

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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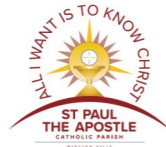
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call 9639 6516 and press 5

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

Save the date! Annual St Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day: Sunday, 28th June

Over the coming month or two we will be reaching out to our parishioners about this special celebration in our parish. We also cannot make this happen without the generous time and assistance of our volunteers! Please save the date and stay tuned for more details.

With our deepest gratitude and appreciation

Commencing with our Lenten journey and culminating with Holy Week and Easter, our parish was blessed many times over with the ability and capacity to undertake and celebrate a wide range of liturgies and gatherings. How awesome are our volunteers and ministers! This would not have been possible without the generous time, efforts and sacrifices by many of you, and especially behind the scenes.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of April

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, April 8th

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!

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th (and Novena)

Saint Faustina's Diary (Divine Mercy in My Soul), contains many passages in which Our Lord is quoted as requesting that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established. At the canonisation of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II announced "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." Leading up to this most special celebration we will be praying a **daily** Novena at 3:30pm in the Marian Chapel here at our Church. Novena commences Good Friday (immediately after the Passion) and continues until Saturday April 11th.

If you are unable to attend, you can pray the Novena using resources from this website: thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena

ANZAC Day Dawn Mass (6:00am Saturday, April 25th) and Scroll

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am with morning tea to follow. Feel free to bring a plate. Please also note:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.
- the regular Saturday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will still be celebrated.

Pontifical Annual Holy Land Good Friday Collection: Thank you

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land.

Thank you for your tremendous support and generosity for this annual appeal. Visit: holylanfranciscansaustralia.org/good-friday/

Caritas Project Compassion boxes

Your generous support will provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, water shortages, while building resilience. We kindly request that all boxes be returned by next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter isn't over yet!

The observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Did you know that the Easter Season is a fifty day period following Easter Sunday? The Easter Season actually comes to an end Pentecost Sunday on May 24th.

Nominations open for the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

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

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/

Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: Tuesday, April 21st

Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series at 6pm on Tuesday, April 21st in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Archbishop Jimenez will reflect on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register: parracatholic.org/jimenez

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis Formation Day for candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This will be on Saturday, August 29th at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day.

It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent before Monday, August 18th. For more details: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: Thursday, April 23rd

In partnership with Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us on zoom at 5.00pm on to raise some possible responses to the urging of the

2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. To register visit: parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/

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.

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

In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting. (*Diary, 906*)

Vocations reflection

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

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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Easter Message from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you! In this Easter season of 2026, we are all living in very troubled, wounded times. With so much conflict, violence and entrenched hatred, we might even be tempted to occasionally lament: Where is our God?

In such chaotic times it is good to be reminded of a wonderful story about St Teresa of Avila.

One day the devil appeared to her, disguised as Jesus. St Teresa wasn't fooled for even a second, dismissing the devil. Before leaving, the devil asked her, "How could you be so sure I wasn't Jesus?" Teresa replied: "You didn't have any wounds – Christ has wounds!"

One of the most striking elements of our Gospel's Resurrection stories is that Jesus is still wounded in all of them. The crucifixion wounds do not disappear. The resurrected body of Christ remains marked by his earthly suffering, forever. It is not until the disciples see the wounds of Christ that they recognise Jesus for who he is.

Our Catholic faith, however, refuses to gloss over our own personal wounds - the wounds of our brothers and sisters, and those of our suffering planet, with hollow positive thinking. Instead, our Holy Father Pope Leo urges us to move beyond passivity. Leo challenges us to become peacemakers!

And we can all become peacemakers in very simple ways. If only we had the eyes of faith we would notice that peacemaking is all around us. To name only a few examples:

- In the quiet, tender care of our nurses and care-givers in our hospitals, especially to the elderly and dying
- In the patient and professional care of our Catholic teachers who generously serve our young people
- In the quiet heroism of parents as they sacrifice themselves for the good of their children
- In the outreach of our social services like Catholic Care who help the needy
- In the lives of ordinary people who refuse to become resentful and instead forgive and love their enemies.

Yes, the wounds of such peacemakers do not embitter them but become fountains of peace and hope for others. This Easter let us allow the risen Lord to roll away the rocks of pride, ego and selfishness from our hearts. May we banish all violence from our lives. May the light of the risen Christ that streams from his glorified wounds bring joy, healing and peace to us all.

For "By His wounds we are healed". A blessed Easter to you all.

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ For the late Jane Marie Gibson this Tuesday April 7th at 11:00am

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 (Viny) 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, Noel Young, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Roland Gonzalez, Arnold Morris, Doreen Marsh, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Vince Colosimo.

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