

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Administrator: Father Jobi Payyappilly

Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah



For latest updates



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](#)

Clergy Update

Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Father John Paul Escarlan on the passing of his beloved mother, Paloma Escarlan. May the Lord comfort and strengthen the family during this time of grief and sorrow and grant them peace in the assurance of His love and mercy. Please note, Father John Paul is currently on extended leave with Father Jobi temporarily remaining in our parish in the capacity of Administrator. We also recently welcomed Father Ambrose who commenced in our parish last weekend being appointed as Assistant Priest. Please continue to pray that God strengthens and guides all clergy as they faithfully serve and care for His people.

Young Adult Ministry—you're invited!

All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join our WhatsApp chat group to keep up to date for any events and announcements regarding our Young Adults Ministry. Please join using the QR code or via the link:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HJKLSTAOSLRBdBOZxMvFmS?mode=gi_t

The next upcoming event for our Young Adults will be dinner at "The Winston" after the Sunday 5pm Mass.

This dinner at this stage will either be Sunday, March 15th or 22nd. All Young Adults (18-35) are welcome! Please RSVP via WhatsApp.



World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) prayer group: this Tuesday, March 10th 6:00pm

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 we explore "A Mysterious Presage in 1915" an extract from Sister Lucia dos Santos' book "Fatima – In Lucias Own Words".

To find out more please contact Mark Napoli 0433 119 424 or visit worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Registrations for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (close off Monday, March 16th)

Registrations for this Sacrament in our parish will remain open until the closeoff at 4:00pm on Monday, March 16th.

It is important to note that registrations can only be submitted [online via our website](#). Eligibility for children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion: has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation and be in Year 4 or above in 2026.

To find out more please submit your enquiry online via our website: stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus

Lenten Reflection Program - you are invited

There are two sessions available and please add your details to the sheets as you leave Mass.

Wednesdays 7:00pm led by [Doctor Peter Holmes](#) in the Marian Chapel on the following evenings: 11th, 18th and 25th

Each session with Doctor Holmes will focus on the upcoming weekend readings for each Sunday of Lent.

Fridays 10am led by Pauline Camilleri in Parish Centre Conference Room.

Stations of the Cross - every Friday evening at 7:00pm (preceded by 6:30pm Reconciliation)

This Lenten season, come and share the sacred journey of the Stations of the Cross. It is a powerful time of reflection and prayer, as we follow Christ's path to Calvary and meditate on His love and sacrifice. Whether you've participated before or are new to this devotion, the Stations offer a meaningful way to grow closer to God during Lent. Join us every Friday at 7:00pm as we gather in prayer, remembering Christ's suffering and embracing His mercy. All are welcome and we encourage you to please bring along your family.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Aurelia, Octavier and Xavier, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) update

At the 9:30am Mass this weekend, and for the next two Sundays, we celebrate the Scrutinies. [The Scrutinies](#) are rites for self-searching and repentance and meant to uncover all that is weak, defective in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The three elect have been undergoing formation since August last year and will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season. Please pray for those involved in our RCIA program. By virtue of our own Baptisms, as a community we all share a responsibility to help prepare and to assist those who are searching for Christ.

Rosters and availability for the next quarter (April - June)

To assist in preparation of the next rosters, please advise the parish office regarding your extended unavailability by Monday, March 16th. As always, thank you to the continued generosity of the many who assist in our various ministries.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, March 11th

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!

24 Hours for the Lord at Mount Schoenstatt: March 13th - 14th

Come and spend time with our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine. Begins: Friday 13th March 6:30pm with Holy Mass (followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation) End: Saturday 14th March 5:30pm with Holy Mass (Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4pm). Please bring a plate to share for the fellowship on Friday evening after mass.

Contact Sr M. Rita 0493026628 srrita@schoenstatt.org.au to be added to the roster to secure a time of adoration.

Women's Breakfast – Feast of St Joseph Celebration: Saturday, March 21st

This inaugural Women's Breakfast honours the legacy of Mary MacKillop and the enduring spirit of the Sisters of St Joseph — a spirit marked by courage, compassion, and quiet strength. We are honoured to welcome Sr Virginia Bourke rsj as our guest speaker.

This will be a morning of connection, encouragement and nourishment. Cost is \$20 and held at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, 33 Barina Downs Road, Norwest held from 8:00 am - 10:00 am: trybooking.com/events/landing/1543336

Lenten Retreat led by Fr Abraham Kunnatholy: March 22nd - 25th

Join us for a prayerful Retreat at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, led by Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI. Enjoy Mass, guided reflections and fellowship to renew hearts and prepare for Holy Week. All are warmly welcome. For more details contact their parish office 4730 1249.

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

International Eucharistic Congress 2028

The official journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 (Eucharist28), to be held in Sydney, has formally begun with the launch of the [Eucharist28 website](#).

Eucharist28 marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia, coinciding with the centenary of the first International Eucharistic Congress held in Sydney in 1928. More than a single event, the Congress is being shaped as a multi-year national pilgrimage of prayer, formation, and renewal, inviting Catholics across Australia, and beyond to rediscover the transforming power of the Eucharist.

The newly launched website provides a growing collection of catechetical and devotional resources designed for individuals, families, parishes, and schools, including podcasts, testimonies, and theological reflections intended to deepen understanding of the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.

Speaking about the hopes for the Congress, Bishop Richard Umbers, General Secretary for Eucharist28: "My hope is that people in Sydney, across Australia, Oceania and the whole world will discover for the first time or rediscover the joy of being nourished by Christ and be strengthened to become His presence in our communities – other Christs for the life of the world."

As part of the preparatory journey, parishes participated in a nationwide Holy Hour on Sunday, March 1st. This coordinated moment of Eucharistic Adoration marked the start of the Year of Prayer leading up to 2028.

It is hoped that Catholics across the nation be united in prayer, asking for a Eucharistic transfiguration of their own lives and communities with each parish embracing this moment in its own way, expressing the unity in diversity that characterises the Church.

Reflecting on the spiritual impact of the Congress, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said:

"No one should be touched by the congress and be unchanged, for no one can experience intimacy with Christ and be the same as before."

The Congress will gather pilgrims from around the world in Sydney, but its vision extends far beyond one city or one week. It seeks to renew Eucharistic faith, deepen prayer, and inspire a missionary spirit within the Church in Australia for years to come. The pilgrimage has begun. All are invited to take part.

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.

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, Antonia Maturano, Arlene Diaz, Aurora Ignacio, Bailey Whou, Ben Rivera, Bob McMillan, Darrel Morrison, David Nichols. David, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Eric Wood, Fermin Manuel, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, 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, 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, Most Reverend Bishop Arnold Arowa, Andrew Allen Pitasa, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Noel Young, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Roland Gonzalez, Arnold Morris, Doreen Marsh, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Bal and Jennifer Villanova, George Nicholas, Howard Dabrera, Desmond Joseph, Joe Sader, Mary Papali, Joe Sader, Angelique Jumeau, Natina Caccamo, Samuel Samson and the recently deceased Ray Elias and Paloma Escarlan. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen*

Moments of Mercy

I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is my joy at the faithfulness of my spouse in the smallest things. Jesus (352)

Vocations reflection

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. They are active, if we utilise them for building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

Communion to the sick

Contact parish office to organise.

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena prayed after Mass every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass.

Christ's Catholic Community

Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

Women's Ministry St Paul's

Third Thursday of the month: 6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month 7pm Parish Centre conference room Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30)

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

Hearing Loop:

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News and Information

www.catholicoutlook.org/

www.catholicweekly.com.au/

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