

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Emergencies or Anointing of the Sick:
call 9639 6516 and press 5

Administrator: Father Jobi Payyappilly

Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah



Weekend Mass	Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 5:00pm
Weekday Mass	Monday to Saturday: 9:10am (preceded by 8:40am Rosary) Thursday: 7.00pm
Reconciliation	Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm
Adoration (24 hour Adoration)	Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday
Baptisms	First and Third Sunday of each month. Baptism bookings only via our website

St Joseph the Worker, Patron of Workers Feast Day: May 1st

In addition to being the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and foster father of Jesus, St Joseph was a carpenter. Through his labour for the Holy Family, Joseph shared in the divine plan of salvation.

The Gospel of St Matthew describes Joseph as a “just man”, which in the language of the Bible means one who loves and respects the law as the expression of the will of God. Like Mary, Joseph too was visited by an angel, who appeared to him in a dream. And, again like Mary, her spouse, Joseph said “Yes”, when the angel revealed that the Child she bore was conceived of the Holy Spirit.

The special characteristic of Joseph is hiddenness, remaining in the background. No word of his is recorded in the Gospels. He is not mentioned after finding Christ in the Temple. Probably by the time Jesus began his public life, at the wedding in Cana, Joseph had already passed to the next life, although we don't know exactly when or where he died, with the place of his burial a mystery.

As is true of many fathers, Joseph raised Jesus to follow in his own profession as a craftsman; in the Gospels, Jesus is called “the son of the carpenter”.

The life of St Joseph shows us the dignity of human work, the duty and the perfection of humans, who in this way exercise dominion over creation, share in the work of the Creator, offer their service to the community, and participate in God's plan of salvation. Joseph loved his work.

He never complained of weariness, but as a man of faith elevated it to the exercise of virtue. He found contentment in his work, because he did not aspire to wealth and did not envy the rich; for Joseph, work was not a means to satisfy his own greed, but an instrument to support his family.

March 19th is celebrated for Joseph, husband of Mary; the most commonly celebrated feast day. The feast on May 1st was officially instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII on, in order to ensure that workers not lose this Christian understanding of work; but earlier Popes had already prepared the ground. Blessed Pius IX in a certain way recognised the importance of Saint Joseph as a labourer, when he proclaimed him Patron of the Universal Church. The principle of work as a means to eternal salvation would be taken up again by St John Paul II in his encyclical *Laborem exercens*, where he refers to “the Gospel of Work”. And Cardinal Angelo Roncalli – who became Pope St John XXIII – when he was elected to the Throne of Peter had thought of taking the name Joseph, so devoted was he to the saint who was the foster-father of Jesus.

Source: vaticannews.va/en/saints/05/01/st-joseph--the-worker--spouse-of-the-blessede-virgin-mary---pat.html



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. 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.

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration, there are other ways to participate:

- 3:30pm [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00pm [Evening Prayer/Vespers](#) (also known as [Liturgy Of The Hours](#))
- 6.00pm Reconciliation until 7:00pm **come ... spend some time with Him**

Communion to the sick

Contact office to organise

Wednesday Novena

To Mother of Perpetual Help
prayed after 9:10am Mass

Thursday Cenacles

Prayed in Marian Chapel
after 9:10am Mass

Christ's Catholic

Community Prayer group

Fridays 10:00 am in Parish
Centre Conference Room

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 3:30pm Marian Chapel

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

Women's Ministry

Third Thursday of the month

6:00pm - Church

7:45pm - Parish Hall

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday 11:00am

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

Hearing Loop

Set to 'T' (Telecoil).

*Overheads for hymns used
with permission under
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**“All I want
is to know Christ”**



St Paul the Apostle, pray for us

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed that they rest in peace:

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, Maria Zammit, Bernice and Ian McInerney, Joseph Anton Maria Helmut Kutin, Phero Trong Tuan Bui, Gioan Thu Tai Nguyen, Vince Colosimo, and the recently deceased Raul Quismorio and Peter Flook.

PARISH NEWS

National Count of Attendance at Mass: May 2026

The National Count of Attendance at Mass will take place across Australia parishes commencing with masses on May 2nd and 3rd and for the three weekends thereafter. There is nothing that those attending mass will need to do and counts will be undertaken at a suitable time during each Mass. Everyone who is present will be included, including children and babies. Although it is being held in the same year as the National Census, this is a separate process.

To see results from the previous count in 2021 there is a hardcopy in the church foyer, else feel free to visit:

<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-count-of-attendance/>

Remembering our Mothers no longer with us

At all Masses on Mothers Day, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for all those listed.

You are invited to include names of those mothers no longer with us, on the scroll which is located in the Church foyer.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Liturgical Ministry Courses - please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our various Ministries.

Courses will commence in September 2026. To enrol, or for details, please contact the parish office.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Procession: Saturday, May 16th

A procession will be held at St Mary's Cathedral after the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and process by candlelight around the Cathedral Forecourt making public witness to the power of the Rosary and the richness and beauty of our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

Sistine Chapel Revelations – An Immersive Exhibition

Experience the *Sistine Chapel: Revelations* immersive exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (May 16th – July 19th). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at sistinechapelsydney.com.au.

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 community. Know someone who deserves to be recognised or want to know more? Visit parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/

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. 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.

Rosary Workshops: May 5th and 20th

A fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. Will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm. Cost: \$5 per person payable on arrival.

To register or for more information, visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: May 12th

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited, taking place at 7:30pm on May 12th, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7pm and seated by 7:15pm. To register: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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Parish Safeguarding Statement:

We take 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

Heavenly Father, we pray you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick:

Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Antonia Maturano, Arlene Diaz, Aurora Ignacio, Bailey Whou, Bob McMillan, Darrel Morrison, David Nichols, David, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Fermin Manuel, John Gin, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Irene Barry, Jennifer and John Lopez, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Lynda Steel, Loui Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Marian Bacho, Maria Mezzagosto, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Owen Martin, Ron Locke, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Stella Kim, Therese Garamy, Vanessa Ibrahim, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Aaliyah, Alma and Maya, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Planned Giving, Weekly Envelopes and Direct Debit

To assist in reducing expenses for printing and supply of planned giving envelopes, we are asking parishioners to consider changing to direct debit option before the start of the next financial year. If you are in a position to change from paper envelopes to direct debit, or wish to know more, please contact the parish office as soon as practical. Direct debits are applied on the first Thursday every month. It is important to note that although direct debit is a monthly deduction, the amount can be changed at any time during the financial year.

Save the date! Parish Feast Day: Sunday, June 28th

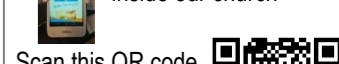
We will shortly be reaching out to our parishioners about this special annual celebration in our parish.



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