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Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Zachary Lewis

Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae



Year A
06 September 2026



<u>SUNDAY MASSES</u>		<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u>		<u>RECONCILIATION</u>	
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil	Monday	9:15am	Tuesday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday	7:30am 9:00am	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
		Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Thursday	9:00am	Friday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
		Friday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

FIRST FRIDAY:

07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursday-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight
Every Saturday Adoration: 4:30pm-5:45pm

DEVOTIONS:

Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus - Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) - Wednesday after 9:00am Mass
Novena to The Holy Family - Wednesday after 7:00pm Mass
Novena to St. Margaret Mary every Friday morning mass
Marian Movement Cenacle - Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
Men's Rosary Crusade - 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy - 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
(not during Advent, Month of January, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)
Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526 - option 3 - any time

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in

heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

MEDITATION

When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance and injury in order to help your brother's wound? The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to accountability for what we have done and have failed to do is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?
Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.



24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
13 SEPTEMBER 2026
24th SUNDAY In ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)
First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7
Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

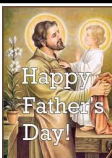

POPE LEO XIV

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
SEPTEMBER 2026
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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Bishop's Father's Day Appeal
05 - 06 September 2026

This Father's Day, our Parish proudly supports the **Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal.** Please give generously via **parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal** or the giving envelopes and help ensure our spiritual fathers receive the dignity, comfort and care they need.

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**FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE TICKETS**

We request our Parishioners to purchase as many raffle tickets for **\$5 only.** **Raffle draw will be held on Father's Day, Sunday 06 September 2026 after 10:30am Mass.** Raffle tickets are available in the Piety Shop.

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 08 September 2026.**

YOUTH GROUP @ STMM
Pauline Junior (Meeting: 11 September)
Our youth group for Primary School Students, meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 5:30pm to 6:30pm.
Pauline Teen (Meeting: 11 September)
Our youth group for High School Students, meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting at 7:30pm to 9:00pm.
Pauline Young Adults (Meeting: 20 September)
Our young adults group (*ages 18 to 35 years*), meets on 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre
For further information please contact **parish@stmm.org.au**



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

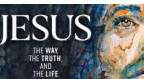
On 2nd Sunday of each month, couples celebrating their wedding anniversary during that month are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
The next blessing will be on **Sunday, 13 September 2026.** Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

JESUS: The Way, The Truth, and The Life
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre

**JESUS**

Christ will inspire and empower you to center your life on Him as you come to know and love him in a deeper & more intimate way.

80TH Anniversary CELEBRATION
Of Our Parish

**Matthew**
The King and His Kingdom

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
Matthew—The King and his Kingdom portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant.
All are welcome on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Sacrament of Confirmation enrolments commence from **Monday 07 September 2026 to Friday 09 October 2026.** (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.
The Sacrament of Confirmation program will be taught by Monique Kairouz and assisted by Fr. Zachary.



Parents Information evening: Monday - 12 October at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions held on **WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 - 6:30pm**
Session 1: 14 OCTOBER **Session 2: 21 OCTOBER**
Session 3: 28 OCTOBER **Session 4: 04 NOVEMBER**
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Confirmation Rehearsal on Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at 6:00pm inside the Church.

**CONFIRMATION**

Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 6:00pm

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**The Power of Prayer**

**Prayer Requests**

Save the Dates...

15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Very Rev Fernando Montano

17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE

22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House
Tickets will be on sale from 01 September at the Piety Shop