

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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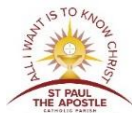
Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Emergencies or Anointing of the Sick:

call 9639 6516 and press 6

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

The Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord

The Feast is a commemoration of the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. It was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times. The Council of Nicaea set the date for the celebration of the Resurrection in 325, choosing to keep Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on/after the vernal equinox. This decision also placed the Ascension, being forty days after Easter, on a Thursday. Today, many ecclesiastical provinces transfer the celebration to the following Sunday to provide for a wider celebration.

The Ascension is believed to have occurred less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem. It marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge:

- *First* being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His, the Father's, and the Holy Spirit's essence.
- *Second* He had the perfection of infused knowledge, ie, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission.
- *Third* He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission, His learned knowledge continued to grow until perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences, and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. Today we commemorate that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow.

The final stage of the salvation of humanity takes place when Jesus returns to judge the living and dead. At that time, every human body will rise, will endure the final purification and transformation, and will share in the new and resurrected state in which the faithful will stand, body and soul, before the Most Holy Trinity and experience the fullness of the Beatific Vision forever. What Jesus has already accomplished in His human form is what we look forward to in hope at the end of time.

Source: mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/the-ascension-of-the-lord/

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

18th St John I | 20th St Bernadine of Siena | 21st Sts Christopher Magallenes and companions
22nd St Rita of Cascia | 24th Pentecost | 25th Our Lady, Help of Christians | 26th Saint Philip Neri

Funeral service for the late Bob McMillan: Friday, May 22nd

☩ 10:00am Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 2 Missenden Rd, Camperdown then to Pinegrove.

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

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Bishop Bonaventure Geoghegan OFM, Archbishop Brian Barnes OFM, 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, Paul Jumeau, Barbara Killick, Marie and Tim Kent, Felice and Vince Arena, Vincenzo Filpi, Rosa Caccamo, William Doherty, Michael Goodwin, Wilma Kentwell, Fouad and Olga Matta, Ian and Bernice McInerney, and the recently deceased Bob McMillan.

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

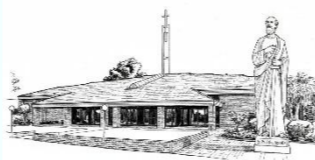
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**"All I want
is to know Christ"**



St Paul the Apostle, pray for us

PARISH NEWS

Parish Feast Day Celebration - Sunday, June 28th Come along - you're all invited!

Our parish will celebrate the solemnity of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (our patron saint) with Holy Mass at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, and for those that may usually attend our Masses at other times, consider coming along. Join us after Mass for a meal and activities in our school grounds as we gather and celebrate as a parish community.

We do however need your help

We cannot make this happen without you and there are many ways and areas where we need volunteers and assistance:

- ~ **Catering** – we encourage where possible (and of course deeply grateful) if you could consider bringing a plate.
- ~ **Helpers** – to assist in any way on the day before and also on the day (set up, clean, serve food, BBQ, packing, etc)

There are lists in our church foyer
to indicate where you can assist
or if you are bringing a plate.
You can also do this via QR:



If you want to know more, or there are other ways you would like to support and assist, please contact the parish office.

National Count of Attendance at Mass: May 2026

This will take place across Australia parishes during this month.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

The Power Of Pentecost: Sunday, May 24th

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta Diocese and The Emmaus Prayer Community invite you to come and Celebrate Pentecost. Commences at 2:00pm with Holy Mass celebrated by Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah, followed by Praise and Worship, Talk, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship by [Abraham George](#). OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. All welcome to this free event. To register please visit: trybooking.com/DLWRE. For more details contact Desiree 0478 765 772 or Amila 0404 445 397.

Annual Laudato Si' Week: Saturday, May 16th – Sunday, May 24th

Join the Catholic Church across Australia and Catholics around the world in this annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to nurture "seeds of hope" for our suffering planet. Can we also continue to pray as Pope Leo XIV encourages us to offer "a prayer to the Lord who conquered death without weapons or violence."

For more details: Laudato Si: LaudatoSiWeek.org Caritas: caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/laudato-si-week-parish/

National Reconciliation week: Mount Drutt Reconciliation Walk: Saturday, May 23rd

Join Catholic Care and Holy Family Parish Emerton at the Reconciliation Walk and Gathering 10am - 1pm at Dawson Mall, Mount Drutt. Activities for the whole family including entertainment, stalls, Dreamtime stories, workshops, displays and stalls. Walk commences 11am.

Important Safeguarding information

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It ensures that children, young people, and vulnerable adults are safe, respected, and protected in our parish community. All volunteers and ministry members are required to complete safeguarding training. This can be completed online or face-to-face training sessions: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. To know more, please contact our parish office or visit Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website parracatholic.org/safeguarding/ else email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org. Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place. At St Paul the Apostle Parish we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with [The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding](#). We take safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to Parish Priest, Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419.

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

Special Healing Mass: Sunday, June 7th 5:00pm

The 5:00pm Mass will be celebrated by Father Justin Torres. After this Mass, he will anoint and pray over anyone who would like to partake in the gift of healing, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. All are welcome to be healed by this renowned minister of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and healing. Father will be using the Tilma during the praying, and all healing is done through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal starts this weekend

Commencing this weekend and continuing until June 20th /21st, this Appeal will support the Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form future priests our Diocese will need in years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously via this QR code or at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please pray for our parish children preparing for this Sacrament. Communion masses will be held 11:00am Sunday 24th and 31st.

Sacrament of Confirmation for children

An announcement will be made in next weekend's bulletin with all relevant information including when online registration opens.

Next Leisure Group: this Wednesday, May 20th

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



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