

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](#)

ALL I WANT IS TO KNOW CHRIST

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC PARISH

WINSTON HILLS

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul: 29th June

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul to honour these two great apostles. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul “called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God” and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honoured as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero. “Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

St. Peter was one of Jesus’ original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter (“Rock”) and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why St. Peter is depicted with keys.

St. Paul (originally known as Saul), was a self-righteous young Pharisee, almost fanatically anti-Christian. When the Resurrected Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus, he suddenly converted. From then, he went on to evangelize throughout the Mediterranean from the Holy Land to Rome to Spain. His zeal and reach entitles him to be known as the “Apostle to the Gentiles.” “The Gentiles” means “the nations.” For Jews, it meant the non-Jewish people. For the Church, it means the non-Jewish unbelievers in Christ – that is, the greater part of mankind of all generations.

St. Paul is one of the greatest saints of the early Church, most recognised for his conversion. Before being called by Christ, he was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a fervent enemy of Christ. Paul’s conversion was a pure miracle of God’s grace. He is a perfect example of true conversion. He had dedicated himself to persecuting Christians but the moment he met Christ his life changed radically, instantly, and completely. In commenting on St. Paul’s conversion, Pope Francis said that this conversion story affects all of us because we all “have a hardness of heart,” just as Saul did, and just like Saul, we are all called to conversion.

Paul was not one of the 12 Apostles selected by Jesus during His public ministry. However, he was called personally by the Lord, and the manner of his call made Paul a witness of Christ’s Resurrection – a principal criterion for being an Apostle (Acts 1:22).

Peter and Paul are called the patron saints of Rome because, in the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, “the Christian community of [Rome] considered them a kind of counterbalance to the mythical Romulus and Remus, the two brothers held to be the founders of Rome.” Sts. Peter and Paul were central to the foundation and advancement of the early Church, thus it is fitting that they would be the patron saints of Rome.

source: <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stspeterandpaul/>

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, 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 Giri, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Mary Finianos, Maureen McLoughlun, Natalie Caccamo, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Peter Gamble, 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, Beth Kenny, George Steel, Charles and Josephine Clayton, John and Kevin Young, Mildren Davidson, Peter Ryan, Roland Gonzalez, Rosa Caccamo, Vince Colosimo, Connie Debono-Cullen, Anis and Maureen Haddad, Jeanette Maree.

Moments of Mercy

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (Diary 965)

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: “If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me.”

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

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


24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - July

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 4th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 5th

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



It’s not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) will be prayed in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - [Evening Prayer/Vespers](#) will be held. This is also known as Liturgy Of The Hours.
- 6.00pm - [Reconciliation](#) until 7:00pm

Upcoming funeral services at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Peter Edwards: Tuesday 1st July 11:00am

✠ for the late Betty Garratty: Wednesday 2nd July 11:00am

Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation: closes Monday, 30th June 4:00pm

Registrations are currently open and only online via our website: stpaultheapostleparish.org/faith-sacraments/

To be eligible, your child must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Save the date: Vinnies Winter Appeal 2025: 12th and 13th July

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held at all masses that weekend. More details to follow.

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.

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.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

30th The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church | 3rd July Saint Thomas | 4th Saint Elizabeth of Portugal | 5th Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage Commissioning Mass: Sunday, 6th July 6:00pm

To pray for youth who will travel overseas for this year of Jubilee, as Pilgrims of Hope. All welcome.

Bishop Vincent presents Mauricio López: Wednesday, 23rd July

One of Latin America’s most influential lay leaders, Mauricio López Oropeza, will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Mauricio will offer powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church’s mission in a changing world. The free public lecture will be held on at St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register and learn more, please visit parracatholic.org/lopez

Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults Retreat): Saturday, 2nd August

For young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday, 2nd August (12:30pm – 6pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Register: parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/

MET Natural Fertility Couples hoping to Conceive Seminar: Saturday, 2nd August 1:00pm

A free seminar for couples hoping to conceive at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they’ve achieved pregnancy. To register, visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

Catholic Outlook Feedback survey!

Do you engage with Parramatta Diocese *Catholic Outlook* through the printed magazine, website or via social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you’d like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by Friday 25th July by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z

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.

2025 Jubilee Year: this week the focus is on ... Jubilee of Bishops and Jubilee of Priests

The [Jubilee of Bishops](#) is an opportunity to recognise the important role that bishops have in continuing the work of Jesus Christ in the world. The [Jubilee of Priests](#) is an opportunity to celebrate the joy of the priesthood.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, 2nd July

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

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.