

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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](#)

Pentecost

Along with the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of the Tabernacles, Pentecost was one of the major feasts of the Jews. During these three great Jewish festivals, every male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was legally bound to go to Jerusalem and participate in the feast. The word Pentecost literally means "Fiftieth," because the feast was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover.

Another name for the Jewish Pentecost was "The Feast of Weeks." It was originally a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first omer of barley (a Hebrew measure of about a bushel) was offered to God. At Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the harvest. Later, the Jews added the element of Yahweh's covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge, to the Feast of the Pentecost. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His Sinaitic covenant with Moses which also occurred 50 days after the beginning of the exodus from Egypt. Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost. But for the Christians it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3,000 Jews to the Christian faith. It is thus the official birthday of the Church.

“O God, help us to use your gifts to make the world a better place more filled with your presence, more in keeping with your desires, and more aligned with your will.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us now so that we can recognise the gifts you have given, more eagerly make them our own, and more willingly share them with others. Amen.”

Liturgical Ministry Courses—please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Courses will commence in September 2025 . To enrol and for more details, please contact the parish office. Registrations close 19th August but places may run out before that date.

Adult Confirmation to be held in August 2025

The Diocese will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information and enquiries, or to enrol, please contact Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday, 4th August.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Over 70 of our parish children are on their journey preparing for this Sacrament. Please pray for them, and their families. Communion masses will be celebrated at 11:00am on Sunday 15th and 22nd June.

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

Father John Paul, 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 Beck, Peter Gamble, Rosa Caccamo, Sally Georges, Sam Papallo, Sarah Sheehan, Stella Kim, Steve Pilju Ko, 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, Father Maurice West, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, Hector Alico, Hilaria Estacio, John and Kevin Young, Alma Rose Mallick, Lillian May Mallick, Paul Ford, Roland Gonzalez, Vince Colosimo, and the recently deceased Gary Balout and Amy Cahill.

Moments of Mercy

Know, My daughter, that the ardour of your heart is pleasing to Me, just as you desire ardently to become united with Me in Holy Communion, so too do I desire to give Myself wholly to you as a reward for your zeal, rest on My heart. *(Diary, 826)*

Prayer for Vocations

Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world by the story of your life.

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.

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

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).

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

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You're all invited! Annual Parish Feast Day Celebration on Sunday, 29th June

The solemnity of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (our patron saint) falls on Sunday, 29th June and our parish will again celebrate with our feast day Mass at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and for those that may attend our Masses at other times, please consider coming along. Join us after Mass for a meal and activities in our school grounds as we gather and celebrate as a parish community.

We do however need your help!

We are expecting quite a large turnout on the day and cannot make this happen without your help. There are many ways and areas where you can volunteer your efforts and please consider how you may be able to assist this celebration in the following areas:

- ♦ **Catering** – we encourage where possible (and of course deeply grateful) if you could consider bringing a plate. Please find lists on the table as you enter the church to note your intentions (so we get an idea of overall catering requirements).
- ♦ **Helpers on the day** – to assist in any way on the day (set up, cleaning, serving food, BBQing, packing up, etc). Please find lists on the table as you enter the church to record your name and any area where you would like to assist.
- ♦ **Transport** – please reach out to those who may not have transport and consider offering them a lift.

As you may appreciate planning and preparation is important and why we are approaching for help with only a few weeks remaining. If you want to know more, or there are other ways you would like to support and assist, please contact the parish office. **THANK YOU!**

Men's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday, 12th June

This month's focus is the fourth commandment: **"Honour thy father and mother".**

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

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF): this Friday, 13th June 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 Second Apparition of Fatima*. Contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation: opens Monday, 16th June

Registrations will open on Monday, 16th June and only online via our website. To be eligible, your child must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and must be in Year 5 or above in 2025. A copy of the sponsors Confirmation Certificate is a mandatory requirement for registration of your child and please use this time to organise in advance.

Special Healing Mass here at St Paul's: Wednesday 25th June, 6:30pm

Father Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will be celebrating a special Healing Mass. Father has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the intervention of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. Please bring family and friends. All are welcome to be healed by this renowned minister of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and healing.

Important Planned Giving update and requesting receipts for all collections

- Receipts will only be provided upon request to the parish office as they are not automatically generated.
- Requests for receipts for Planned Giving, or for any collection, must be submitted by Monday June 16th.
- Planned Giving envelopes will be available in the Church foyer June 14th and throw away any leftover 2024/25 envelopes in July.
- Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Servant Communities (Sydney) - Revival “Life In The Spirit Conference”: Saturday, 21st June

Theme: Rekindling the fire of our Catholic Charismatic Gifts. Speaker Very Rev. Joel S. Aquino, (Servant General [PACEM Missionaries](#))

When: Saturday, 21st June 9:00am - 4:00pm and Sunday, 22nd June 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: St. George Preca Centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Contacts: Rosalin Polinar 0430 146 442, Joe Ramirez 0425 272 850, Robert Abao 0430 714 258 & friends.

Pre-registration is essential and free admission. Food and drinks are provided. Come along with family and friends. PACEM (Pastoral Assistance Community Education Mission) is a Philippines based Roman Catholic Clerical Society of Apostolic Life of the Diocesan Right.

Senior's Christmas in July: Saturday, 19th July

This special event will take place in the Father David Scott Parish Centre from 10:00am until 11:00am. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. This is a free event and RSVP (by 10th July) is required for catering purposes to Hala 0411 865 649. This is an initiative of members of our Women's Ministry and we are grateful for their efforts in making this event possible.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

8th Pentecost | 9th Mary, Mother of the Church | 11th Saint Barnabas | 13th Saint Anthony of Padua | 15th The Most Holy Trinity

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ...

[Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities](#) invites these members to participate in a celebration of their shared mission, and continue to bear much fruit for the Church and the world, responding to the challenges of our times.

[Jubilee of the Holy See](#): though this celebration in Rome is dedicated to those who work at the Vatican, this moment can be used to reflect more deeply on the efforts of the Holy See and the Holy Father, whose ministry is to unite and shepherd the universal Church.

2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims In Hope (Peregrinantes In Spem)

A Jubilee is a special and profound year of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years and 2025 will be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. Visit jubilaeum2025.va/en.html

How can we participate in the Jubilee here in our Diocese?

You may consider undertaking a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year to one, or all three of our pilgrimage sites within our Diocese: [St Patrick's Cathedral](#), Parramatta; [Mount Schoenstatt Shrine](#), Mulgoa; or [The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents](#), Kellyville.

For the Jubilee Year of Hope, let us pray that it will bring about a renewed trust and confidence as we witness to the Gospel of Christ.