, the Church has benefited from the prayer and protection of the Virgin Mary. Holy Scripture and the experience of the faithful see the Mother of God as the one who is united with the Church at the most difficult moments in her history, when attacks on the Church become most threatening. Precisely in periods when Christ, and therefore his Church, provokes premeditated contradiction, Mary appears particularly close to the Church, because for her the Church is always her beloved Christ.

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, Loui Ibrahim, 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

All deceased mothers, Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Chammouni Frangi, Claire Maya, Connie Debono-Cullen, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Fred Hanna, George Steel, John & Kevin Young, Mary Cullen, Michelina Mifsud, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Roland Gonzalez.

Moments of Mercy

The flames of mercy are burning Me -clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness (Diary 177)

Prayer for Vocations

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

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

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

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:

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

News and Information

www.parracatholic.org/
www.catholicoutlook.org/

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Welcome to Father Jobi Payyappilly

Greetings to everyone, my name is Jobi Payyappilly, a newly assigned assistant priest at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills. I belong to a religious congregation of Our Lady of La Salette, province of India. We have priests and nuns in this religious order. La Salette is a place, an incredible countryside located in the South-East region of the great Alps in France, in the diocese of Grenoble. In 1846, a weeping lady sat on a rock at La Salette hills who was seen by two shepherd children, Maximine and Melani, along with Lulu, their guarding dog. More information about Our Lady of La Salette www.catholictradition.org/Mary/salette3c.htm

I am one of six children in the family, four girls and two boys; three are married, and three are religious; two nuns and a priest. My dad passed away 30 years ago, and my mother, now turning 85, lives with my brother and his family. I joined the seminary at the age of sixteen to pursue my vocation to become a priest and was ordained on the eighth of September 2005 with the other four. I was fortunate to work in different parishes in India and was able to take on other responsibilities of the congregation before I left for Australia in 2019. I am glad to minister here alongside Fr. John Paul at Winston Hills Parish.

IMPORTANT: No Masses or Liturgies will be held Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd May

Our clergy will be in attendance at a clergy residential conference and we apologise there will be no Masses, Reconciliation or Adoration.

Mass of installation as parish priest - Father Abraham Kunnatholy: Saturday, 31st May

Everyone is welcome to attend this special event for Father Abraham at Corpus Christi Parish, 86 - 94 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm followed by refreshments. There is no need to RSVP and for more information contact 4730 1249.

Habemus Papam - We have a Pope!!

The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, has made history as the first pontiff from the United States, and taken the name Leo XIV and is now the 267th Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for our Church leaders.

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF): this Tuesday, 13th May at 7:00pm

Please come along! The group meets once a month in our Marian Chapel for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima. Topic for this month: *The first Apparition of Fatima*. Contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Women's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday, 15th May

Our next women's ministry is on this Thursday, straight after the 7:00pm mass. This month we are running a fun trivia night based on our Catholic Faith. We hope to see as many women come along and be there for a night of fun, fellowship, friendship and delicious food. Gathers on the third Thursday each month, commencing with Adoration (6pm), Mass (7pm) then assemble at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm). All women aged 18 and over welcome. Please come along and join us. Contact Hala 0411 865 649 or parish office 9639 6516.

Meet and support visiting Sisters from Belarus: this Saturday morning, 17th May (after 9:10am Mass)

Support their ministries when you purchase religious items and goods, some of which are made in the workshops of their Convent, or feel free to make a donation. Your continued support of these Sisters who regularly visit our parish enables them to undertake their work.

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

Cancer Councils Australia's Biggest Morning Tea: Friday, 30th May (11:00am - 1:00pm)

Local Mums are getting together to help host this years event to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Join in High Tea, raffles, auction and lucky door prizes. Tickets (\$40 Adult, \$10 Child) Jennean Bates on 0429 817 393 or via QR code on poster in church foyer.

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.

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Musical Ensembles and the Eastern Churches

Celebrating [Musical Ensembles](#) is to be aware of, and thankful for, those who use their musical skills to support and enhance the liturgy, and to serve in other ways. The Eastern Catholic Churches are called throughout this Holy Year to highlight their distinctive identity as part of that communion. With the present pastoral guide, the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches hopes to contribute to a fuller and more effective celebration of the Holy Year by providing information useful for both the clergy and the lay faithful.

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.

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

Held each year on 4th Sunday of Easter. To find out more about Diocesan vocations: parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/

Schoenstatt's Annual Marian Pilgrimage: Sunday, 18th May

Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate 10:30am Mass at the Shrine; including Reconciliation, Eucharistic procession, and more from 9:30am. Outdoor event so please bring chairs. Drinks & food available for purchase. Details: Sister M. Rita 0493 026 628 or schoenstatt.org.au

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday, 18th May

Commences 10:00am at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia with afternoon Mass, meditation and prayer with the monks. Morning tea provided and bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. Details: Ann atlomas@bigpond.com or 0437 340 250.

Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Recognising individuals—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? Closes 31st May: parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

Diocesan Retreat Opportunities for adults of all ages

Step away from your routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Details for May 24, August 16 and November 15 please visit and register at: parracatholic.org/connect/events/