

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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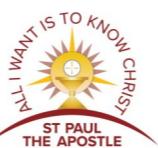
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## Weekend Mass times

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](#)

## How are Saints Canonised and what is the process?

We're glad you asked!

This is a timely question with the upcoming Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis (and others) and which our parish is celebrating on September 7<sup>th</sup> – please refer to article in this bulletin to find out more.

All Christians are called to be saints. Saints are persons in heaven (officially canonised or not), who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or martyred for the faith, and are worthy of imitation. To establish who will be recognised a Saint, the Church always uses a canonical assessment:

while in the past it was possible to become a saint simply by popular acclamation, since at least the 16th century the Church adopted specific rules to avoid confusion and abuse.

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints is the Vatican department responsible for investigating the lives of candidates for sainthood - searching their character traits for Gospel values, so that every Christian can see them as credible witnesses and, above all, worthy of imitation. Behind the proclamation of sainthood lies a scrupulous collective effort that can last for decades.

Once the cause has begun, the person is called a Servant of God, for whom there must always be an authentic, widespread, and lasting "reputation for holiness"; that is, the common opinion that his or her life was upright, rich in Christian virtues, and fruitful for the Christian community.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood:

a candidate becomes "Venerable," then "Blessed" and then "Saint."

**Venerable** is the title given to a deceased person recognised formally by the Pope as having lived a heroically virtuous life or offered their life.

**Beatification** is the intermediate stage towards canonisation. If the candidate is declared a martyr, they immediately become Blessed; otherwise, a miracle attributed to their intercession must be recognised, in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or offering of life.

**Canonisation** requires a second miracle after beatification. The Pope may waive these requirements. A miracle is not required prior to a martyr's beatification, but required before canonisation.

## How are these holy souls celebrated in the Church's Liturgical Calendar?

There are three designated rankings or classifications: Solemnities, Feast Days and Memorials

**Solemnity** a feast day of the highest rank celebrating a mystery of faith such as the Trinity, an event in the life of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or important saints.

Observance can begin on the vigil. The Gloria and Creed are always said.

**Feast Days** are of second importance for the celebration of certain saints like the feast of the Archangels or most of the Apostles. Saints are remembered with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading. Gloria is required, but not the Creed.

**Memorials** are next in ranking and either obligatory or optional. Obligatory memorials must be observed whereas optional memorials do not have to be observed. Only the memorials of those saints who are of "universal significance" are observed by the whole Church and marked in the general liturgical calendar. Gloria and Creed are not required.

To know more: [vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2025-07/dicastery-for-the-causes-of-saints.html](http://vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2025-07/dicastery-for-the-causes-of-saints.html)

**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 physically be in Rome at this special time, an evening celebrating this event with livestreaming of the celebrations from the Vatican will be held in our parish hall at 6:30pm. Children and youth are especially invited to attend this evening. You are kindly invited to bring a plate to share and there is no need to RSVP.

## Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation: opens Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Online registration opens 9:00am Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> (and only via our website). To be eligible your child must be already Baptised and ideally be in Year 3 or above in 2025. All details will be available in next weekends bulletin.

## Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Aaria, Lucia, Selena, Zoe, we pray their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

25<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph Calasanz, Saint Louis | 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Monica | 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Augustine | 29<sup>th</sup> The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## Remembering our Fathers who are no longer with us

At all Masses on Fathers Day, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for all those listed. You are invited to include names of those fathers, grandfathers, etc no longer with us on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.

## For adults of all ages - where are you on your Sacramental journey?

Are you, or is someone you know, being drawn towards a deeper relationship with God through the sacraments of the Catholic Church?

Our parish will soon be walking with new groups of enquirers on their faith journeys, and new enquirers are always welcome.

We especially are reaching out to adults of all ages and please contact the parish office to arrange a call about how we may help.

## Save the date: some upcoming events in our parish

Sep 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup>: Bishop's [Father's Day Appeal 2025](#) to support the retired and unwell priests in our Diocese

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: [World Rosary Hour](#) and procession around our church grounds

Oct 30<sup>th</sup>: Faith Seeking Understanding with special guest speaker [Dr Robert Haddad](#)

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>: [All Hallows Eve celebration](#) with rosary and activities where children can also dress up as saints or holy people

Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Morning Mass and parish gathering - [10 year memorial for the passing of the late Father David Scott](#) (founding parish priest).

## Sacred Heart (Mt Druitt South) Parish Novena to Our Lady of Good Health: August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 8<sup>th</sup>

Evening masses followed by Rosary and Novena, concluding September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Nativity of Our Lady, with Mass at 7pm followed by a light supper. For more information, please contact the parish office on 9832 3896 or email [mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org](mailto:mountdruittsouth@parracatholic.org)

## Our Lady of Vailankanni celebrations: September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, with Feast Day Mass and Rosary Procession at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. For more details 9626 3326 or visit: [sites.google.com/view/vailakanni-novena-feast-sydney/](http://sites.google.com/view/vailakanni-novena-feast-sydney/)

## Catholic Care Memorial Service for those we have lost: Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Care, together with White Lady Funerals, invite you to a memorial service to remember loved ones who have tragically lost their lives. Will be held from 10am to midday at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to plant a rose bush in their Garden of Remembrance. Counsellors and a Chaplain will be present throughout the event to offer support if needed.

Kindly RSVP by Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> to Lisa (Catholic Care) 0439 917 129 or 8843 2500 or Christy (White Lady Funerals) 4731 4385.

## St Padre Pio Parish Glenmore Park Patronal Feast Day celebrations: September 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Three day Triduum Novena and Mass on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. Procession will be held Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am, followed by Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with Relic and fellowship meal. Enquiries: 4789 2232.

## Parish of Richmond St Monica's Spring Fair: September 20

Celebrate the St Monica's Spring Fair from 9am to 3pm at the corner of Windsor St and Bourke St, Richmond. Enjoy a delightful day with kids and family, featuring entertaining activities, exciting games, delicious treats, captivating performances, and more!

## Baulkham Hills Parish Community Fete: September 21<sup>st</sup>

Join the Baulkham Hills Parish for their Community Fete from 10am-4pm, at St Michael's Primary School, Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. There will be delicious food, music, entertainment, games and activities for all!

## 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, Audrey Ng Mei Yen, Beth Kenny, Brian Dillon, Herbert Schuster, Charles and Josephine Clayton, Eileen Thornton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, John McCormack, Joseph Ng Swee Teck, Gordon Pilcher, Maisie Pilcher, Larry Malone, Maria and Ivan Plisic, Mary Justic, Mary and Nick Carter, Neil Alleyne, Raymond Thomas, Robert Willemsen, Roland Gonzalez, Robyn Douglas, William Southon, Toufic Al-Bazouni, and Maureen Haddad. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen*