

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Administrator: Father Joby Ittira Kadambattu MS
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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](#)

Feast of St. Charbel Makhlouf – July 24th
The following is an edited extract from a Vatican News article in November 2025

In the Mount Lebanon region of Jbeil, perched on top of a hill at an altitude of 1200 meters, is the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, the resting place of St. Charbel Makhlouf. This Lebanese Maronite monk and hermit lived from 1828 to 1898 and led a life of extreme asceticism and devotion to God. Today, he is known for numerous miraculous healings attributed to his intercession, earning him the veneration of not only Christians and Catholics but also Muslims and people of other faiths. Millions visit his resting place every year, and for the first time in 2025, a Pope as well, Pope Leo XIV. Father Youssef Matta, a Maronite monk resident in the Monastery, explained there are two main reasons for St. Charbel’s “interreligious charm”. The first is numerous miraculous healings attributed to his intercession. “The concrete result is that grace transcends specific doctrine. He is the miracle worker for humanity, and he does not care so much about religion in the strict sense.” In fact, miracles started occurring as early as a couple of months after his death in 1898, with several monks saying they saw his tomb illuminated by unnatural lights. Later, it was opened, and his body was found to be incorrupt and exuding blood and water. Slowly, his reputation for holiness started spreading, and then Paul VI both beatified and canonised him in 1965 and 1977, respectively. The second reason for his popularity is “his asceticism, his life as a hermit, in poverty, and with a total devotion to God”.

St. Charbel joined the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1851, taking vows of obedience, poverty and chastity at the Monastery of St. Maron in 1853 and ordained in 1859. After 16 years of living in the Monastery with the other religious, he became a hermit and stayed in the hermitage for 23 years until his death in 1898 on Christmas Eve. St. Charbel focused on prayer and work, which is “an ideal of spiritual purity revered in all Eastern religious traditions - Christian, Islamic, Druze - and even non-Eastern.” St. Charbel Makhlouf is also part of a large family of Lebanese saints that include for example St. Maron, founder of the Maronite Church; St. Rafka, a nun known for her resilience in the face of sickness; Blessed Jacques Ghazir Haddad, a Capuchin friar who founded various schools and hospitals that are still active today; or the Maronite Patriarch Estephan El Douaihy, who was beatified in August 2024. The legacy of these saints “offers strength in suffering” as it is “a testimony that contemplative prayer and faith endure even in contexts of great instability and pain.” He also said it shows the richness of the Eastern Churches and their loyalty to Rome, as “they can serve as a bridge between East and West.” Like St. Charbel’s example, the lives of these saints and blessed demonstrate “how holiness, especially through miracles, can be a factor of unity that transcends confessional divisions and invites us to stay attached to our territory.”

source: [vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2025-11/pope-leo-xiv-lebanon-saint-charbel-monastery-annaya.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2025-11/pope-leo-xiv-lebanon-saint-charbel-monastery-annaya.html)

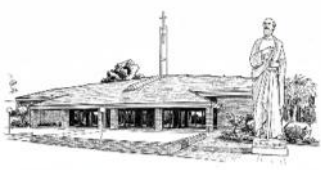
*O Miraculous Saint Charbel, from whose immaculate body, which overpowers corruption, radiates the scent of heaven, come to my rescue and grant me from God the petition(s) which I am in need of (make your petition(s) here).
O Saint Charbel pray for me.*

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities
20th Saint Apollinaris | 21st Saint Lawrence of Brindisi | 22nd Saint Mary Magdalene
23rd Saint Bridget | 24th Saint Charbel Makhlouf | 25th Saint James

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, Cedric Morris, Nancy Donkin, Sebastian Trovato, Catherine Formosa, and the recently deceased John Dib, Mafaldina Fernandez and Lynette Giri.

Communion to the sick
Contact office to organise
Wednesday Novena
To Mother of Perpetual Help
prayed 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 ONE LICENCE No A-642251

“All I want is to know Christ”



St Paul the Apostle, pray for us

PARISH NEWS

Senior’s Christmas in July: Saturday, July 25th
This special event is being organised by the members of our parish Women’s Ministry. It will take place in the Father David Scott Parish Centre from 10:00am until 11:30am on July 25th. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. This is a free event and as places are limited, and also for catering, you will need to RSVP by July 20th to Shirley 0411 772 212. If you are able to help in any way on the day, or able to donate food to assist with catering, please reach out to Shirley, Please join us for a morning of food, fun and laughter!

Updating our Sick List in this Bulletin
If you have a family member or friend named in this bulletin listed in *Please pray for our sick*, who has since recovered or sadly passed away, please contact the parish office. This is so their name can be removed to allow the list to remain up to date.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Eucharistic Seminar – The Resurrection and the Eucharist: Saturday, July 25th
Join Father Matthew Dimian 4:00–5:30pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys, for a seminar ‘The Resurrection and the Eucharist’, held as part of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. RSVP at parracatholic.org/eucharisticseminar2026
For more information about the overall Exhibition please visit: parracatholic.org/events/eucharistic-miracles-exhibit-13-26-july/

Campion College – Open House: Saturday August 1st
From 11:15am–2:00pm at our campus in Toongabbie. A wonderful opportunity for prospective students and their families to experience life at Campion College, learn more about our humanities degree, meet our students and staff, and discover what makes our community unique. Please see the links below for the schedule/registration form: campion.edu.au/event/open-house/

Baulkham Hills Parish Grow in Faith Program for Adults: from August 10th
A new series of Catholic talks every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Open to everyone aged over 13— for those who have been practising their faith for years, those who have drifted away from the Church, and anyone simply curious about the Christian faith. Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Baulkham Hills (Parish Hall under the church). For more details: Lucas 0428 813 256.

Spur on our Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminarists and City2Surf team
This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarists will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on Sunday, August 9th. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarists as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations. Spur them on with a donation at tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. If you want to know more about the priesthood, please visit parracatholic.org/contribute/discern-my-vocation/priesthood

Annual African Mass 2026: Sunday, September 27th
You are warmly invited to come along from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at St Patrick’s Church, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown, for a vibrant celebration of faith, culture and community. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided following Mass. All are welcome.

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



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