

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 8:40am Rosary)

Thursday 7.00pm (preceded by 6:00pm Adoration)

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](http://viaourwebsite.com)

Mission Enhancement Team (MET)

So what does MET stand for? You will have noticed MET from time to time in our parish bulletins.

The Mission Enhancement Team (MET) is the team that provides and supports practical and pastoral ministry throughout the Diocese of Parramatta. Our work includes Catholic Youth Parramatta who accompany and support parish youth groups and diocesan initiatives, the Office for Worship which supports sacramental preparation programs and trains liturgical ministers in parishes and schools, and the Peace Justice and Ecology team which coordinates social justice initiatives across the diocese and supports vulnerable communities - from the implementation of Laudato Si in church communities to services for refugees and those experiencing homelessness.

MET provides natural fertility services to families that are trying to conceive or regulate pregnancy, and courses preparing couples for marriage.

The Team also provides faith formation opportunities for adults at all stages of life, provides leadership development for diocesan, deanery and parish pastoral councils, and seeks to support family life and engage families in the life of the Church.

In short, MET chooses to be where the people of God are and share the Good news of God's love with the people of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

To learn more about MET, or to contact the team, please visit parracatholic.org/learn/mission/

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

† For the late Darren Barlow this Wednesday 13th at 11:00am

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Ella and Julian, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Please pray for children in our Sacrament of Confirmation program

After Mass you may notice children waiting eagerly and with anticipation outside the Sacristy.

The reason for this enthusiasm is to meet up with the priest to sign their Confirmation passport.

This is no ordinary passport and issued to these special children as part of their faith journey which began late July. It accompanies them each time they attend Mass leading up to being Confirmed later this month.

Lord, bless these children as they receive this Sacrament, fill them with Your Holy Spirit and guide them in their journey of faith. Amen.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

11th Saint Clare | 12th Saint Jane Frances de Chantal | 13th Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

14th Saint Maximilian Kolbe | 15th Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary | 16th Saint Stephen of Hungary

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

Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Arlene Diaz, Bailey, Cathie Christie, David, Darrel Morrison, Declan Trainor, 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, Michael Hall, Natalie Caccamo, Natina 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, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Bev Gagan, Frank Gagan, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Roland Gonzalez

and the recently deceased Maureen McLoughlin

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen

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.

Change to Announcements after Communion

To assist in the flow of our weekend masses, there will be no reading of Announcements after Communion by the Commentator. An Announcement slide will still be shown on the screen after Communion and anything significant will be communicated by the priest. We especially encourage you to take home a copy of the bulletin and also for those you know unable to attend Mass in person. As always, our bulletins are available at anytime online on our parish website: stpaultheapostleparish.org/#latestnews

Marian Virtual Pilgrimage (here in our parish): this 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.

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF): this Wednesday, August 13th

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. This Month's Topic - The Fourth Apparition of Fatima: Owing to the abduction and imprisonment of the children, the scheduled apparition of Our Lady was delayed until the 19th of August. This month, we reflect on the events that transpired—and how, despite the interference of anti-clerical forces, God's providential plan remained unshaken. Contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Men's Ministry of St Paul: this Thursday, August 14th

"You have heard that it was said, **"You shall not commit adultery."** But I say to you everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" Matthew 5:27-28 Our Lord and God explains it well.

This month's focus is the sixth & ninth commandments: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" and "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife." Join us as our very own Father Jobi will be expanding on the meaning of what God expects of us in these two commandments. 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

Grow Your Faith with Dr Edward Sri - here at St Pauls: Saturday, August 30th

We are deeply pleased and delighted to invite you to an opportunity to dive deep into your faith as a community and encounter Christ! Dr Edward Sri is a renowned Catholic author and theologian, who speaks to tens of thousands worldwide annually each year and has written several best-selling books. It will be held after the 9:10am mass (from 10:00am to 2:30pm) on Saturday, August 30th.

Entry is free though donations will be gratefully accepted. RSVP to Hala 0411 865 649 and more details will be available next week

Diocesan Medal of Honour: Congratulations to Pauline Knowler

The Diocese of Parramatta recognised and honoured those who have made an outstanding contribution in the service of their parishes. Our parish is proud of Pauline Knowler who received the Diocesan Medal of Honour for her decades of service as a member of the sacramental team, numerous ministries and liturgical groups, a long-standing member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and as a member of the support team at our parish school. Thank you Pauline and God bless you for your model of faith and Christian service.

Link to the post on our parish page where you can also share your congratulations: facebook.com/stpaultheapostleparish

For more information about the medal and the nomination process: parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

United Nations International Youth Day: August 12th

Half of the global population today is believed to be 30 or younger, a figure that is expected to reach 57 per cent by the end of 2030. Like every generation, today's youth will face new challenges, amongst them, a changing climate and a rapid increase in new technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) in the workforce. As Pope Leo XIV recently said, "My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue."

Annual Pilgrimage Walk on the Feast of the Assumption: Friday, August 15th

Commences with 11.00am Mass at Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents (8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville). Pilgrimage walk (14 kms) starts at 12.30pm down along Windsor Road to Parramatta Cathedral with refreshments stops at Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta. Concludes with 6:00pm at Parramatta Cathedral with final prayer and readings. For more details contact Kellyville Parish 9629 2595.

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday, August 17th

Commences 10:00am at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia with afternoon Mass, meditation and prayer with the monks. Morning tea provided and bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. Details: Ann atlomas@bigpond.com or 0437 340 250.

Our Lady of Vailankanni celebrations: September 5th – 8th

Celebrate the [Feast of Our Lady of Good Health – Vailankanni](#) at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. Honour our Blessed Mother through prayer, fellowship and thanksgiving. Triduum Mass and Novena held Friday 5th to Sunday 7th at 7pm, with Feast Day Mass and Rosary Procession at 7pm on Monday 8th. For more details 9626 3326 or visit: sites.google.com/view/vailankanni-novena-feast-sydney/

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2025

This week is an opportunity for women to learn more about the unique signs that their bodies exhibit. This can assist maximising fertility or postponing pregnancy, as well as monitoring their general health, all without any of the usual side effects of chemical contraception.

[Diocese of Parramatta MET Natural Fertility](#) invites you to their next session on Natural Family Planning on the Sympto-Thermal Method will be held via Zoom Tuesday, August 19th from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. To register or know more: parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

Save the date - Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis (and others): Sunday evening, September 7th

An evening celebrating this event with livestreaming from the Vatican is being planned to be held in our parish hall. Details next week.