St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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	

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 involves a lot of events 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.

Pope Leo XIV message: 10th World Day of the Poor, November 15th

Reflecting on Psalm 14, "The Lord is the refuge of the poor," the Pope notes that they were written during a dramatic period marked by the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, when the people "felt deprived of God's presence and experienced unprecedented material and moral misery." The Pope observes that Psalm 14 continues to speak to every generation. The opening verses, he says, points to the contrast between those who live wisely and those who "go through life as if there were nothing greater than themselves." "Sadly, we see that even today there is widespread social injustice arising from arrogant corruption, which is as deplorable as it is discriminatory."

The Pope goes on to note that the consequences often fall first upon the poor, whose numbers continue to grow in many societies. "The absence of God no longer places people side by side in mutual respect, but places one above the other in a relationship of domination and oppression." The Pope warns that the cry of the poor is often silenced through "a multitude of increasingly subtle tactics," while the digital world can worsen prejudice and reinforce indifference.

"The poor have no choice but to cry out to God," he writes, adding they entrust themselves to Him "certain that they will be heard because God is faithful and rich in mercy." In his message, Pope Leo says that the poor are often more capable than others of recognizing what is essential because "they live on the essentials." For this reason, he says, they are especially able to recognise God as their refuge and place their hope in His justice. Pope Leo says that "the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face." He says the Christian community "cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls."

Pope Leo invites the faithful to examine their own lives and priorities, reaffirming that "God shows a preference for the poor" and that the Church "must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor." "We wish to bear witness, that it is possible, even today, to experience the same joy by putting ourselves in the shoes of the poor and listening to them rather than merely speaking about them."

Source: vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-message-world-day-of-poor.html

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. Rizalina Balagtas, Gordon Pilcher, and the recently deceased Matilda Schafer.

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

TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

PARISH NEWS

You are invited: An evening with Eugenie Napoli – this 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.

Come and join in a morning of Trivia! Free to enter. Leisure Group: this Wednesday, November 18th
Where the young at heart share a laugh and a cuppa on every second Wednesday 10am - 12pm in our Parish Centre. This week they will be holding a free trivia morning and especially invite those who may not be familiar with our Leisure Group and perhaps want to find out more about what's involved.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal: this weekend
This Appeal supports 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. Thank you. Visit: parracatholic.org/donate/good-works-appeal/.

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
  only a small number of copies remain and won't be reordered once sold out.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Click here for all Parramatta Diocese News and Updates

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for November and December 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.

Sydney's Annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk with Christ: Sunday, November 22nd
This public witness and act of worship is a continuation of the Eucharistic celebration allowing the faithful to publicly profess their faith in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Festival at 1pm at Martin Place, 2:30pm procession from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street. Be part of this inspiring public witness of faith as we journey together towards Eucharist28. Visit the Eucharist28 Sydney website.

St Gabriel's School Castle Hill - Christmas Family Fun Night & Twilight Markets: Thursday, November 26th
Join us for a magical evening of festive fun from 5:00pm to 8:00pm! Entry is Free! Bring your family and friends along for a wonderful evening filled with Christmas cheer, delicious food, fun activities, petting zoo and festive entertainment.

Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities
16th Saint Gertrude, Saint Margaret of Scotland | 17th Saint Elizabeth of Hungary | 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

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



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Scan this QR code for secure one off donations via our parish website