# 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**

**Baptisms:** 

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 First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only <u>via our website</u>

## Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

*Corpus Christi* translates from Latin as the *Body of Christ*. This significant feast commemorates the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, a central tenet of our faith.

The feast was inspired by the visions of Augustinian nun, Saint Juliana of Liège, which she interpreted as the absence of a feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. This vision and devotion eventually led to the establishment of Corpus Christi. Pope Urban IV instituted the feast for the entire Church in 1264, influenced by a Eucharistic miracle in Italy, where a consecrated host bled onto the altar cloth. Saint Thomas Aquinas was also commissioned to compose the liturgical texts for the feast, including hymns and prayers that are still used today.

Theologically, Corpus Christi is rooted in the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation. This doctrine asserts that during the consecration in the Mass, the bread and wine substantially become the body and blood of Christ, even though their appearances remain unchanged. This belief is based on the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my body... this is my blood."

One of the unique features of Corpus Christi is the Eucharistic procession, where the consecrated host is carried in a monstrance through the streets, dating back to the late Middle Ages and symbolises bringing Christ into the world, emphasising the public testimony of faith. Corpus Christi has played a significant role in promoting Eucharistic adoration, where faithful worship the Eucharist outside of Mass.

While the Feast of Corpus Christi is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, in many places, the observance has been moved to the following Sunday to allow for greater participation.

This feast is a profound expression of Catholic faith and devotion. It not only honours the Eucharistic presence of Christ but also serves to deepen our spiritual life through communal worship and adoration.

### **Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church**

for the late Amy Cahill: Wednesday 25th June 11:00am

for the late Pietrina Cimino: Thursday 26th June 11:00am

### Holy Hour for Vocations: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill, from 7pm to 8pm. Join us afterwards for refreshments and discussions. For further information, please contact the parish office on <a href="mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au">parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au</a>

### JRS Australia 'Free Together' Refugee Week Event: Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July

Stories, art and music shared by refugee leaders from 6pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta \$10 voluntary donation to cover costs of dinner. RSVP: events.humanitix.com/irsrefugee-week-2025

### **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 lannuzzi, Arlene Diaz, 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, Lynette Cini, 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, Beth Kenny, George Steel, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Dolores Revilla, John and Kevin Young, John Ford Snr, Kath Mallick, Lorenza Jiro, John D'Souza, Prisca D'Souza, Neville D'Souza, Maisie Pilcher, Robyn Douglas, Roland Gonzalez, Wendel Prins.

## **Moments of Mercy**

Every movement of your heart is known to Me. Know that one glance of yours directed at someone else would wound Me more than many sins committed by another person (Diary 588)

# **Prayer for Vocations**

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News Mother of Perpetual Help Novena prayed after Mass

## **Thursday Cenacles**

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass. **Divine Mercy Chaplet** Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

every Wednesday morning.

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

Communion to the sick
Contact parish office to organise.

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 7pm Parish Centre conference room. Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30)

St Vincent de Paul Society

## **Hearing Loop:**

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil). www.parracatholic.org/

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# You're all invited! One week 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 one week 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!**Important: School Carpark will be closed next weekend

The school carpark will not be available for parking for next weekend's Vigil Mass and the morning Masses due to the parish Feast Day. Special Healing Mass, Rosary and Reconciliation here at St Paul's: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. OATH are a missionary order in the Catholic Church. Based in the Philippines, Father Justin has visited Australia in recent years and is blessed with the Gift of Discernment. Those who witnessed his previous visits have overwhelmingly attested to his piety and efficacious spirit, and were touched and abundantly blessed. Father Justin 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. This is a unique and special opportunity and please bring your family and friends.

Following the Divine Liturgy, Father Justin will conduct the anointing and pray over, for anyone who would like to partake in the gift of healing, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Planned Giving envelopes for 2025/26

Planned Giving envelopes for the next financial year are available in the Church foyer. To avoid confusion, 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: closes Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 4:00pm

Registrations are currently open and only online via our website: <a href="mailto:stpaultheapostleparish.org/faith-sacraments/">stpaultheapostleparish.org/faith-sacraments/</a>

To be eligible, your child must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and ideally be in Year 5 or above in 2025. A copy of the sponsors Confirmation Certificate is a mandatory requirement for registration of your child.

# 2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of Seminarians and Jubilee of Governments

<u>Jubilee of Seminarians</u> celebrates the gift of God's call to the priesthood and priestly formation. It is an opportunity for the Church to renew her commitment to form priests after the heart of the Good Shepherd and encourage others to respond generously to Christ's call Through this Jubilee event we are reminded of the need for seminarians to be formed to know and love the Word of God, proclaim the Gospel with love and truth (1 Cor. 13:6), and to deepen a love for Jesus in the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The **Jubilee of Governments** is aimed at fostering dialogue and collaboration among global leaders. This gathering seeks to inspire governments worldwide to embrace principles of justice, peace, and sustainable development, reflecting the Church's commitment to promoting the common good. The event encourages government to engage in meaningful discussions on pressing global issues.

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

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

### **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church for this event in Melbourne from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The three day national Catholic festival is for young people in Year 9 through to 25 years of age. Details: <a href="mailto:parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/">parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/</a>

#### Thank you from Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus

We greatly appreciate the hospitality and the support that our sister Larysa received from the faithful and the clergy while recently visiting your church. Thank you for contribution in providing for the needs of deprived and needy people.

Following in the footsteps of our heavenly patron, Saint Elisabeth, the sisters of our convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering, and since its establishment, the convent has been patronising more than 200 orphans with special needs. Your donation helps us to continue our work. Yours sincerely in Christ, Zinaida Lobosova, Senior sister

# **Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities**

23rd Saint Paulinus of Nola | 24th The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist | 27th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | 28th Saint Irenaeus, The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary | 29th Saints Peter and Paul | 30th First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church