

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Pentecost - The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is the feast that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles. The name comes from the Greek pentēkostē ("fiftieth") as it is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

On this day the gift of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church are commemorated and remembered. After Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, he sends his disciples a power—the Holy Spirit—a force to enable them to be his personal witnesses in the world.

The origins of Pentecost are linked to the Jewish feast of Shavuot which also occurs 50 days after the Jewish Passover. On this feast the Jewish people remember the moment when God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai, an event that seals the Covenant between God and the people of Israel.

Pentecost took place ten days after Jesus' Ascension, when the Lord had promised his disciples that they would receive a special power: the Holy Spirit. This promise is fulfilled according to the account in the Acts of the Apostles (2:1–4) during the feast of Shavuot:

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

From that moment on the Apostles received a new mission: to spread the message of Jesus. The tongues of fire enable them to communicate with people of different languages and cultures thus bringing the Gospel to the entire world.

This event represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promises and also the beginning of a new Covenant between God and humanity as foretold by the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Immediately after the descent of the Holy Spirit the Apostles begin to preach and baptise.

Pentecost, one of the most important events in the liturgical year, marks the birth of the Church, and the formation of the first Christian communities and the beginning of the evangelizing mission.

Source: vaticanstate.va/en/state-and-government/general-informations/saint-of-the-day/2090-pentecost.html

Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians: Monday, May 25th

Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, together with Our Lady, under the title “Help of Christians”, are our spiritual patrons and has always had a special place in the devotions of Australian Catholics. In 1844, Mary, under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians, was chosen as patroness of Australia at the First Sydney Provincial Synod. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians. St Mary's Cathedral was also dedicated in her honour. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

25th Our Lady, Help of Christians | 26th St Philip Neri | 27th St Augustine of Canterbury
29th Saint (Pope) Paul VI | 31st The Most Holy Trinity | June 1st Saint Justin

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, 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, Philip Denis McInerney, Arnold Morris and Diane Donkin.

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

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

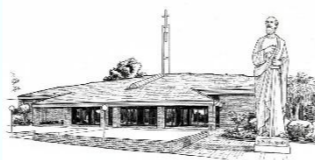
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**“All I want
is to know Christ”**



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 Saint 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

Bishop's Good Works Appeal

Continuing until mid June, 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 with the envelopes or parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession: Thursday, June 4th

This year, for the Feast of Corpus Christi the Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy are coming together for a vibrant Eucharistic Procession at 6:00pm from Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral (40 Alice St, Harris Park) to St Patrick's Cathedral.

Relics of St Anthony of Padua in the Diocese of Parramatta: June 6th and 7th

June 6th: OLOR Church, Kellyville - 9:30am Mass, 4:00pm First Holy Communion, 6:00pm Vigil Mass (all followed by Devotions).

June 7th: St Padre Pio, Glenmore Park - 7:30am Devotions, 8:00am Mass (Devotions 8:45am - 9:45am),

10:00am Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession. Devotions 11:30am – 4:00pm.

International Eucharistic Congress 2028

To stay up to date or for information on the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 go to the official website: <https://eucharist28.org/>

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.

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