



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Archbishop's Campaign

Following up last week's news on Archbishop's Campaign, please find below some campaign overview

In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop's Campaign, is a single annual campaign and will reduce the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year.

We are doing this to support key Archdiocesan ministries in a streamlined way, reducing the number of times parishioners are asked to give each year and the number of times parish priests and staff are asked to collect donations.

The focus of the 2024 campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests—those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Mission
- other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and community service organisations.

Non-deductible donations go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports

- the Archbishop's evangelisation initia-

tives, such as Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day, and

- seminarian education.

The Archbishop's Campaign will run over three weekends each August. On 17 and 18 August, churchgoing Catholics will be asked during weekend Masses to commit to monthly giving to the Archbishop's Campaign. On the third weekend, 24 and 25 August, parishioners will be reminded to finalise their contributions.

Parishioners across the Archdiocese will be asked to make a recurring monthly contribution, although one-off donations will also be accepted. Donors will be asked to nominate whether they wish to make their gift tax-deductible. Donations of \$2 or more to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund are tax-deductible.

All other gifts, including unallocated gifts and loose collections, will be non-deductible and go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

These materials and tear-off pledge cards are available in the gather space and in the foyer. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

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 is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtube.com/live/b1Ppe3le-EU?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community
Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
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Mrs Monique Fallace

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Primary School
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Principal
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St John's
Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Psalm

I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise shall continually be in my mouth
My soul makes its boast in the Lord
let the humble hear and be glad

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry
The face of the Lord is against evildoers
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit

Many are the afflictions of the righteous one,
but the Lord rescues him from them all
He keeps all his bones
not one of them will be broken

Evil brings death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned
The Lord redeems the life of his servants
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned

Second Reading

Ephesians 4. 32 -5: 1-2, 21-32

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters,

Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life
you have the words of eternal life

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

Jesus said to the people

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

For reflection

- 1/ The call to serve the Lord is present in every generation.
- 2/ The challenge is to actively choose to follow God, day by day and moment by moment.
- 3/ We are united with Christ through our individual actions and Christian fellowship

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

YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

This age Youth group will be gathering on **SUNDAY, 18 August in the Parish House**. If you wish to join in please contact parish office on 97003781 They usually gather on **THIRD SUNDAY** of each month. Sometimes it holds in the annexe, but other times they have activities at other venue.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)

At last month's gathering, the group had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the Bible story of the week under the guidance of Fr Sony. If you are interested in joining the group, please come along. The next event will be held on **FRIDAY, 23rd August at 7pm** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. 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

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you wish to have your child to be part of this year's sacrament of Confirmation program, you are required to send the completed registration form by the 4th of October, 2024 (you can obtain the registration form from our website or from the Parish office Tuesday-Friday 9am to 2pm. Your child must be in Grade 6 and have already received their Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Communion.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group originally ran once a month at 11am Mass. Post COVID, in the interest of the children, the schedule has been changed to every Sunday at 11am Mass during the school term. Thanks to the dedication of the teachers and leaders of this group, the program has run smoothly. Each session is run by 2 leaders (under the safeguarding policy) while all children under 4 are accompanied by a parent or older sibling.

At this we have encountered a shortage of leaders, due to family commitments, some of our current leaders are taking leave. They are asking if some parishioners would like to volunteer to help in running this special liturgy. Last weekend and this weekend (10/11 and 17/18 August),

during all Masses the group has prepared a presentation detailing what they are all about. We hope that you will consider to help out with this group in the interest of nurturing the little ones understanding of God's word in their own 'language'

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

NAPCAN invites us to join them for National Child Protection Week Webinars for **National Child Protection Week 2024**, running from September 1-7. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters," highlights the importance of fostering dialogue in addressing child abuse and neglect. Our webinar series is just one of the ways you can **get involved**. Together, we can inspire action and create a safer environment for all children.

Also remember 'The Safety Commissioner' runs online courses/webinars for Parents and Carers of children in primary and secondary school. Date of the session is **Thursday, 5 September, 12.30pm** (Australian Eastern Standard Time) To book click here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8077245949908148062>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

We are inviting you into a very holy and sacred place to come and sit with our Lord for a few minutes a week or an hour a week.

Our lady chapel also known as our prayer room has a very special person in Jesus who sits quietly and patiently waiting for you to come and feel his presence one on one.

For more information please contact John Hendriks 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

COME AWAY DAYS

A ministry of the Passionist community who offer a space which is an oasis of peace and quiet, away from the busy world. in the surrounds of beautiful gardens, open space and trees. Their first session is on **WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER**. The day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am and end at 2pm. This retreat runs at Holy Cross Retreat 207 Serpells Road Templestowe, VIC.

For further information about Come Away Days contact Phone - 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com

Readings:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18
Ephesians 4. 32 -5: 1-2, 21-32
John 6:60-69

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Martin White, Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Santana D'Souza, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, Ruby Reid, Maureen Dawson, Michael Arcaro, Danny Sugunasekera, Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, 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

Bernard David, Darryll Williams, Sakunthala Thuraisingham, Nicolette Gerxhi, Sean White, Paul Nemarich, Karen Frances O'Connell, Raymond Cabral, Dewi Anggraeni, Ivan Rudan, Genoeffa Palamara, Kay Dal Lago, Angelo Marateo, Margaret Ferrao, Antonio Manuel Leitao, Fred Steinwall, Michael Leong, Colleen Nunes, George Overlund, Felicia Pererira, Queenie Pereira, Sybil Lingier, John Lobo, Winnie Lobo, Noella Lobo, Apolonio Javier, Elma Carmel Dilingier, Sonia Teresa Dilingier **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

JUSTICE GROUP'S EGG COLLECTION

Just a little reminder that our Justice group will be having their quarterly egg collection on the first week of September on 31 August/ 1 September weekend.

ST JOHN VIANNEY GARDEN CLUB IS HAVING A PLANT SALE

Friday 23rd August 10.30am to 1.00pm

Sunday 25th August 9.00am to 11.30am

Most plants priced at just \$5.00

Please enter via the wooden gate at the side of the hall.

St John Vianney Church, 23 Police Road, Mulgrave

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN is having fundraising dinner to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

The event will be on FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 2024 at 6.30pm at SPRINGVALE CITY HALL, 18 Grace Park Ave, Springvale. Cost is \$110 per person. There will be lots of raffles, silent auction and Entertainment

To book you can use this QR code or contact Wellsprings on 9701 3740



HOLDING THE LIGHT

Holding the Light is an ecumenical service of lament - to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic and family violence, and to stand in solidarity with victim survivors. This service is open to anyone who might wish to join together, take part in a ritual and engage in a period of quiet prayer or reflection on the tragic results of violence, and in hope for a better future for our communities.

Date: Thursday 28 November 2024 at 5.00pm

Location: Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

NEWS FROM LAUDATO SI MOVEMENT

In February this year the movement launching the theme 'Season of Creation. Go to SeasonOfCreation.org where you will find the Faith Leaders Invitation video calling us to join the celebration.

Make sure to include in your calendar these key dates for the Season of Creation 2024:

September 1: Season of Creation Opening Prayer Service with global faith leaders

September 21: Day of action to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) and online webinar to explain and reflect on phasing out of fossil fuels

October 4: Season of Creation Closing Event with youth voices from around the globe.

You will find concrete proposals to live the Season intentionally through prayers, sustainability initiatives, and advocacy actions in the Season of Creation website and Celebration Guide.

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

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