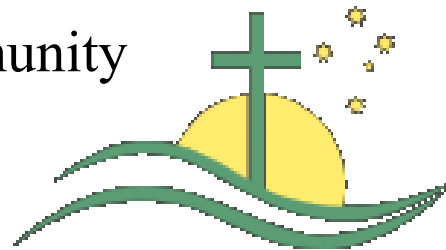




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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## All Souls' Day: gathering the living and the dead

(Written by Andrew Hamilton SJ in Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

In societies throughout the world, people keep in mind their dead ancestors and family members. Their memories act as an anchor in times when we are tempted by the passing fashions of the present. In some societies, ancestors are worshiped. In other societies, days of memory are kept when family members return to their ancestral lands. In modern societies, graveyards—with their grave-stones and columbaria—honour the memory of the dead. Recently when Queen Elizabeth died, Great Britain stopped for a week to honour and to bury her.

In the Catholic Church, as in other religious communities, death has a central place. Death makes us focus on what matters in our lives and causes us to wonder at the mystery of our coming into the world for such a relatively short time, only to leave it again. Any serious account of what it means to be human must grapple with death. In Christian faith, the most familiar symbol is the cross. It remembers the Son of God, who shared our lives, our rejection and our death—in his case, a tortured death on the cross. Death remains central to our faith. When we think of it, however, we are turned from defeat to victory, and from sadness to celebration through Christ's rising from the dead. Death has its say, but it does not have the last word. When we die, we shall live with Christ in a new life.

That faith turns cemeteries from the place of demons to the place of angels, who were waiting for the apostles at Jesus' tomb. In Christian faith, Christ offers life after death to all those who have faith in him. That vision of death and life is represented in a Melbourne cemetery, where over the gate is the inscription, Janua Vitae—the gateway to life.

For that reason, the early Christians Church wrote the names of Christians who belonged to the Church on tablets and read them out in the eucharistic liturgy. The names of people from the congregation who had died were also inscribed and remembered, especially those who had suffered for the faith during times of persecution. Preachers still sometimes say of people who have died that their names are written in the book of life.

The practice of remembering the dead in the liturgy was retained in monasteries, where eventually one day a year was chosen to remember all those who had died. It was natural for communities to gather together in prayer to remember that they were bound together by memory and hope. This practice is maintained each year in a moving ceremony at some Vinnies shelters for people who are homeless, where wall plaques each year hold the names of people who would otherwise be forgotten. They are blessed, and each person is remembered by one of their colleagues or the people who have accompanied them. We honour death to express our hope that life triumphs.

On All Souls' Day, Catholics have long prayed to free people from the traces that sin has left on them and from their time of cleansing in purgatory. That focus, too, has awoken compassion and solidarity through the conviction that our prayers and faithfulness to people who have died can bless them, just as they now bless us by their prayers and compassion. The day came eventually to be celebrated on 2 November each year. It is a day when many people go to cemeteries to pray at the graves of their family members. All Souls' Day gathers together the community of the living and the dead.

### Weekday Masses

**Monday**  
9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

**Saturday**  
6pm Mass

**Sunday**  
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also  
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/11zkhgoyflo>

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 10am—10.30am**

#### Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)  
Fr Luke Bulley CP

#### Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)  
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

#### Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP  
Fr Brian Gleeson CP  
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP  
Fr Luke Bulley CP

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Mr Tim Hogan

## **ADVENT and CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLET**

We have some Advent Reflection booklets available for those who wish to purchase. Content runs from the first week of Advent all the way to the Epiphany. They are available at both the Parish Office or the Piety Stall for \$5 each



## **ADORATION**

We are pleased to announce that soon we will be having adoration, which is the exposition of the blessed sacrament. Times and dates will be decided over the next few weeks. We are looking for parishioners who would like to know more and spend some quiet and reflective time with the Lord for an hour each week. Please contact John Hendriks for more information on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy returns on the **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT, 27th November at 11am Mass**. We will hold this activity every Sunday during ADVENT (at the same time) Children's Liturgy is designed to help younger children understand the liturgy of the word on their level. All children from 5 years old to grade 6 are welcome to join in. *If you are interested in helping out this Liturgy, please contact the Parish office.*

## **PARISH BINGO**

Our last Bingo for this year is on **FRIDAY, 18 November** at 7.30pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or with friends. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

## **SENIORS EVENT**

Thank you to all who attended and to those who assisted with providing food or planning the day. Despite the rain and cold, we had a good turnout at the Seniors Lunch. They enjoyed the movie 'Hidden Figure', plenty of food and of course, the wonderful 'chats'. Our next Seniors lunch will have a Christmas feel, it will be held on **THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER** in the South School Hall. Commencing with Mass at 10am and followed by lunch and live music.

## **MEMORIAL CROSS**

At the front of the Church, next to the altar, we have placed a wooden Cross.

Traditionally, before the lockdowns interrupted, we used this cross every year in the month of November. We invite everyone to write their departed loved ones names on it (pencils are provided) This is a symbol for us that they are all remembered during our November Masses

## **HAMPER**

As part of our parish tradition, every year, during Advent, we share our blessing by giving hampers to those who are less fortunate. The list of the families who need the hampers is being processed at this stage and once all is ready, we will put the list on the board at the front of the Church, near the lectern. Instructions will be provided when the lists are out (around 12/13 or 19/20 November)

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

This year we are planning to hold our Christmas Carols in Martin Place, the garden at the rear of the Parish office (weather permitting) Fr Chris will be singing for us. However, we hope some of our choir groups will also choose to participate. We will provide a Sausage Sizzle during the night. The evening will start after 6pm Mass (ie. around 7.30pm to 9pm)

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET & CAROLS**

at St Paul Apostle NORTH School (76 Mossgiel Park Drive, Endeavour Hills)  
One of Parish School (North School) is having Christmas Market on **FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER** from **3.30pm to 7.30pm**.  
You can book a stall now (\$20 per stall)  
Please contact 9700 6068 to book a stall



## **St Joseph Springvale**

There is healing Mass at this Church on Monday, 7th November 2022. It starts at 6.30pm until 9pm. For more information please call Jenny 0447524893, Joseph 0452001714, Imelda 0406403780, Aylin 0403510922 or Bernadette 0407307377

## **DIARY:**

- 1/ Parish Bingo Night is on Friday, 18 November 2022
- 2/ Our Christmas Hamper list will be out in November
- 3/ Children's Liturgy - start on First Sunday of ADVENT at 11am Mass
- 4/ Parish Carols will be on Sunday 11 December 7pm - 9pm

## **This weekend we pray for:**

### ***Those whose sick***

Toni Celona, Jerry Sementy, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Joanne Sweeney, Jamie Cabrera, Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

### ***Those who have died***

Henry Logotuli Peteru, Alice Florindo, Bernard Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Lemalu Piei Sautia, Moli Sautia, Murvin Casse, Pankaja, Fr. Jim Elmore CP, Brett Joseph Daly, Lauren Guillot, Mara Ujka **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

### ***May they rest in peace***



### **Readings:**

#### **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Macc 7: 1-2, 9-14;  
2 Thess 2: 16 - 3: 5;  
Lk 20: 27-38

#### **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal 3: 19-20;  
2 Thess 3: 7-12;  
Lk 21: 5-19

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