

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](#)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 26th

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was an initiative started by Pope Francis in 2021 for the fourth Sunday in July, and typically coincides with the feast of Saint Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Our Lord. Following is an extract from a recent message from his Holiness, Pope Leo XIV for the occasion:

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognise ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, “But I will never forget you,” take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. “In an era that favours speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness” (Encyclical Letter, [Magnifica Humanitas](#), 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord’s promise: “But I will never forget you!”

It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as [John Paul I](#) said, that we are the recipients “of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother” ([Angelus](#), 10 September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age.

In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

Source: vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20260615-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. Amen.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

July 29th Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus | 30th Saint Peter Chrysologus | 31st Saint Ignatius Loyola
August 1st Saint Alphonsus Liguori | 3rd Saint Dominic | 4th Saint John Vianney

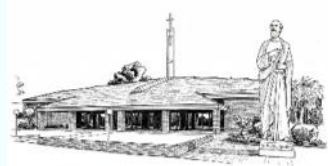
Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed that they may rest in peace:

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, Lynette Giri, Shirley Glynn, Richard Baker, Cedric Morris, Ted Donkin, Sebastian Pereira, Maisie Pilcher.

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

Women’s Ministry of St Pauls - Thursday, August 20th an evening with Rhoda Chaalan

An invitation to women aged 18 and over even if you’re visiting! Commences with 6pm Eucharistic Adoration followed by 7pm Mass. Afterwards join us in the Parish Centre for a talk by on *You Don’t Prepare Yourself For God. God Prepares You!* Rhoda’s testimony is a reminder that God does not wait for us to be healed before He calls us. Our Ministry gathers monthly on the third Thursday each month and please come along.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

From stories to solidarity – A table talk on Homelessness: August 9th

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. *What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place?* What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together.

All are welcome! Please register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/>

Diocese of Parramatta World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Launch: August 12th

Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed “Take courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Doors open 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/

Annual Walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption: August 15th

Join the Annual pilgrimage walk on the Solemnity of the Assumption, beginning with 11:00am Mass at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, followed by a 14km walk to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshment stops will be held at St Michael’s, Baulkham Hills, and St Monica’s, North Parramatta. The pilgrimage concludes with prayers at approx. 6pm. Banners and statues welcome, and join the walk at any point. For enquiries, contact Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office 9629 2595.

St Carlo Acutis’s Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it comes to Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, from 9-23 August. Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are required.

To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit <https://parracatholic.org/iec2028/>

‘Be The Witness’ Musical: September 10th – 13th

Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, September 10th. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with full cast and chorus now in place. Excitement is building. Gather your parish and book now at bethewitness.com.au

Free Legal Clinic – Catholic Care, Emerton

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and Traffic Offences. Bookings recommended – call 8843 2500. Walk-ins are also 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:

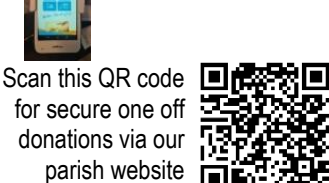
Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Antonia Maturano, Arlene Diaz, Aurora Ignacio, Bailey Whou, Daisy Ocden, Darrel Morrison, David, David Nichols, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Emily Anthony, Fermin Manuel, Ron Locke, Gabrielle Locke, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Higgy Simpliciano, Irene Barry, 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 Willemsen, Sharni Alexander, Peter Beck, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Stella Kim, Therese Garamy, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.



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