

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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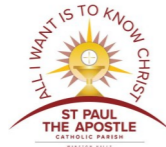
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Administrator: Father Jobi Payyappilly

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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

Young Adult Ministry event: Sunday, April 19th — you're invited!

After the Sunday 5pm Mass (April 19th), the young adults group will gather in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. Father Ambrose will be giving a talk on the Easter Season, which will be followed by pizza so please come along. All young adults (18-35) are welcome and encouraged to attend and please join (and RSVP) using the QR code:



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

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated ANZAC Day at 6:00am with morning tea to follow and 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.

Drop in and enjoy our Leisure Group: this Wednesday, April 22nd

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!

Relocation of table and bulletins at entrance to Church

To assist in the ease of congestion in the flow of the congregation before and after Mass, the table containing the bulletins, registers and other items of importance have been relocated into the main foyer of the Church.

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

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.

Liturgical Ministry Courses - please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Courses will commence in September 2026.

To enrol and for details, please contact the parish office. Registrations close August 4th but places may run out well before that date.

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

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/

Nominations open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards

These awards recognise individuals, religious and lay, who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised or want to know more? Visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

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 Blacktown with Confirmation to take place on Tuesday, September 1st at the Cathedral.

For more details please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Ministry of Care courses: June 3rd - 24th

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course. Will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Engaged Encounter courses for 2026

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: May 23-24, Aug 8-9, Nov 14-15

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities, Commemorations

21st Saint Anselm | 23rd Saint George, Saint Adalbert | 24th Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

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

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - May

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 1st | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 2nd

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



Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ

The Gospel story of the conversation on the road to Emmaus, displays something found in all the recorded appearances of the risen Lord. Jesus meets people exactly where they are: Mary Magdalene in her weeping, Thomas in his doubting, the group gathered in the upper room in their fear. Here he meets the two disciples in their disillusionment and disbelief. One of the many wonderful things about the episode is that by not revealing himself immediately to them but simply accompanying them as a companion along the way, Jesus respects their experience and lets them tell out their story to the end. Only then does he pick it up and weave it into his own instruction.

Cleophas explains the hopes they had rested in Jesus of Nazareth. These hopes ran very much along the lines of conventional expectations concerning the Messiah. He would be a just ruler of David's line, who would liberate Israel from all the kinds of oppression – political, civil and economic – under which it currently laboured. No thought here for a Messiah who would suffer and die. Hence the shattering of hope at the events of Good Friday, the refusal to take seriously the reports of the women about an empty tomb.

Like Peter in the sermon told in the First Reading, Jesus takes their experience as they have just recounted it and relates it to Scripture. Note that he does so still in the guise of a fellow traveller.

Only when they understand how what had happened to the Messiah actually followed out a path indicated in the Scriptures – only, that is, with closure of the terrible gap between what they had been hoping for on the basis of conventional hopes and what had actually happened – will they be ready to come to full faith in the resurrection. Later, they describe the experience on the road as that of having their 'hearts burn within them – a phrase destined to ring down the ages whenever God's grace would lead others, often very gradually, to see pain, loss, shattered hopes contained within a wider pattern salvation.

Captivated by this companion as they approach Emmaus, the two disciples will not allow him to go on his way but constrain him to be their guest. Once inside, however, a reversal takes place.

They who had offered hospitality to him find themselves guests at a table he provides.

At the breaking of the bread, at the Eucharistic moment, they know him at last as risen Lord.

Instantly he vanishes from their sight. Curiously, this sudden loss seems to cause them no distress. Reflecting on their experience, they return straight away to Jerusalem to share with the others what had happened on the road and at the meal. They discover that the remaining disciples have their own Easter story to relate. In a pattern often found in Luke, the sharing of stories creates a deeper community experience of salvation (cf. the exchange between Mary and Elizabeth at the Visitation [1:39-56]).

The Emmaus episode presents a perfect paradigm of the life of the Church as, fortified by the Spirit, it continues the mission of Jesus. Equipped with the Scriptures (Word), the Church walks alongside disillusioned, hurt fellow travellers along the human path. In the Eucharist (Sacrament) it offers the hospitality of the risen Lord. In Word and Sacrament the journey to Emmaus is our story too.

Source: <https://liturgyhelp.com/>

Please pray for our sick ...

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

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, Michael Balagtas, Catherine Formosa, Anis Haddad, and the recently deceased Joseph Chan.

Moments of Mercy

The flames of mercy are burning Me—clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness. (*Diary, 177*)

Vocations reflection

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

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

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