St Paul the Apostle Parish

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

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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	

Advent and the New Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church

The New Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church begins with the season of Advent. The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'. The Catechism of the Catholic Church stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: *When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming.*

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of our spiritual preparation before Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Saviour with the birth of Jesus Christ.
Advent lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ending Christmas Eve.
The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days.
Hence, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas.
During this time, we observe a season of prayer and reflection—followed by anticipation, hope, joy.
This new liturgical year also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle (A, B, or C) to the next.

First week of Advent: Hope

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope. The first Sunday not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well.
The first candle is purple, the primary colour of Advent and a colour symbolising royalty.
It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.
It harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

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.

Why the Gloria is omitted during the season of Advent

Advent is a time of solemn preparation for Christmas, and part of that preparation includes penance. One of the ways that the Church marks this penitential character to the season is the omission of the Gloria at Sunday Mass. This is meant to remind us that we are not quite ready to celebrate the Christ's arrival just yet, but need to strive to stay vigilant and awake for his coming.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration – December



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, Moshen and Haifa Hayek, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, John Buggy, Leo Meduro, Grace Lucas, Les Plumridge, Leon, Lou and Amy Burbidge, Bal Villanova, Jolanta Chojnacki and the recently deceased Halim Coorey.

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

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"All I want is to know Christ"



St Paul the Apostle, pray for us

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PARISH NEWS

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: third collection at all masses next weekend

By helping this appeal, you will assist in two ways. At a local level, our members and volunteers will be able to offer assistance directly to families and individuals. At a broader level, contributing to the large and varied network of short and longer-term support services requiring specialised care. Support for this Appeal will benefit recipients, and address poverty and disadvantage.
St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. There will be a third collection after Communion, St Vincent de Paul members will also be available to take card donations after Mass, you can use the QR code above or donate anytime online using the following link: my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/svdp-winston-hills-conference-christmas-appeal-2026

Free firewood

We have a reasonable amount of firewood for anyone interested. They're tree cuttings of various thickness and cut to a small size. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements to pickup.

Upcoming funeral service

✞ for the late Joseph Camilleri. Monday, November 30th at 11am

End of Year Mass for our Volunteers and Ministers: Thursday, December 17th

As the year draws to a close, we take a moment to express heartfelt gratitude to all our wonderful volunteers and ministers who have faithfully given their time, gifts, energy and love throughout the year. Your dedication, commitment and willingness to serve have made a significant difference in the life of our parish church and community. We warmly invite all our volunteers and everyone involved in any of our various ministries, to attend a mass of thanksgiving at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 17th.
Light refreshments will follow in the Father David Scott parish centre. Please RSVP on the sheets in the church foyer for catering purposes.

2027 Columban Mission Calendars for sale

This is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Please consider buying one for yourself or perhaps a family friend or relative and available for $10.00 from our piety stall.
Christmas Cards are also available for $5 per packet.

OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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Upcoming Feast Days, Memorials, Solemnities

23rd First Sunday Of Advent | 30th Saint Andrew | 3rd Saint Francis Xavier | 4th Saint John Damascene | 7th Saint Ambrose

Liturgical Ministry Courses - please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our various Ministries. Courses will commence in early 2027 and held in Blacktown or Penrith. Courses are available for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers at the Altar and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Please note that this course fills up very quickly and contact the office if you are interested.
For those aged 15 to 17 who may be interested in reading at our weekend masses, our parish is organising separate training here on site. Please contact the parish office to find out more.

Dedication of the new St Patrick's Cathedral at Parramatta: Sunday, November 29th

On that day in 2003, the new St Patrick's Cathedral was dedicated. It was rebuilt after being destroyed in an arson attack February 1996. The old Cathedral adjoins as a Blessed Sacrament Chapel. St Patrick's was also the first Australian Cathedral of the new millennium.

Table Talk Building an Inclusive Church for Families with Special Needs and Disabilities: December 5th

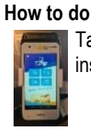
The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton's "Special Hearts Ministry" and MET are hosting a Table Talk to raise awareness of the challenges and barriers faced by people with disabilities, particularly families with children with additional needs, in participating fully in parish life.
All are invited who are interested, want to learn more, or want to share their lived experience.
Saturday, December 5th 2:00pm to 4:00pm, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Please register at tinyurl.com/IDPwD-tabletalk-26

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, 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, Lorraine Abraham, Judy Ibrahim, Vanessa Ibrahim, Loui Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, 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, Sam Papallo, Socorro Alfaro, Therese Garamy, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

How to donate to our parish



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