

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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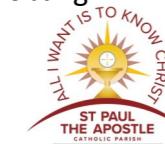
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## Lent - It's closer than you think it is !

Even though we just entered the season of Ordinary Time, we need to be quite mindful that the season of Lent will commence in just one month from now on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lent is the 40 day season of preparation for the Paschal Triduum. We are encouraged during our Lenten journey to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God.

As much as the period of Lent is used for fasting, prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter, there is no harm for us to also prepare in advance for Lent in giving thought what we want to achieve during Lent.

In order to assist us on our Lenten journey and to provide opportunity for fellowship, our parish again will conduct a Lenten Program. The theme for 2026 is *Compassio* sourced from the Diocese of Wollongong.

As in previous years, our parish will conduct Lenten Discussion groups within our Marian Chapel on a weekly basis during the Lenten season. We also understand that some parishioners will hold their own groups e.g. with family or friends at home, where they may feel more comfortable.

## We need group leaders to make this possible

Our Church based discussion groups are led by our parishioners, and for which we are deeply grateful.

If you are available to assist in leading one of our groups one night per week we'd love to hear from you!

You can do it in tandem with another person or take turns over alternate weeks - whatever works for you.

Group leaders will be provided with the program resource which contains all information and what to cover.

There is not much preparation required and you don't need to be an expert on matters of faith and religion.

If you are interested please contact the parish office as soon as practical to have a chat.

## How do I join a Lenten Discussion group?

Once group leaders have been determined then we can promote and invite people to attend; as it will depend on the weeknight these leaders are available (and will of course be the same day each week).

In the meantime, if you would like to reserve a copy of the *Compassio* booklet for this program, please add your details on the order sheet as you enter the Church. These are available free of charge.

To find out more about the program or view a sample of the resources please visit [dow.org.au/shop/](http://dow.org.au/shop/)

## Please pray for our sick ...

*Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances.*

*May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen*

Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Ameriza Ayoub, Anne Burt, Arlene Diaz, Aurora Ignacio, Bailey Whou, Ben Rivera, Darrel Morrison, David, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Fermin Manuel, George El-Bayeh, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lesley Neylan, Lynda Steel, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Marian Bacho, Maria Mezzagosto, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Natina Caccamo, Nick Galea, Perry Pappasavas, Peter Beck, Sam Papallo, Stella Kim, Sally Georges, Therese Garamy, 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, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Noel Young, Roland Gonzalez, Ross Pollard, David Wilks, Brother Patrick Featherstone, Alphonsa Camoens, Alipia Ynco-Estacio, Bernice and Ian McInerney, Philip and Louise McInerney, Jennifer Villanova, Alfred Sfirse.

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

## 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

**Adoration:** (24hour) First Friday 9:45am - 9:00am Saturday

**Baptisms:** First and Third Sunday of each month

*Baptism bookings only* [via our website](http://via our website)

## Request for assistance with taking out bins on Sundays

Our parish is grateful for the generous assistance of our volunteers who wheel our bins to the footpath on Sundays which is done on a roster basis. We are in need of additional help and if you are free once a month to assist please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

20<sup>th</sup> Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian | 21<sup>st</sup> Saint Agnes | 22<sup>nd</sup> Saint Vincent | 24<sup>th</sup> Saint Francis de Sales

## Australia Day Mass - Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass will be celebrated at 9:10am and preceded by the Rosary at 8:40am.

## Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

A social group where the young at heart meet to have a laugh, have a cuppa and have a fun time. There is always something new and different happening and meet in the Father David Scott Parish Centre every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm. Their next get together, which will be the first for 2026, will be on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Coffee, tea and milk provided. Want to join in or curious to find out more about this group? Please feel free to contact the parish office and please also share this with others who may be interested.

## Annual Legal Red Mass: Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

This long-standing tradition, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, marked the official term opening for most European courts and coincided with the Sacred Roman Rota, the Catholic Church's supreme judicial body. The Red Mass serves as a link between the legal profession and the church, attracting senior judges, politicians, lawyers, and other legal professionals each year. The Very Reverend Robert Riedling, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta cordially invites members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass. Held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral and refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please RSVP by Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au) or call 02 8839 8400

## Diocesan World Day of the Sick: Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/](http://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/)

## Hearing Loop in the Church

Our Church building for many years has had installed and operational a hearing loop, or audio induction loop. It is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. The hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. We are keen to get any feedback on the effectiveness of this, especially if there is scope for improvement. Please feel free to email or contact the parish office.



## Reminder on Parish Office Availability and Accessibility

**Visit:** Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

**Phone:** Call 9639 6516 where you have menu options to speak to the parish secretary, priests, hear mass times, etc.

**Office unattended:** In instances where your call goes unanswered we encourage you to leave a voicemail.

If your matter is time critical, phone 9639 6516 and press 5 and your call will be diverted to a mobile.

**Email:** Our parish email address is not published (to reduce spam) and can be obtained by phoning the parish office, or feel free to use the Contact Us page from our website: [www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus)

## Church (and toilet) Access

**Church access:** To better support parishioners and visitors in knowing when the church will be open, the following applies:

October to April - 8:00am until 6:00pm, May to September - 8:00am until 5:00pm.

**Church toilet:** Toilet inside the church will be locked on school days Monday to Friday 2:00pm onwards.

**Driveway gates:** These lock automatically at 9:00pm every evening.

## Interested in knowing more? All enquirers welcome

Are you, or is someone you know, not Catholic but may be interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and understanding Catholic Teachings? Please leave your name with the Parish Office to arrange a quick chat.

## The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre (located in Potts Point) brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage. Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth, or ethnicity, for over 185 years. The Centre is open to the public free of charge with guided or self-guided tours, or a Sister of Charity is available for groups. Visitors can also visit the chapel and by request a mass can be arranged. Walking Tours of the local area are also available. To find out more visit: [socheritagecentre.org.au/](http://socheritagecentre.org.au/)

## Stamps for Charity

A big thank you for your donation of used stamps. For a long time now, our parish proudly supports the Mary MacKillop International Mission through the collection of used stamps. At any time, if you have any unused stamps, please place them in the box in the Church foyer else drop off to the Parish office. These stamps are forwarded to the Mission which are sold to support their charitable works. It doesn't matter if you have a small amount of stamps and they are all gratefully welcomed. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

## Parish Safeguarding Statement

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards [safeguarding@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@parracatholic.org) or 8838 3419. More information available at [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

The first 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration for 2026 will take place in February on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

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