

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal next weekend: Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the care, dignity and support they deserve. A third collection will be held after Communion next weekend. Alternatively you can always access and give via the website at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

Please come along to 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration this Friday and Saturday

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Why should I attend?

The Eucharist is the source of life for the Church. Eucharistic Adoration a pious custom in the Church since time immemorial. We adore God when we worship Him in His Real Presence in the Eucharist, and being there in Adoration is a powerful and personal time to be in His presence.

Our lives are filled with distractions and Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to be in silence with our Lord, to spend time with Him and where one can find deep, true joy. The Eucharist is also a call for thanksgiving, so what better way to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done in our lives and those of our loved ones!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, In contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." - Saint Pope John Paul II

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – September

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 4th | Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 5th

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, Fred and Hodette Hanna, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Moshen and Haifa Hayek, June "Mary" Norris, John Cunningham, Tony Cunningham, William Dick, Lorraine Roberson, Michael Grech, George Khodeir, and the recently deceased Colin Roach and Christopher Flaherty.

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	Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
	(24 hour Adoration) 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

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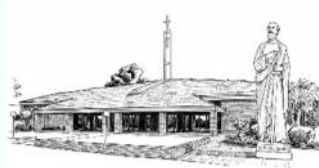
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**"All I want
is to know Christ"**



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

PARISH NEWS

Clergy Update

Dear parishioners, It is with sadness that I wish to inform you of the resignation of Fr John Paul Escarlan as Parish Priest of St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills, effective immediately. He has voluntarily resigned for personal reasons. In accepting his resignation, I acknowledge Fr John Paul's leadership and pastoral care to your community. I am sure that you will join me in wishing him every blessing for the future and affording him the space, privacy, and prayers he deserves. As his bishop, I want to assure you that he will be supported in the days ahead.

In the interim, I have appointed Fr Joby Ittira MS, Parish Priest of Toongabbie as the Administrator.

He will work closely with Fr Ambrose, Parish Pastoral Council, staff and volunteers until a new Parish Priest is appointed.

Let us be united in prayer and charity as we continue the good works of St Paul the Apostle Parish Community.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv,
Bishop of Parramatta

26th August 2026

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

'Be The Witness' Musical

Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, September 10th – 13th. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals underway, excitement is building. Gather your friends and book now at bethewitness.com.au

Be a Witness to the Holy Shroud of Turin Exhibition: September 6th – 13th

An extraordinary opportunity to encounter the mystery and history of the Holy Shroud of Turin in the Chapel St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from September 6th – 9th (open all day) and September 10th – 13th (open till late).

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains – upcoming memorials

Catholic Care, together with White Lady Funerals, invite you to the following which are free to attend:

- Memorial service to remember loved ones who have died by suicide or tragically lost their lives - Thursday, September 10th at 11am.
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Day - Tuesday, October 13th at 11:00am

Both services include the opportunity to place a plant in memory of your lost loved one in their Garden of Remembrance.

Free to attend at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. Please RSVP to Lisa 0439 917 129 or Christy 4731 4385.

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary – St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst. Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

September 3rd Saint Gregory the Great | 4th Ember Day

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, Lucas Le Huray, Lynda Steel, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Michelle Kobeissi, Micheline Mathieu, Mark Lopez, Nick Galea, Pat Willemsen, Peter Beck, Roy Oliveros, Sharni Alexander, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Therese Garamy, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation: opens Monday, August 31st

Online registration opens 9:00am this Monday, August 31st.
No registrations accepted after close off Monday, September 14th.
Registrations are only available via our parish website at:

<https://stpaultheapostleparish.org/faith-sacraments/>

To be eligible for this Sacrament, your child must be already Baptised and ideally be in Year 3 or above in 2026.

The Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, November 25th.

The online registration form contains all details of preparatory sessions, including additional instructions for those children who were not Baptised here at St Paul's.

Remembering our Fathers no longer with us

At all Masses on Father's Day, a scroll will be placed on the Altar where Mass will be offered for those listed. You are invited to include names of fathers, grandfathers, etc no longer with us on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.

Raffle tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend

Toongabbie Legal Centre (TLC) volunteers are selling raffle tickets, along with some merchandise items.

All proceeds will directly support their free legal clinic provided for over 17 years to disadvantaged, marginalised and vulnerable people of Western Sydney. Tickets are \$2 each.



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