



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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**Fourth Sunday of LENT (Laetare Sunday) Yr C, 29-30 March, 2025**

### 2025 HOLY WEEK MASSES

**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND 12/13 April** Masses as per usual

**HOLY THURSDAY April 17<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 7pm  
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight  
(No reconciliation on this evening)

**GOOD FRIDAY April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Station of the Cross at 10am  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

**EASTER VIGIL April 19<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 7.30pm  
(no reconciliation on this day)

**EASTER SUNDAY April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Dawn Mass at 5.30am (followed by breakfast)  
And 9am and 11am (no evening Mass)

**EASTER MONDAY April 21<sup>st</sup>** Mass at 9am

### HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

**LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)**  
Monday, 14 April at 7pm  
(There will be 4 priests available)

**GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm**

#### Masses

**Monday**  
9am

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

**Saturday**  
6pm Mass

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

Please note  
Sunday 11am online  
Mass is

<https://youtube.com/live/o8DXRwTFzPY?feature=share>

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays**  
10am—10.30am

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Brendan Connell CP

**Assistant Parish Priest**  
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP  
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

**Parish Staff:**  
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)  
Didi Karkas (Secretary)  
Valerie Ferreira  
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

**St Paul Apostle North**  
**Primary School**  
Ph. 9700 6068  
Principal  
Cathy Mason

**St Paul Apostle South**  
**Primary School**  
Ph. 9700 3663  
Principal  
Mr Paul Gleeson

**St John's**  
**Regional College**  
Ph. 9791 3366  
Principal  
Mr Tim Hogan

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**  
**Fifth Sunday of LENT Year C**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah  
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path  
in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they  
are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Do not re-  
member the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do  
you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the  
desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals  
and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness,  
rives in the desert, to give drink to mu chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself so that they might  
declare my praise

**Psalm**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream  
The our mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with shouts of joy

Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced

Restore our fortunes, O Lord  
Like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy

Those who go out weeping  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy  
carrying their sheaves

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 3:8-14**

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the  
Philippians  
Brothers and sisters:  
I regards everything as loss because of the surpassing  
value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I  
have suffered the loss of all things, and I regards them  
as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found

in him, not having a righteousness of my own that  
comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in  
Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I  
want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection  
and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him  
in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection  
from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or  
have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it  
my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.  
Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made  
it my own; but this one thing I do: for getting what lies  
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press  
on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of  
God in Christ Jesus

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord  
for I am gracious and merciful  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel**

**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount Olives.  
Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the  
people came to him and he sat down and began to teach  
them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman  
who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand  
before the people, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this wom-  
an was caught in the act of committing adultery. In the  
law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now  
what do you say?" They said this to test Jesus, so that  
they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus  
bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When  
the scribes and Pharisees kept on questioning him, Jesus  
straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you  
who is without sin be the3 first to throw a stone at her."  
And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the  
ground. When the scribes and Pharisees heard what Jesus  
had said, they went away, one by one, beginning with the  
elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing  
before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her,  
"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"  
She said, "No one sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I con-  
demn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin  
again."

**Reflection**

1. What we know is that the man escaped and left the woman to suffer the consequences.
2. Jesus didn't ask the woman if she was guilty as charged.
3. Jesus withheld judgement, knowing the woman had sinned: he merely told her to turn her life around

*We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

## NEWS FROM PROVINCIAL PASSIONIST FATHERS

This week we received notification from our Provincial (Fr Dennis Travers CP) that Fr Sony has been appointed Parish Priest at Star of the Sea Parish, Marlborough and will join the community at Blenheim in New Zealand. However, this is subject to New Zealand Authorities issuing a Religious Worker Visa. Therefore, at this time we do not have a confirmed start date.

Provincial has also appointed Fr. Obrien Chanda to assist Fr Brendan at the St Paul Apostle Church and be part of the Community in Endeavour Hills.

We will keep the parish updated regarding all appointment details.



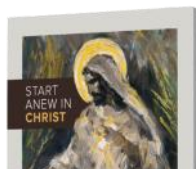
## STATION OF THE CROSS

During Lenten Season, we have the Station of the Cross in the Church **every FRIDAY at 7pm**. All are welcome to join in. The Passionist Companion group will be leading us each week.



## LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

If you are looking for an aid to assist with reflection during this Lent season, **LENTEN BOOKLETS** are available in the Piety Stall at \$7 each.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our children who have been preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation have now completed their program.

They will celebrate their first sacrament of Reconciliation together on **TUESDAY, 1 April 2025 at 7pm**. May we keep them in our prayer as they take this step of faith.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember that if your child is in grade 6 (and have received both the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of First Communion) and wishes to take part in the **2025 Sacrament of Confirmation**. You must hand in the registration form **BY THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2025**. Even though the program will not commence until term three, we need to finalise the numbers by the 17th of April.

## CHRISM MASS

This year Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) at St Patrick's Cathedral is on **TUESDAY, 15 APRIL, 2025 at 10am**.



## PARISH YOUTH GROUPS 4:12 YOUTH

This group is designed to suit all children from grade 5 to year 8. Unfortunately, this will not be suitable for older children.

The next gathering will be on **FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. If your children are interested in joining the group, please come along. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. For planning purposes, please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend.

## WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

'Chai Time' A special afternoon of delicious connoisseur canapés, sweet treats, and premium tea, is a fundraising event to support Wellsprings for Women's Emergency Relief Program. Event will be on **Saturday 3rd May 2025 (2pm to 5pm)** at Kennedy Hall, Killester College, 433 Springvale Rd, Springvale. **RSVP by Thursday, 17th April using this QR code**



### **Readings:**

#### **Fourth Sunday of LENT Yr C**

Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

#### **Fifth Sunday of LENT Yr C**

Isaiah 43: 16-21  
Philippians 3: 8-14  
John 8: 1-11

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

#### ***Those who are sick***

Christina Williams, Annette Tanner, Pope Francis, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

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

Paul Darbyshire, Michael O'Callaghan, Giuseppe Rubbino, Hasel Francisco, Joyce Charlotte Livingston, Aida Hendriks, Donald Macleod **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

***May they rest in peace***

Station of the Cross  
At St. Paul Apostle Church  
Endeavour Hills  
Every FRIDAY during LENT  
from 7pm in the CHURCH

During this Lenten Season,  
come join us for a session on  
**SORROWS OF MOTHER MARY**  
**April 11th, 2025**

begins straight after 9am Mass, until 10.30am  
Lead by Fr Sony CP  
At St Paul Apostle Church,  
Endeavour Hills

**St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills**  
**MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025**

|                              | Saturday—6pm                 | Sunday 9am                         | Sunday 11am                   | Sunday 6pm                         |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Mary Pegram<br>Liz Spear     | Virendra Jayetileke<br>Alvita Dias | Anne Astin<br>Rinku Arora     | Stephen Nasalio<br>William Roncon  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | Marg Daly<br>Liseby Lapierre | Grace Sudjono<br>Rosa Mitchell     | Mars Sota<br>Beth Sota        | Charlene Nheu<br>Mignonne Meerwald |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | Liz Flood<br>Trevor Saldanha | Agnes Giam<br>William Round        | Anne Astin<br>Cecilia Tan     | Jeremy Ferrao<br>Reg Young         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Mark Rolfe<br>Karen Rolfe    | Mary Moore<br>Jodicee Tenisio      | Mary Heaton<br>Yvonne Sherwin | Marg Keating<br>William Roncon     |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Marg Daly<br>Trevor Saldanha | Grace Sudjono<br>Janina Gorski     | Mary Heaton<br>Jennifer Tanti | Lakni Weerasekera<br>Charlene Nheu |