

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

Parish Priest: Father John Paul Escartan (on leave)

Administrator: Father Jobi Payyappilly

Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul: June 29th

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul to honour these two great apostles. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul “called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God” and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honoured as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero. “Christian tradition has always considered Sts. Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

St. Peter was one of Jesus’ original twelve Apostles and the first Pope. Peter was a Jewish fisherman before he was called to be an Apostle. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter (“Rock”) and gave Him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), which is why St. Peter is depicted with keys. St. Paul (originally Saul), was a self-righteous young Pharisee, almost fanatically anti-Christian. When the Resurrected Lord appeared to Him on the road to Damascus, he suddenly converted. From then, he went on to evangelise throughout the Mediterranean from the Holy Land to Rome to Spain. His zeal and reach entitles him to be known as the “Apostle to the Gentiles.” “The Gentiles” means “the nations.” For Jews, it meant the non-Jewish people. For the Church, it means the non-Jewish unbelievers in Christ – that is, the greater part of mankind of all generations.

St. Paul is one of the greatest saints of the early Church, most recognised for his conversion. Before being called by Christ, he was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a fervent enemy of Christ. Paul’s conversion was a pure miracle of God’s grace. He is a perfect example of true conversion. He had dedicated himself to persecuting Christians but the moment he met Christ his life changed radically, instantly, and completely. In commenting on St. Paul’s conversion, Pope Francis said that this conversion story affects all of us because we all “have a hardness of heart,” just as Saul did, and just like Saul, we are all called to conversion.

source: <https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/stspeterandpaul/>

WISHING ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS A HAPPY FEAST DAY FOR OUR PATRON SAINT !

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

29th Sts Peter, Paul | 30th First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church | 3rd St Thomas | 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – July

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 3rd | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 4th

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**

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, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Moshen and Haifa Hayek, Vince Colosimo, Kath Mallick, Paul, Angelique, Claude and Myriam Jumeau, Mildred Davison, Connie Debono-Cullen, Anis Haddad, Jeanette Maree.

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

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**

PARISH NEWS

Clergy update

On July 1st, Father Jobi will take up his appointment as Administrator of [Rooty Hill Parish](#). We also extend a most warm welcome to Father Joby Itira who will commence next weekend in his appointment as our Parish Administrator. Father Joby is currently the Parish Priest at St Anthony of Padua, Toongabbie.

Together, with your help

In our parish there are currently only two paid positions (apart from Clergy who receive a stipend) and they are our Housekeeper and Parish Secretary. The Sacramental Coordinator position remains unfilled and Catechist (SRE) Coordinator role is currently occupied on a volunteer basis. All other roles such as office volunteers, RCIA team and so on, are volunteers only and not paid or financially compensated for their time. The parish is heavily dependent upon the generosity of our volunteers across many ministries and roles and who give so generously of their time. We are especially reaching out to those who are unsure or uncertain in how they can help and if you have talents, gifts, skills and most of all time we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office to let us know or just to find out more. Thank you!

Urgent need for Church cleaners

If you can spare an hour or two, one Saturday a month, please contact the parish office. If we do not have enough helpers then the church will be cleaned less often which is not desirable.

Next Leisure Group: this Wednesday, July 1st

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

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Aurora, Evelyn and Ysabella, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Women's Discernment retreat by Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: July 4th

For women aged 18-35, a free one day discernment retreat at 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong, with Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, small group sharing, and quiet reflection time. Bring your questions, your hopes, and an open heart: To register: csfn.org.au/contact

MET Natural Fertility Sessions available online during July

To find out more, or for how to access these sessions, please visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

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/. 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. 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, Higgy Simpliciano, Irene Barry, Jennifer and John Lopez, Mark Lopez, Joshua King, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Vanessa Ibrahim, Loui Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Loy De'Souza, Nick Galea, Lynda Steel, Lucas Le Huray, Lynette Giri, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Micheline Mathieu, Peter Beck, Ron Locke, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Stella Kim, Therese Garamy, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

CYP Annual LIFTED Retreat here at St Paul's!

One day retreat for 16 and 17 year olds (in years 10 to 12) on Thursday, July 15th. Enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of Abundance. The LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available.

Info and registration: parracatholic.org/events/lifted-high-school

Planned Giving envelopes and requesting receipts

- Receipts are only be provided upon request to the parish office and not automatically generated.
- Requests for receipts for Planned Giving, or for any collection, to submitted no later than Monday, June 29th.
- Planned Giving envelopes for 2026/27 are available in the Church foyer, and throw away unused 2025/26 envelopes.
- Thank you again for your generous support of our parish.

Difference between the first and second collections

As you are aware, there are two collections at weekend Masses. There is a difference between these in terms of allocation of funds:

- First Collection:** primarily supports clergy across our Diocese. This provides the monthly stipend for our clergy and in addition provides for care and health of clergy both current and retired.
- Second Collection:** provides for our specific parish (ie Saint Paul's) expenses. These include both our church and office and in respect of our various ministries, includes all operating and maintenance costs, liturgical provisions and insurance.

As always, thank you for your ongoing and generous financial support of our Parish and if you are interested in our Planned Giving program, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office.

Tap and Go donation facility

The donation points do not take the place of the first and second collections, or the weekly envelope offerings, and provide a convenient alternative for those wishing to make a donation. You can donate using a debit or credit card or mobile phone and with the option to generate a paper receipt. Note that no financial institution fees will be incurred by you.



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How to donate to our parish

Tap and Go terminals inside our church

