

# St Paul the Apostle Parish

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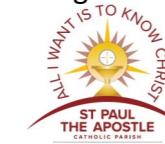
Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escarlan

Assistant Priest: Father Jobi Payyappilly

Assistant Priest: Father Pio Yong Ho Jang



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## Clergy Update in our parish

### Clergy on leave

Father John Paul, as you may be aware, continues to be overseas to be with his mother in hospital care. At this stage Father is expected to return from the Philippines next weekend or thereabouts. We continue to pray for his mother Paloma and their family at this difficult time.

Father Jobi who is currently on leave will be expected to return from India towards the end of this month.

During their period of leave we continue to be grateful to Father Pio and visiting priests in ensuring that our liturgies and other ministries continue to be celebrated without disruption, including visitations to local nursing homes which the clergy of our parish currently undertake four times per month.

### Changes to clergy appointed to our parish

In terms of background, Clergy appointments in the Diocese of Parramatta are typically for a term of six years for parish priests. Assistant Priests terms can vary, being for a set period or at the Bishop's discretion, and is not uncommon for changes to appointments before their agreed term has ended.

Please note the following Diocesan appointments made by the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen which affect our parish and take effect Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026:

- Reverend Jobi Payyappilly MS appointed as Administrator of [Rooty Hill Parish](#)
- Reverend Pio Yong Ho Jang appointed as Administrator of [Doonside Parish](#)
- Reverend Ambrose Owusu-Ansah appointed as Assistant Priest in Winston Hills Parish

Father Ambrose is currently Assistant Parish Priest at St Monica's Parish, North Parramatta and Chaplain to the Ghanaian Catholic Community. As a parish we welcome Father and look forward to his time here!

Father Jobi was appointed in our parish in May 2025 and Father Pio in July 2025 and we are indeed deeply grateful for their ministry and time and will certainly be missed. Once finalised, details about their final Mass(es) will be made known to the parish.

### 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.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of February

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### 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 Nichols, 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, Lou 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, Paloma Escarlan, 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, Father Timothy Crowley, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Noel Young, Roland Gonzalez, Maria Di Marzo, Tom Dennis, Charles Formosa, Patrick Ashe, Dennis and Ivan Justinic, Jackie Bazouni and recently deceased Rita Marino. *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](#)*

### Together, with your help

For your awareness, in our parish there are only four paid positions (apart from the Clergy who receive a stipend) and they are our Housekeeper, Sacramental Coordinator, Catechist (SRE) Coordinator and Parish Secretary. All other roles such as office volunteers, RCIA team and so on, are volunteers only and not paid or financially compensated for their time. The parish is heavily dependant upon the generosity of our volunteers across many ministries and roles and who give so generously of their time. In recent weeks we have reached out to our parish community highlighting the need for volunteers in a number of areas and ministries. 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. Please contact the parish office to let us know or just to find out more. Thank you!

### Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

† For the late Rita Marino, Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

### World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) prayer group: this Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

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 discussion we explore The Message of Fatima for Today's World - Beautiful Insights from Sister Ângela de Fátima Coelho. To find out more please contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit [worldfatima.com/en/join-us](http://worldfatima.com/en/join-us)

### Ash Wednesday and Mass times - February 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Ash Wednesday - we need your blessed palms

Please bring in any blessed palms so they can be burnt in time for Ash Wednesday. These can be placed in the box in the church foyer.

### Lenten Discussion Groups - you are invited

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

There are two sessions available and please add your details to the sheets as you leave Mass so we can have an idea of numbers.

- Wednesdays 7pm led by [Doctor Peter Holmes](#) commencing February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Marian Chapel
- Fridays 10am led by Pauline Camilleri commencing February 20<sup>th</sup> in Father David Scott Parish Centre Conference Room.

### Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa 10am - 12pm in our Parish Centre. Please come along even if you haven't been!

### Jesus WTL - Launch of Parish Youth Ministry and Commissioning of our Youth Leaders: Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

"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](http://stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus)

### Invitation to join our Parish Youth Ministry (please do so by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>)

Father John Paul has extended an invitation to our parish youth to join and be part of our Youth Ministry. It is open to those who are in primary school and up to the age of 35 years. To register your interest, please complete the form on the table as you leave Mass and drop it in to the Youth Box in the church foyer else by email or the [Contact Us form](#). To find out more please contact the parish office.

### TRIVIA NIGHT held by the Women's Ministry of St Paul: Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Our next women's ministry, which also happens to be our first for this year, will be held on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> straight after the 7:00pm mass. This month we are running a fun trivia night and we hope to see as many women come along and be there for a night of fellowship and friendship. Tea and coffee will be provided and there is no need to RSVP. Our Women's Ministry gathers on the third Thursday each month, commencing with Adoration (6pm), Mass (7pm) then assemble at the Parish Centre (~7:45pm). All women aged 18 and over are welcome so please come along and join us and to find out more contact Hala on 0411 865 649.

### Stations of the Cross - every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent

Commences Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome to attend including families and children.

### You are invited - Parish Lenten Retreat "Making the most of Lent": Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to announce that our parish will be holding a Lenten Retreat at which everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. [Father John Flader](#) will be leading this special event and more details will be available next weekend. Please save the date.

### Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Arthur, Eleanor and Lily, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Saturday, Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>

Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit! Open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. 12pm-5pm OLQP Parish. 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Register: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1514580](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1514580)

### Catholic Healthcare formation and support Mass: Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Those in the healthcare ministry of the Church are invited to this special Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, at 5:30pm. Afternoon tea at 4:00pm for those who wish to attend for networking and support purposes. Contact [Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org)

### Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

10<sup>th</sup> Saint Scholastica | 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes | 14<sup>th</sup> Saints Cyril and Methodius | 17<sup>th</sup> The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

### Caritas Project Compassion Boxes

In Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty. By taking home a Project Compassion box, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Visit: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion/](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion/). Boxes can be returned at Easter.

### 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)

⌚ Please note the Men's Ministry of St Pauls February gathering will not be held this month