

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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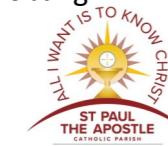
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For latest updates



Rite of Blessing for our new Church Monstrance this Friday, February 6th

Dear parishioners, I hope and pray that you and your family are well.

It has been a while since I wrote a message for you in our parish bulletin.

There is a Spanish saying which says, "más vale tarde que nunca" which means "better late than never".

At the end of 2024, with your generous support, the parish received \$7,505 in donations from our fellow parishioners to purchase a new monstrance to use during our weekly and monthly 24-hour Adoration.

Unfortunately the monstrance purchased from Italy was faulty and had to be returned with a full refund.

I was unable to purchase a new one immediately due to some circumstances that I had to face personally and pastorally last year. In good news for our parish I wish to inform you that finally I was able to purchase the new monstrance.

I will bless the monstrance during the 9:10am Mass this Friday, February 6th and encourage and invite everyone to attend if they are available. The 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration will follow immediately afterwards and again you are invited to stay awhile in prayerful contemplation in the company of our Lord. I am grateful again for your generous financial and prayerful support in purchasing this new monstrance. May God bless us always.

Fr John Paul

We are called – Building up the Kingdom of God in our parish

Building up the Kingdom of God in a parish involves fostering a community where Jesus is Lord, achieved through personal holiness, active service and other participative actions. It requires living out Gospel values, praying, and using personal talents to serve others, thereby making Christ known and loved. As we all know our priests our only human and can only do so much with their time and abilities. This is why as a parish community we can only continue to exist and thrive through the generosity of our parishioners. Not only in the context of prayerful and financial support, but in the giving of their time, skills and talents in our various ministries and groups. As much as we are blessed with our ministers and volunteers, unfortunately we in need of assistance in a number of areas. We are especially reaching out to those who are unsure or uncertain in how they can help and if you have talents, gifts, skills and most of all time we would love to hear from you. At this stage we are keen to bolster our support for the following:

Welcomers and welcoming ministry, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Church cleaning, Gardening. We would also be grateful if you have a trade such as carpentry, electrician, building, plumbing to let us know as we may need your help.

Please contact the parish office where you are interested in helping or to find out more. Thank you!

Please pray for our sick ...

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick.

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, Eric Wood, Fermin Manuel, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Jenny Goudas, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Lesley Neylan, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lynda Steel, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Natina Caccamo, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Sam Papallo, Stella Kim, Sally Georges, Therese Garamy, Vanessa Ibrahim, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

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, Vince Colosimo, Dominic Abate, Susan Abboud. **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://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org)

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - February

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 6th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 7th

Our Lord Jesus will be exposed for 24 hours and at all times must have someone with Him.

If you are able to be in attendance to ensure we have someone always present, please record your details on the booking sheet as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Come ... spend some time with Him



It's not just 24 hours of silent Adoration

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways one can participate in prayer or reflection and everyone is invited:

- 3:30pm - [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) will be prayed in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament (feel free to assemble at 3:00pm)
- 6:00pm - [Evening Prayer/Vespers](#) will be held. This is also known as [Liturgy Of The Hours](#).
- 6.00pm - [Reconciliation](#) until 7:00pm

Jesus WTL - Launch of Parish Youth Ministry and Commissioning of our Youth Leaders: Sunday, February 15th

"Jesus WTL" refers to the theological declaration that Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," based on John 14:6, where He states no one comes to the Father except through Him and that in the Father's house there are many dwelling places.

At the 5:00pm Mass we will focus on our youth as we launch our Parish Youth Ministry and where our Youth Leaders will be commissioned.

A special invitation is extended to our youth of all ages to attend this special Mass to not only join in prayer but to also support one another.

A BBQ will follow mass and any youth wishing to attend, RSVP for catering to the parish office via stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus

Lenten Discussion Groups - you are invited

As in previous years, our parish will conduct Lenten Discussion weekly groups within our Marian Chapel during the Lenten season.

There are two sessions available: Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Please add your details to the sheets as you leave Mass.

Ash Wednesday - we need your blessed palms

The specific "newness" of ash to be used is not strictly mandated in the Code of Canon Law however it is established liturgical practice that ashes are to be prepared from the palms blessed in the preceding year. In order to have sufficient quantities of ashes, we kindly ask to please bring in your blessed palms so they can be burnt in time for Ash Wednesday and can be placed in the box in the church foyer. Please note this is call out for dried palms and not fresh palms (which are used for Palm Sunday). Thank you.

Ash Wednesday and Mass times - February 18th

Ash Wednesday Masses including distribution of Ashes will be held at 6:30am, 9:10am and 7:00pm.

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 entrance to the Church at all masses. The donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours, seven days a week on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. All donations help with the cost of phone bills, and the training and development of the telephone support staff. It is important to note that these phone lines are staffed on a voluntary basis. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, or if you want to know more, or to make a contribution, please visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Our parishioners have supported the Little White Box for many years and this generosity has been continually acknowledged by Pregnancy Help. Thank you.

Word of God Sunday: Sunday, February 1st

The Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. True to his pastoral vision, Pope Francis instituted the annual liturgical celebration to encourage the people of God to appreciate, study, and pray and reflect on the Scriptures.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: Monday, February 2nd

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Let us pray that those consecrated to God by their vows may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment. May all in consecrated life continue to be inspired by the Gospel and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Annual St Josephine Bakhita Memorial Mass and Community Celebration: Sunday, February 8th

The South-Sudanese and Sudanese Catholic Community, supported by the Mission Enhancement Team, will celebrate their national patron saint, share their spirituality, culture and cuisine, and pray for the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. All are welcome to attend commencing at 12:30pm at St Patrick's Church, MQOF Parish, Blacktown.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Saturday, Saturday February 21st

Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at the annual Holy Spirit Mission event! This free gathering is open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. Discover the Spiritual Gifts and how to grow in them. Join us from 12pm to 5pm at Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. To register: trybooking.com/events/landing/1514580

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

2nd The Presentation of the Lord | 3rd Saint Ansgar, Saint Blaise | 5th Saint Agatha | 6th Saints Paul Miki and Companions

Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary

The Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary is a devotional, optional memorial celebrated on Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no other obligatory memorial falls on that day. It honours the Blessed Virgin Mary, often highlighting her role in salvation history or, in some seasons like Advent, focusing on her as the Mother of God. Saturdays are traditionally dedicated to Mary in the Catholic Church, a practice that allows for the veneration of the Blessed Virgin through a specific Mass or Office.

This Saturday, February 7th will be the last occasion for this memorial until Saturday May 30th being the first Saturday in Pentecost.

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 or 8838 3419. More information available at www.safeguarding.org.au