St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

Emergencies or Anointing of the Sick:
call 9639 6516 and press 6

Administrator: Father Joby Ittira Kadambattu MS

Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah

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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	

Clergy Update

Congratulations to Father Zakaria Gayed who was recently announced as the fourth Parish Priest of St Paul the Apostle Parish. Fr Zakaria is currently the Parish Priest of St John the Evangelist, Riverstone where he has served the community for almost twelve years. He was ordained a priest in 1988 and came to Australia a little over a decade later. He became a priest of the Diocese of Parramatta in 2010.

Fr Zakaria was raised in the Coptic (Egyptian) tradition of the Catholic Church and has also served as parish priest of St Mark's Coptic Catholic Church in Prospect. He will take up his appointment in our parish on the Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God on New Years Day and be for a period of six years.

Fr Joby Ittira will continue his role of our Parish Administrator until the end of December.

The Mass for Rite of Installation of a Parish Priest for Fr Zakaria is expected to take place early in the year.

The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv has also made a number of other appointments, including the following who were at some stage previously based in our parish:

- Rev Menard Gaspi - Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Parramatta
- Rev Andrew Bass - Parish Priest of St Bernadette's Parish Dundas Valley
- Rev Sebastian Thekkinieth - Assistant Priest of St Michael's Parish Baulkham Hills

Everyone is invited!! Parish Advent Retreat: Saturday, November 28th

We are excited to announce our upcoming Advent Parish Retreat and everyone is invited to attend. It will be held here in our parish and involve a lot of events and for all ages and interests:

- Dr Robert Haddad (guest speaker) will talk about *the "YES" that changed mankind*
- Kids Advent Themed Activities (facilitated by Simon Dahdah)
- Lunch in the Parish Centre (please bring a plate to share)
- Movie screening – The Miracle of Christmas
- Concludes with Adoration, Reconciliation and Vigil Mass

This is a major event for our parish and we look forward to not only your attendance, but also your prayerful support. You will need to RSVP and please refer to the pamphlets in the church foyer.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal: next weekend at all masses

The second Bishop's Good Works Appeal for 2026 will support Catholic Care's Houses to Homes program. Helping young mothers and their children who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or escaping violence find safe accommodation and the support they need to begin again. Houses to Homes provides transitional housing and practical support to help families build a safer, more stable future. A third collection will be taken up for this appeal after communion at all masses next weekend. To find out more, or to donate at online: parracatholic.org/donate/good-works-appeal/. Thank you.

Remembering Father David Scott – our first Parish Priest

We lovingly remember Father Scott, our first Parish Priest, on the anniversary of his death on Nov 8th 2015. As a parish community, we give thanks to God for the gift of his life, his dedication and his faithful service to our parish in its early days. We remember with gratitude the care, guidance and spiritual leadership he offered, and the foundations he helped establish for our parish community. May we continue to honour his memory by keeping him in our thoughts and prayers, and by carrying forward the faith and spirit of community that he helped nurture among us.

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, Moshen and Haifa Hayek, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, John Buggy, Louis and Elizabeth McMullen, departed souls of the Morris, Lucas and Alveyn families.

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

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Parish Prayer Ministry –November 13th at 7pm

The group meets once a month in our Marian Chapel for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima. *This month's topic: The Origins of the Holy Rosary and its Connection to Fatima.* Visit: worldfatima.com/en/join-us . We especially encourage those who haven't previously attended to please come along, and there is no need to attend every month.

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.

Welcome to those Baptised here recently

To Anna, Eva, Julia and Tomas, we pray that their faith will be an important and integral part of their lives.

Invitation to light our Advent Wreath candles

As part of our parish tradition leading into Christmas, an Advent wreath is placed on the Altar. At the beginning of each Mass, these candles are lit by members of our congregation. If you would like to take part, please record your details on the roster located in the foyer.

November Scroll and Month Of The Holy Souls

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory. 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 plate at weekend masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parish

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

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

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Click here for all Parramatta Diocese News and Updates

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for November 2026

There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations through this link: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 10th Saint Leo the Great | 11th Saint Martin of Tours | 12th Saint Josaphat

Advent Scripture Reflection with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ: Saturday, November 21st

Prepare for Advent with a reflection led by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, from 3pm to 5pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains. Hospitality from 2.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

Local World Youth Day & the Feast of Christ the King Mass: Sunday, November 22nd

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am for Mass celebrating Local World Youth Day and the Feast of Christ the King. Give thanks for our youth leaders and celebrate the commissioning of 2027 leaders. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

Red November Mass for persecuted Christians: Wednesday, November 25th

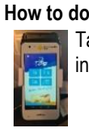
We pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Join us at 7:30 pm mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Learn more: www.rednovember.org

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.

How to donate to our parish



Tap and Go terminals inside our church

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