

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Administrator: Father Joby Ittira Kadambattu MS

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Christmas in July: thank you from the Parish Women's Ministry!

Our parish Women's Ministry extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our seniors Christmas in July celebration. What a wonderful day of laughter, friendship, music, and community! We also thank our clergy for their attendance, ongoing support and guidance.

A sincere thank you to the amazing Benedictus choir for so generously giving their time and talents, and to our fantastic line dancing group for keeping us entertained and smiling. We are incredibly grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped set up, serve, and pack away afterwards - your hard work made the day such a success. Thank you also to everyone who brought along delicious food to share. Your generosity helped create a beautiful feast for everyone to enjoy.

Most of all, we would like to thank our senior parishioners. Over the years, you have given so much to our parish through your faith, service, wisdom, and love. This celebration was our small way of saying "thank you." We sincerely hope you enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed giving back to you. May God bless each and every one of you.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Saturday, August 8th

Australia's first canonised saint overcame many obstacles and challenges to create a legacy that continues to inspire us today. At 24, she devoted her life to God, taking the name 'Mary of the Cross'. Mary co-founded a school in South Australia to educate poor and underprivileged children. This led to the establishment of Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who became affectionately known as the "Brown Joeys". Despite facing fierce opposition, including her excommunication, Mary's unwavering resolve and determination never faltered. In 1884 Mary MacKillop and her sisters moved to North Sydney. On 8th August 1909, Mary passed away in Alma Cottage (the Josephite Convent at the time), now the sacred site of Mary MacKillop Place (North Sydney). She was beatified in 1995 by Pope John Paul II after a second miracle was attributed to her and, on 17th October 2010, Mary MacKillop was canonised as a saint.

Source: marymackillopplace.org.au/about-us/saint-mary-mackillop/

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of August

For evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

3rd Saint Dominic | 4th Saint John Vianney | 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

6th Transfiguration of the Lord | 7th Saints Sixtus II and companions, Saint Cajetan | 8th Saint Mary Of The Cross

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – August

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 7th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 8th

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

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

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

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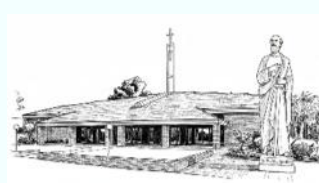
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**"All I want
is to know Christ"**



**St Paul the Apostle,
pray for us**

PARISH NEWS

Holy Day of Obligation: Saturday, August 15th

Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There will only be one Mass and at 9:10am.

This is one of the most important feast days of the year

and a Holy Day of Obligation observed on August 15th.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decreed (unchanged since 2001) the only feast days to be observed as holy days of obligation are Christmas Day, the Solemnity of the Assumption and all Sundays of the year.

Church foyer cabinets

As you have noticed, there are new notice boards and cabinets in our church foyer. These have been a popular and welcome addition. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the new layout allows information and resources to be better accessed and utilised. We thank Father Jobi for his vision and making this happen and to those who assisted.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 2nd – 9th

We are invited to reflect upon how God is calling us to live out our vocations and how we may continue to foster vocations in our communities. May God continue to send labourers into his harvest and bless His Church with vocations.

Vespers of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Thursday, August 7th

You are invited to the Vespers of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Friday, 7 August at 7pm-9pm, to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. This special evening begins with Vespers (a liturgy of evening prayer) in the Cathedral, and celebrates the outstanding contributions and dedication of individuals and communities within our Diocese.

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

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

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. Pilgrimage concludes with prayers approx. 6pm. Join in the walk at any point. Enquiries 9629 2595.

Bishop Vincent presents: Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Pique: August 26th

A special public lecture featuring two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists, Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Piqué. Hear their insider's account of the historic transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV. Wednesday, August 26th, 6:00 - 8:00pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. All are welcome. Register at parracatholic.org/oconnellpique.

St Carlo Acutis's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

This exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Will be at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, 9-23 August. Entry is free and no bookings required parracatholic.org/iec2028/

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, Bailey Whou, Daisy Oden, Danny Mulia, Darrel Morrison, David, David Nichols, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Emily Anthony, Fermin Manuel, Ron Locke, Gabrielle Locke, Glen, 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.

Women's Ministry of St Pauls - Thursday, August 20th

~ An evening with Rhoda Chaalan

An invitation to men and 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.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need in our community. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations raised allow the Pregnancy Help Sydney support group to continue supporting women and their families 24 hours a day on the telephone or with other assistance as needed. If you or anyone you know needs support or assistance, to know more, or to contribute, visit pregnancyhelpsydney.com/.



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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, Fred and Hodette Hanna, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Moshen and Haifa Hayek, Vince Colosimo, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Aloysius Dabrera, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Edward Young, Laurie Jamieson, Kayla Ho, Carmel and Brian Benson, Frank and Bev Gagan, Laure Hanna, Lourdes Zaballa.

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