

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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

Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The Celebrant may choose to wear rose coloured vestments, as this change in colour symbolises the joy that awaits us at Easter. Pope Innocent III explained that this special Sunday provided "a measure of consoling relaxation... so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

Young Adult Ministry—you're invited (including dinner)!

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 (and RSVP) using the QR code:

The next upcoming event for our Young Adults will be dinner at "The Winston" after the 5pm Mass on Sunday, 22nd.



Registrations for the Sacrament of Holy Communion closing off Monday, March 16th

Registrations for this Sacrament in our parish will close off at 4:00pm on Monday, March 16th. Registrations can only be submitted [online via our website](http://stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus). To find out more please submit your enquiry online via our website: stpaultheapostleparish.org/#contactus

Lenten Reflection Program - you are invited

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

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)

Whether you've participated before or are new to this devotion, the Stations offer a meaningful way to grow closer to God during Lent.

Women's Ministry of St. Paul Presentation - Women in the Bible: this Thursday, March 19th

All women aged 18 and over welcome to join us for our next gathering this Thursday. We are blessed to have Father Ambrose joining us to share a reflection on "Women in the Bible". This talk will explore the faith, courage and influence of the women whose stories shape Scripture and continue to inspire our lives today. Come for a time of learning, encouragement and fellowship with other women in our community. Commences with Adoration and Holy Rosary (6pm), Mass (7pm) then assemble at the Parish Centre (7:45pm).

Please pray for those that have gone before us

✠ the late Paloma Esgana Escarlan, mother of Father John Paul, whose Requiem Mass will be held in Cebu on March 15th at 3:00pm

✠ the late Maureen Munro whose funeral service will be held here at St Paul the Apostle, Wednesday, March 18th at 11:00am

✠ the late Father David Scott, the founding Parish Priest of our parish, who would have turned 100 years of age on March 16th.

We especially give thanks for the life and faith of Father Scott, and as he rests in God's eternal care, may his memory remain a blessing. Father Scott spent 40 years building the parish from the ground up and was instrumental in the purchase of, or construction of, the church, presbytery, convent and school buildings. May we continue to be inspired by the faith and dedication Father shared with others.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) update

At the 9:30am Mass this weekend, we continue to 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.

Saint Patrick's Day: March 17th

Saint Patrick was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. where he converted many people and entire kingdoms and began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and preached for 40 years and converted all of Ireland. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. It wasn't until the 1630s that 17 March, the traditional day of his death, was added to the Catholic breviary (a book of prayers) as the Feast of St Patrick.

Breadplate of Saint Patrick (shortened version):

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Feast of Saint Joseph: March 19th

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, pregnant women, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, and working people in general. We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19th for Joseph Husband of Mary, and May 1st for Joseph the Worker. March 19th is the most commonly celebrated feast day, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1st.

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.

Annual Good Friday walk

Beginning late on Good Friday and continuing into the early hours of Holy Saturday, this overnight pilgrimage invites participants to journey together in prayer, reflection and reverence as we retrace the steps of Christ during the Easter Triduum.

A \$10 donation per person at registration will help cover the cost of the pilgrimage. Visit: parracatholic.org/events/gfnw/

The Annual LIFTED Sports Day is back on Sunday, April 19th

Diocesan Parish groups are invited to participate in a day of sport, competition and community at Parramatta Marist High School.

Only 16 team slots available. Team Captains, register your team now to secure a place: parracatholic.org/events/lifted-sports-day/

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

Moments of Mercy

Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to My mercy, for nothing can oppose My will (*Diary 573*).

Vocations reflection

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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:

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

News and Information

www.catholicoutlook.org/

www.catholicweekly.com.au/

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Nominations now opened for our Parish Pastoral Council

The Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a representative body, collaborating in guiding the pastoral direction of our parish and where Council members strive to make the mission of Jesus the paramount consideration in all deliberations. Our PPC also aims to enable members of our parish community to fulfill their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission to connect their needs and strengths with the parish's plans for the future. It is a vital aspect of communion with the Church. PPC Membership comprises our Clergy, and to be effective, a representation of parishioners, offering a diversity of age, gender, and ethnic origin; not just representing a ministry or sub-group. We are now inviting for nominations for representatives to serve on the PPC.

The commitment for our PPC members is for a term of three years, with monthly meetings with the next meeting held in April. Some responsibilities and expectations also include the following:

- Provide input to deliberations of the Council
- Actively participate and empower other community members with plans and events
- Develop a spirit of discernment and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners
- Represent the Council when required e.g. other Parish meetings, deanery or diocesan meetings
- Embrace opportunities for personal faith development

Nominations close on Friday, April 10th

Please refer to the Nomination Form as you enter the Church which contains further details.

Want to know more? Please contact John Valjak (PPC Chairperson) via the parish office or Father Jobi.

PPC Guidelines: stpaultheapostleparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/PPCGuidelinesV2023.01.pdf

Catholics to unite for annual Day of the Unborn Child

The Mass and procession for the Unborn Child serves as a poignant reminder of the Catholic Church's unwavering commitment to protecting the sanctity of life from conception. It provides participants with an opportunity to unite in their faith and publicly bear witness to their convictions.

On 22nd March, thousands will gather at St Mary's Cathedral for the 26th annual Day of the Unborn Child, a powerful demonstration of faith and solidarity in defence of society's most vulnerable members.

The day will commence with Mass at 10.30am, followed by the Angelus and procession through the city. Leading the procession will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrated on the 25th of March, commemorates the message of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Incarnation of Christ. Exactly nine months before the Nativity of Our Lord, this feast honours Mary's faithful obedience to God, expressed in her humble Fiat, through which the Word was made flesh. More info: sydneycatholic.org/about-us/archdiocesan-events/day-of-the-unborn-child/

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, 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, Irene Barry, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Lesley Neylan, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynda Steel, Lynette Giri, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Ron Locke, Sam Papallo, Stella Kim, 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, Brother Fabian Adkins OFM, Beth Kenny, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Noel Young, Roland Gonzalez, Arnold Morris, Doreen Marsh, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Ettie Boys, Hilaria Mapili Estacio, Ameriza Ayoub, Mark Coorey, Zara Coorey. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen*