

# 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)

## 2025 Jubilee Year and Indulgences: time is running out!

The late Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed *Pilgrims of Hope*, a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and climate crisis, stating “..Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; and why I have chosen as the Jubilee motto, Pilgrims of Hope.”

Held every 25 years, a Jubilee Year is a sacred time of prayer, pilgrimage, and conversion.

It is a call to experience God's mercy through sacramental repentance and spiritual renewal. The Jubilee of 2025 commenced 24 December 2024 with Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and runs to 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with closing of the Door. Visit [jubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://jubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

## How can we participate in the Jubilee here in our Diocese?

You are invited to participate in the many events that will be taking place as an individual or a group.

You may consider a pilgrimage to any of the three pilgrimage sites : [St Patrick's Cathedral](#), Parramatta; [Mount Schoenstatt Shrine](#), Mulgoa; or [The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents](#), Kellyville.

## Have you taken advantage yet of the Plenary Indulgence offered this year?

A [Jubilee Indulgence](#) is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year.

Indulgences are not forgiveness of sins, which is received through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

They remit the temporal punishment due to sin, which can be thought of as the consequences of sin, that remain even after forgiveness. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment, while a partial indulgence removes only a portion. Works that can grant an Indulgence include Acts of Mercy such as performing corporal or spiritual works of mercy, such as acts of charity, visiting the sick, or offering comfort to those in need. Acts of Penance include fasting, abstaining from distractions, or donating to charitable causes.

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration.

## Message from Father John Paul Escarlan

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, thoughts and well wishes for me while I am on sick leave, following my surgery last June.

I am now preparing for my next treatment (Radioactive iodine therapy) starting this Wednesday.

I humbly ask you to continually include me in your prayers for my journey towards full recovery.

Rest assured I am also praying for you and our beloved parish of St Paul the Apostle.

I look forward to being with you soon. May God bless you and your loved ones.

## 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, Marian Bacho, 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.

## Grow Your Faith with Dr Edward Sri - here at St Pauls: Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

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 30<sup>th</sup>. Entry is free though donations will be gratefully accepted. RSVP to Hala 0411 865 649.

## Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis (and others): Sunday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Our Holy Father announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The canonisations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint, have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful. As we all can't be in Rome at this time, an evening celebrating this event with livestreaming from the Vatican will be held in our parish hall at 6:30pm. Children and youth are especially invited. No need to RSVP.

## Change of dates to our Sunday morning tea

Commencing in September, the morning teas held after the Sunday morning masses will move from the second to the third Sunday. The two main reasons for this change are to avoid the congestion associated with the 2SM Filipino Mass at 11:00am and also to now include members of the Ephpheta community who participate at the 9:30am Mass every third Sunday. As always, our morning teas cannot be possible without the generous contributions of time and donations of culinary delights by our volunteers. At any time, you are welcome to bring a plate and there is certainly no expectation to do so every time. To find out more please contact the parish office.

## Please continue to pray for children in our Sacrament of Confirmation program

Holy Spirit, strengthen our children with your gifts, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

## 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea Commemorative Mass: August 24<sup>th</sup>

In 2025, Christians worldwide commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, a defining moment in Church history that continues to shape Christian doctrine and unity. You are invited to a Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 11:00am. As part of the liturgy, the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir will perform the Credo from Palestrina's *Missa Papae Marcelli*.

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025 expressions of interest: please do so by August 25<sup>th</sup>

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025. Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. For more details and to express interest by August 25<sup>th</sup>, visit [parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/](http://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/)

## Bishop Vincent presents Dr Nora Nonterah: Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

In the next iteration of *Bishop Vincent Presents* series, we welcome Dr Nora Nonterah, a leading African theological ethicist from Ghana. She will be presenting at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. As a lay woman and recent delegate to the Synod on Synodality, she will offer a powerful reflection on leadership, discipleship, and wisdom of women in the Church. Register: [parracatholic.org/events/nora/](http://parracatholic.org/events/nora/)

## Bishop Vincent presents Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ: Monday, September 15

Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia, and presenting on the topic of 'Bridge Building' at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, he brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church. Register: [parracatholic.org/events/cardinalchow/](http://parracatholic.org/events/cardinalchow/)

## Responding in Mercy – Pilgrims of Hope: September 10<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>

Mercy Futures team is privileged to present Sr Áine Barrins RSM from Ireland, to share her invaluable insights into *Catherine McAuley, Woman of Hope*. This is an unprecedented two-part presentation over our final two sessions – 10 September and 5 November.

Bring a friend (or few) and be part of this unique presentation which will also be livestreamed.

Please RSVP to [mercyfuture@parrasom.org.au](mailto:mercyfuture@parrasom.org.au) with any dietary requirements by 3 September (part 1) or 29 October (part 2).

## Please pray for Christians worldwide

It's been a distressing period for Christians worldwide, with a deadly attack on Congolese Christian youth, Catholic parish bombed in Gaza, displaced Christians besieged in crossfire in Syria, and targeted attempts to burn down Churches in the Holy Land.

Please continue to pray for these brothers and sisters facing persecution, displacement, and war.

## Fr Joseph Lam book on Pope Leo XIV

Fr Joseph Lam (Parish Priest, Baulkham Hills) has produced a new book that explores the traces of St Augustine in the words and messages of the successors of St Peter since 2005: Benedict XVI, Francis and Leo XIV. On sale for \$45 with proceeds to help renovate the old heritage building at Baulkham Hills. To pre-order, contact [admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au). Read more at [Catholic Outlook](#).

## Positions Vacant within our Diocese

Receptionist and Admin Assistant (St Michael's, Baulkham Hills). Parish Secretary (Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville)

For more details and to apply, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/>

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

19<sup>th</sup> Saint John Eudes | 20<sup>th</sup> Saint Bernard | 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Pius X | 22<sup>nd</sup> The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 23<sup>rd</sup> Saint Rose of Lima

## Parish Safeguarding

Please refer concerns to our Parish Priest, or [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419.

## Please pray for the repose of the souls

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Felcy, Cyprian and Henry Rodrigues, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Joseph Augustine Bonello, Joseph (Soo-Hyun) Um, Lorraine Roberson, Manuel Gillera Jnr, May LeClair, Michael Grech, Myriam Jumeau, Roland Gonzalez, Paulita and Ester Rodrigo, Policarpio and Primitiva Fabian, Rachel Ymalay, A R Mary. May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen