St Paul the Apostle Parish

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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	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	

Reflection by Father Ambrose after his recent Diocesan Retreat

Dear people of God, the provision in the code of the Canon Law 276 §2 #4 states that the clergy is bound to make time for spiritual retreats according to the precepts of a particular law. This year's is no exception.

The clergy in the Parramatta Diocese held their annual retreat at the St Mary Mackillop Spirituality Centre-Norwest under the term *"What does it mean to be chosen"*. It was led by Fr. Khalid Margo, a priest of the Port Pirie Diocese and currently the director of the Australian migrant and refugee office. The retreat provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal, personal reflection, prayer, and a deeper relationship with God. The retreat also aimed to provide an opportunity for silence, discernment, daily reading of the Holy Scripture and reflection on the challenges and responsibilities of the ministry.
It also offered time to reflect on my ministry as an assistant Priest, chaplain to both the Ghanaian community and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and my commitment to serving God and His people.

During the retreat, I participated in prayer sessions, meditations, spiritual conferences, Scripture reading, personal reflection, and communal liturgical celebrations. These activities helped me to examine my life having in mind the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis 37-48 which went a long way to reflect on my relationship with God and others. The periods of silence and personal prayer were particularly beneficial, because I realised that I should allow the will of God to happen in my life and in the ministry and not my own will and desires. The retreat was very enriching spiritual experience. It strengthened my faith, awakened me from sleep and laid bare my weaknesses, and encouraged me to deepen my commitment to prayer and the service to God and mankind. Through the reflections and spiritual conferences, I was reminded of the need to rise from my pit like Joseph and persevere in the ministry.
I also became more conscious of the need to maintain a balanced spiritual life and to remain faithful to my vocation, especially when faced with challenges and difficulties. The need to share, socialise and seek spiritual direction was very much emphasised. The five day retreat also helped me to recognise areas in my spiritual life that require serious attention, making sufficient time for reflection, and the need to respond to others with greater patience and understanding.

Following the retreat, I resolve to: strengthen my daily reading of the word of God; remain faithful to my vocation and the responsibilities that come with it; to exercise greater patience, wait on the Lord all the time; making time for a regular confession and seeking spiritual direction.

Dear people of God, in conclusion, the retreat was very well organised and provided a greater opportunity for spiritual upliftment, and personal growth. Throughout the retreat, I also had in mind this community and prayed for the spiritual renewal our parish. I am very grateful to God for the grace of participating in this retreat and to all those who organised and facilitated the programme. I therefore invite everyone to fully and actively participate in all our upcoming RETREATS for your spiritual Growth.

God bless you all for your prayerful support. Father Ambrose

Save the Date **Parish Advent Family Event! Saturday, November 28th**

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, Frederick Willemsen, Rosa Marotta, Vince Colosimo, Sarina Pantaleone, Doreen Marsh, Joyce Morris, Les and June Baker, Joseph Ng Swee Teck, Audrey Ng Mei Yen, Rosa Marotta, Peter Vesper, Charles Formosa, Maria Badolato, Giuseppe Badolato, Vito and Carolina D'Addabbo and the recently deceased Norm South, Danny Mulia, Mariano Cruz.

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).
St Vincent de Paul Society
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7pm Parish Centre
Assistance: 131 812
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

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PARISH NEWS

Mass times: All Souls Day

All Souls Day *(Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)*
Monday, November 2nd with Mass at 9:10am

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – November

Commences: 9:10am Mass Friday 6th
Concludes: 9:10am Mass Saturday 7th

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.

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration:
- 3:30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy in front of Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00pm Evening Prayer/Vespers (Liturgy Of The Hours)
- 6.00pm Reconciliation until 7:00pm

come ... spend some time with Him

You are invited: An evening with Eugenie Napoli - Thursday, November 19th

This is an invitation to all men and women aged 18 and over. Evening commences with 6pm Eucharistic Adoration followed by Mass at 7pm. Afterwards please join us in the Parish Centre for a talk on *Never underestimate the power of prayer*.
This will be presented by Eugenie who is one of our parishioners. This event is being hosted by our parish Women's Ministry that gathers monthly on the third Thursday each month.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) update

PPC is a representative body, collaborating in guiding the pastoral direction of our parish. At their recent meeting they welcomed some additional members. Following is a list of everyone on our PPC:
Parish Priest (Parish Administrator) and Assistant Priest, Brendan DeSouza, Eugene DeSouza, Luis DeSouza, Mila Estacio, Kate Fitzsimmons, Shantha Fonseka, Michael Reid, Diana Roberts. Peter Rood, Kathryn Newman (School Principal), John Valjak, Pablo Vila and Ankica Zebec.
To know more contact John Valjak (PPC Chair) via the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish

Please continue to keep those children on their faithful journey of Sacraments of Initiation in your prayers.

Pregnancy Help Sydney and "The Little White Box"

The work of supporting women with unplanned pregnancies is still an urgent need. On the first weekend each month we put out "the Little White Box" at the Church at all masses. Donations 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/ . Thank you.

Keeping up to date with parish events

We especially encourage everyone to take home a copy of the bulletin and also for those you know unable to attend Mass. Our bulletins are conveniently located in our church foyer.
You can access all bulletins online any time on our parish website: stpaultheapostleparish.org/#latestnews .
Information is also posted on our parish Facebook page!

November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory. St. Paul warns us not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope...for the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise."
The November Scroll for the Holy Souls is placed on the Altar as has been our custom for many years with all Masses offered in November for those listed. To include deceased family and friends, please use the November envelopes located in the Church foyer. These may be placed in any collection plates at weekend masses

Next Leisure Group: this Wednesday, November 4th

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions: month of November

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Available to purchase from our piety stall

- Christmas Cards - $5 per packet
- 2027 Columban Calendar - $10
- God's Word 2027 Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary - $20

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

3rd Saint Martin de Porres | 4th Saint Charles Borromeo

Important Safeguarding information

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. 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 Ocden, Darrel Morrison, David, David Nichols, Declan Trainor, Eddy Rossi, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Emily Anthony, Eric Wood, 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, Lorraine Abraham, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynda Steel, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mary McConvey, Mark Lopez, Michael Hall, Micheline Mathieu, Michelle Kobeissi, Nick Galea, Pat Willemsen, Peter Beck, Phillip Coliero, Roy Oliveros, Sharni Alexander, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Therese Garamy, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

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