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 via our website

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint, was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. As a woman of faith, courage and hope, she overcame many obstacles and challenges to create a legacy that continues to inspire us today.

Born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants, she was the eldest of eight children and worked from a young age to support her family. At 24, she devoted her life to God, taking the name 'Mary of the Cross'.

Together with Father Julian Tenison Woods, Mary co-founded a school in South Australia to educate poor and underprivileged children. This led to the establishment of Australia's first religious order,

the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who became affectionately known as the "Brown Joeys" She took her vision for education, especially for the poor, isolated and underprivileged, establishing dozens of schools throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Dedicated to serving the poor, Mary with her Josephite Sisters went wherever they were needed, living amongst the communities they served. Despite facing fierce opposition, including her excommunication, Mary's unwavering resolve and determination never faltered.

In 1884 Mary MacKillop and her sisters moved to North Sydney. On 8th August 1909, Mary passed away in Alma Cottage (the Josephite Convent at the time), now the sacred site of Mary MacKillop Place (North Sydney, Australia). She was beatified in 1995 by Pope John Paul II after a second miracle was attributed to her and, on 17th October 2010, Mary MacKillop was canonised as a saint at St Peter's Basilica. Rome. Her final resting place, the Tomb of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel forms part of Mary MacKillop Place. Source: marymackillopplace.org.au/about-us/saint-mary-mackillop/

Vespers of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop: Thursday, August 7th

You are invited to the Vespers of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop on Thursday, 7 August at 7pm-9pm, to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Mary Mackillop Place — place of pilgrimage for Jubilee Year

Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney is a local place of pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims In Hope. By visiting these designated holy places, and participating in these opportunities for prayer and repentance, the faithful may obtain a "plenary indulgence", under the normal conditions. "Mary MacKillop Place is a sacred site unlike any other because Mary lived, died and is buried here" says Sr Monica Cavanagh, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid." Mary MacKillop

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, Arlene Diaz, Bailey, Cathie Christie, David, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Krishna Premadas, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Maureen McLoughlun, Michael Hall, 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 the repose of the souls

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Aloysius Irving Dabrera, Bernard Sullivan, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Dennis Justinic, Ivan Justinic, Edward Young, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Francis Rajah, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Josephine and Paul Lauria, Laurie Jamieson, Kayla Ho, Maria Zammit, Roland Gonzalez, Russell Franké, Ted Donkin, Vince Colosimo and the recently deceased Jozefina Fogadic, Trinidad Reloba, Darren Barlow and Frances Flannery. May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

Moments of Mercy

I asked him, "Do you have among our students any who are a comfort to your heart?" The Lord answered (that) he has, but their love is weak, and so I put them in your special care - Pray for them. (Diary 288).

Prayer for Vocations

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Mother of Perpetual Help Novena prayed after Mass every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass. **Christ's Catholic Community** Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

2SM Filipino Mass Second Sunday at 11:00am

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

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

Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times: Friday, August 15th at 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation observed on August 15th. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

Invitation to attend: Children's Catechesis

Primary school aged children (aged 4 to 12) are invited to attend a catechism class. These classes are held in the Father David Scott Parish Centre on Mondays during school term from 4.10pm to 5:00pm. Lessons include teaching of scripture, liturgical seasons, feast days and the Catholic faith in a fun and engaging way. To register your interest or find out more Philomena: philomenamid@gmail.com

Marian Virtual Pilgrimage (here in our parish): Wednesday, August 13th

You are invited to this special event here in our parish in meditating on Mary's life, and includes a spirituality session focused on Mary, providing reflective and faith enriching insights and discussion. Will take place in the Father David Scott Parish Centre 10am to 12pm. You are welcome and encouraged to attend morning Mass beforehand at 9:10am (including Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help). Morning tea provided. To **RSVP** or info: Merilyn Hancock (Ministry Partner MET) merilyn.Hancock@parracatholic.org or 0421 632 299.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

- 1st Saint Alphonsus Liguori | 2nd Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Saint Peter Julian | 3rd Saint Dominic
- 4th Saint John Vianney | 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major | 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord |
- 7th Saint Pope Sixtus II and companions, Saint Cajetan | 8th Saint Mary Of The Cross Mackillop | 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Morning Tea - see you there!

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass next weekend please join us for morning tea. Stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and a treat with our fellow parishioners and a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Thank you also to our volunteers who make this possible.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/. Thank you.

National Vocations Awareness Week 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week promotes vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney.

It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to "care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood." (Pastores Dabo Vobis, n.34) Pope Leo XIV recently called upon the Church to "welcome and accompany young people" in their discernment, while encouraging them to "accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" (ReginaCaeli, 11 May, 2025) During this week, we are invited to reflect upon how God is calling us to live out our vocations and how we may continue to foster vocations in our communities. May God continue to send labourers into his harvest and bless His Church with vocations.

Young Adult Faith Formation session by Father Marcus Hazelman: Sunday, August 3rd

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday, August 3rd at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt at 7pm. Father Marcus will talk about and lead discussion on St Peter Chanel. Adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of August

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: September 1st - 3rd

Next round of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

 September 1st (Monday) Initial training (Modules 1-3) 9.30am to 2.30pm September 2nd (Tuesday) (Modules 4 and 5) 10:00am to 1.30pm Renewal training September 3rd (Wednesday) Refresher training (Module 6) 10:00am to 12:00pm.

To register: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training, More details: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Receiving Communion for those unable to attend Mass

We recognise and understand some of our community are unable to physically attend Mass as they may be housebound, sick, elderly etc. If you, or anyone you know, seeks to receive the blessed Eucharist at their home, please contact the parish office to arrange.

A great App for your smartphone

Did you know that the Diocese of Parramatta has a smartphone app? This app is designed to provide:

- Mass, Reconciliation (Confession) & Adoration Times for each Church in our Diocese
- the latest Diocesan news, events and updates including the Catholic Outlook, our Bishop and more.

It's available on both of the following operating systems (and of course totally ad free):

 Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dcms.d2u.parra https://apps.apple.com/au/app/diocese-of-parramatta/id1219557370 Apple/iOS

Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.