

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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

Ways to love Our Lady more throughout the Month of May

The Church sets aside the month of May in which we focus our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. In an encyclical letter, St Pope Paul VI wrote: "The month of May is a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God... For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne... Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise"

Below are some ways during May, where might come to know and love our Mother more deeply. When we give ourselves to her and allow her to teach and guide us, we can more effectively be her hands and feet in bringing others to Jesus.

Pray the Rosary: Our Lady of Fatima encouraged the children present to [pray the Rosary](#).

Pray a Marian Novena: Saint Teresa of Calcutta prayed [the Memorare prayer](#) ten times in a row.

Marian presence: In our home do we see explicit signs of our love for Our Lady to help us turn to her?

Read a book: eg stpauls.com.au/strathfield/prayer-and-devotions/marian-devotions.html

Make a personal Act of Consecration to Our Lady: [some examples are contained here](#)

Undertake a Marian Pilgrimage: Visit places dedicated to her honour [Mount Schoenstatt Shrine](#).

For those who cannot make a pilgrimage physically do so virtually for [Lourdes](#) and [Fatima](#).

Celebrate the Marian Feast days: Visit www.roman-catholic-saints.com/marian-calendar.html

The Heroic Minute – live the example of Mary's Fiat each day The grace of the first minute each day accepted heroically and acted upon is given to Our Lady as a thanksgiving gift for her. [link](#)

Praying the Angelus: [The Angelus](#) is recited daily at 6am, 12pm and 6pm all over the world.

Wear the Miraculous Medal: Our Lady promised [all who wear it](#) will receive great graces.

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular: Those who wear it many privileges [The Brown Scapular](#)

Study the history of the Marian Apparitions: [Link to authentic apparitions of Our Lady](#)

Set up a Home Shrine to Our Lady: As we pass by our [shrine](#), we offer words of love and affection.

Join a Marian Organisation: eg [Legion of Mary](#), [Knights of the Immaculate](#), [Blue Army of Our Lady](#),

and our own World Apostolate of Fatima parish prayer group worldfatima.com/en/join-us

Consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: [Act of Consecration of the Family](#)

First Saturday of the Month Devotion: [Link to further information](#)

Sing Marian hymns: Written to honour Our Lady in her titles and privileges eg [Salve Regina](#).

Enrol in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary: [Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary](#)

Know the history of Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia: [Mary Help of Christians](#)

Know the Marian Dogmas: catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55423/the-four-marian-dogmas

Know the Marian Champions: the Church shares with us the stories of saints, or Marian [champions](#).

Seven Sorrows and the Seven Joys of Our Lady: [Seven Sorrows](#), [Rosary of the Seven Joys](#)

Accompany Our Lady along the Via Dolorosa: Commonly known as the Way of the Cross.

Visit: [Blessed Virgin retraced the steps of her beloved Son by making the Way of the Cross](#)

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, Vince Colosimo, Philip Denis McInerney, Matthew Essey, Chammouni Frangi, Fouad and Olga Matta, George Khodeir, and the recently deceased James Wynne and Sister Eva Fidela Maamo.

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).

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"All I want

is to know Christ"



St Paul the Apostle, pray for us

PARISH NEWS

Monsignor John Boyle visiting next weekend

At all masses next weekend, Monsignor Boyle will be available at the Piety Stall to promote and sign his book "Tested By Fire" about the tragic burning of St Patrick's Cathedral and its aftermath. Copies are \$50. Monsignor Boyle will also be celebrating the 8:00am and 9:30am masses on Mother's Day.

National Count of Attendance at Mass: May 2026

This will take place across Australia parishes during this month. There is nothing that those attending mass will need to do.

2021 results: ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-count-of-attendance/

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed.

For support or assistance, to know more or to contribute, visit <https://www.pregnancyhelpsydney.com/>. Thank you.

Remembering our Mothers no longer with us

All Masses on Mothers Day will be offered for all those listed on the scroll. You are invited to include names of those mothers no longer with us on the scroll 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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training in May

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held throughout May at different parishes.

Please register by clicking on the training event of your preference: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training.

If you would like to know more, please contact our parish office else email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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/

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: Sunday, May 17th

Starts at 10:30am with presentations, introduction to meditation, Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion around 3pm.

Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and labyrinth.

For information contact Ann atomas@bigpond.com or 0437 340 250. Location: St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia.

Position Vacant – Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park

Housekeeper Supervisor to support the daily operation of the Seminary. This is a full-time, ongoing role, and includes hands-on

cleaning duties as well as day-to-day supervision of housekeeping staff. To apply or find out more: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

How prepared are you for marriage?

Engaged Encounter courses provides you with deeper insights into each other and married life and a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Visit: engagedencounter.org.au. Upcoming dates: May 23rd-24th, Aug 8th-9th, Nov 14th-15th.

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, Mark 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.

Call out for keyboard players and organists

We are abundantly blessed with many musicians and singers, however there are a handful of Sunday mornings where we have no one to lead our worship through music.

If you can play the keyboard or organ, we'd love to hear from you and if you can sing, we definitely want to hear you! Ideally it's only one a month and please contact the office to find out more.

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. 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.

Next Leisure Group: this Wednesday, May 6th

Where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa on every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm in our Parish Centre.

Please come along even if you haven't been before!

Save the date!

Parish Feast Day

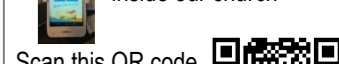
Sunday, June 28th



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