

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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CATHOLIC PARISH
WINSTON HILLS

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](#)

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity is a celebration dedicated to the central mystery of our Christian faith: the understanding and worship of the one God in three divine Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The feast as we know is always held on the Sunday after Pentecost and was instituted in the liturgical calendar by Pope John XXII in 1334. However, the devotion to the Holy Trinity has roots that trace back to the early Church where early Christians used the formula of the Trinity in their prayers and hymns, reflecting the deep-seated belief in the triune God.

This feast emphasises the unity of the Trinity and the unique roles each Person plays in the divine plan of salvation. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct yet co-equal and consubstantial, meaning they are of the same substance. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is a fundamental doctrine in Christianity, encapsulating the essence of our faith.

Each Person of the Trinity plays a vital role in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification:

God the Father:

Creator and Sustainer of all things, who, in His infinite love, sent His Son for the salvation of humanity.

God the Son (Jesus Christ):

The Redeemer, who became incarnate, suffered, died, and rose again to reconcile us to the Father.

God the Holy Spirit:

Sanctifier, dwells in us, guiding and empowering us to live out our faith and witness to the love of God.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to contemplate the vastness and intimacy of God's love. It reminds us that our faith is rooted in a relationship with a God who is a perfect communion of love. As we celebrate this feast, let us renew our commitment to living in the love of the Trinity and sharing that love with others. Let us come together in joyous celebration of the mystery of our faith, giving thanks for the boundless love and unity of the Holy Trinity.

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.

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, 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, Brother Francis Say OFM, Beth Kenny, George Steel, Charles and Josephine Clayton, John and Kevin Young, Maureen Britt, Peter Casey, Roland Gonzalez, Rosa Marotta, Wendel Prini and recently deceased Eion McMahon and Maria Thi Nguyen.

Moments of Mercy

See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you. What you see is just a tiny part and already your soul swoons with love. *(Diary 1810)*

Prayer for Vocations

That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

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

Thirld 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).
www.parracatholic.org/

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You're all invited! Two weeks to go - 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 two 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!**

Come and join our Parish Adornment Ministry

The Adornment Ministry's main task is for beautifying the church with flowers, plants, etc. helping us to adore and worship our Triune God during our Liturgical celebrations, especially during the Holy Mass, when we fully encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. You don't need to be a florist or decorator to join this ministry and is open to anyone who is happy to spending some time helping one Saturday morning each month. To find out more, or if you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the parish office.

Preparation for July to September Roster

Please advise the parish office of any extend unavailability for the next quarter by this Monday, 16th June. Thank you to all our ministers.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 18th June

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

Women's Ministry of St Paul Presentation: *The Art Of Listening In Marriage* - this Thursday, 19th June

Join us for an enriching discussion led by guest speaker Houda Jilwan on the art of listening and effective communication in marriage. This inspiring event promises to deepen understanding of these vital skills, enhance relationships, and ignite meaningful conversations. Come be a part of this uplifting experience! Commences with Adoration (6pm), Mass (7pm) then assemble at the Parish Centre (7:45pm). All women aged 18 and over welcome. RSVP is required by 16th June to Hala 0411 865 649 .

Special Healing Mass, Rosary and Reconciliation 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. Commences at 6:30pm with Holy Rosary and Reconciliation, and Mass at 7:00pm.

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.

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 and it is important to throw away leftover 2024/25 envelopes in July.
- Thank you again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

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

Registrations open at 9:00am 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.

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.

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

[Jubilee of Sport](#) celebrates the opportunities within sport for evangelisation and encounter with Jesus Christ, to foster fuller development.

Catholic Youth Parramatta LIFTED Free Retreat for Year 10 - 12 students: Tuesday, 8th July

A spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of our Diocese. Held on Tuesday, 8th July (10am-3pm), Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: Wednesday, 25th June

A collaboration between Sydney Archdiocese of Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay discussing the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2024-25 “Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World”. St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta, 6:30pm–9:00pm.