



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A, 6-7 May, 2023

#### No vocation without mission: Pope Francis' message for 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (taken from Melbourne Catholic issue 27 April 2023)

Pope Francis reflects on how vocation is both a 'grace' and a 'mission'.

*'This day is a precious opportunity for recalling with wonder that the Lord's call is grace, complete gift, and at the same time a commitment to bring the Gospel to others,' he says. 'Led by the Spirit, Christians are challenged to respond to existential peripheries and human dramas, ever conscious that the mission is God's work'.*

#### God's call comes in unexpected ways

Pope Francis remarks on how unexpectedly God's call may come. He shares the story of how, as a young man in 1953, he stopped by a church on the way to school and felt mysteriously prompted to go to confession. 'That day changed my life and left a mark that has endured to the present day,' he says. 'In all the ways he calls us, God shows infinite creativity.' Although God's call might only be heard gradually, it is 'the secret of our happiness', the discovery of a treasure we can't but help share with others. The pontiff says:

*The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found. This is the fundamental structure of what we mean by vocation: God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love.*

#### No vocation without mission

In this way, 'There is no vocation without mission,' he goes on. 'There is no happiness and full self-realization unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God's call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent.'

We go wrong, however, if we think the mission relies on our own efforts or abilities: 'it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus.' The disciples on the road to Emmaus felt their hearts burn within them in the company of Jesus. This story serves as an 'icon' for this experience of evangelisation.

We should then see vocation as 'a gift and a task, a source of new life and true joy ... To bring life everywhere, especially in places of exclusion and exploitation, poverty and death, in order to enlarge the spaces of love, so that God may reign ever more fully in this world.'

#### A vocational symphony

No matter what our vocation is, we should see our lives as a mission 'to give ourselves in love'.

This mission is originally born from baptism but finds its unique and 'concrete' expression in whatever state of life we find ourselves called to.

This might be the calling to family life, to be a 'domestic church'; to enter consecrated or religious life; to be a deacon, priest, or bishop; or simply to be a lay man or woman acting as 'leaven' in society. Whatever the case, no one is called alone. In the Church, God called together a community with 'a variety of charisms and ministries.'

*Only in relation with all the others, does any particular vocation in the Church fully disclose its true nature and richness. Viewed in this light, the Church is a vocational 'symphony', with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in 'going forth' to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God.*

#### Weekday Masses

**Monday**  
9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

**Saturday**  
6pm

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

Please note Sunday 11am is also  
ONLINE

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<https://youtu.be/wrPTXmldHnE>

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays**  
**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

#### St Paul Apostle North Primary School

Ph. 9700 6068  
Principal  
Mrs Mary Lucas

#### 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

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT** is August 4-6 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon). at Pallotti College for those aged 18+. It will be run by Tom Warren (from our Passionist Youth Retreat Team in Brisbane) and Fr Luke. This is an open invitation to young people in our parish, as well as friends, or anyone else who would like to come. Registration forms will be available at the gathering space. We are limited to 20 people, so please register soon (details to the right). Cost is \$150 per person. This will be a great opportunity to get to know other young people in our wider parish community, as well as deepen faith in a fun and open way. There will also be the possibility of being part of an emerging Team of young people facilitating school retreats around Victoria towards the end of the year. Register by scanning the QR Code, or clicking [this link](#).

### **YOUTH GROUP (YEARS 5-9)**

We have received some interest from some of our school parents for a meeting to discuss what this might look like. As such, we have scheduled this meeting in the parish office for **Thursday the 18th of May, at 6:30pm**. All are welcome to attend as we discern what shape this group takes, and how it will be organised/run. If you would like to attend, please email Fr Luke ([luke.bulley@passionists.com](mailto:luke.bulley@passionists.com)), so that we can get a rough idea of numbers for the night

### **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

Please note that the last family night for this program has now been changed to **TUESDAY 20 JUNE** (just before the holiday starts)

### **AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (for children who have been registered into receiving Sacrament of First Communion this year)**

For all children who have been registered into our Sacrament of First Communion this year, but do not attend our parish schools, they must attend ASRE (After School Religious Education) which runs every **TUESDAY** at 4pm and finishes at 5pm in the Church. Dates are: **23rd, 30th May, 6th and 13th June**

Parents must sign in their child as they drop him/her at church. They must also sign them out as they pick them up.

Please use the William Hovell Drive entrance, as we will not open other entrances

### **PARISH BINGO**

Remember to put it in your diary that our next parish bingo night is on **FRIDAY, 19 May from 7.30pm**. You may come in a group or on your own. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441.

Please note that this activity is *strictly only for anyone older than 18 yrs old*. Anyone under this age is not allowed to come in to the hall.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOX**

Please return your Project Compassion box, either to parish office (Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm) or you may also return it when you come to Church



### **DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER**

The next Dandenong deanery 'Dinner and Talk' will be on **WEDNESDAY, 10 May 2023**. At The Graduate Restaurant, St John's Regional College, Caroline St, Dandenong. Cost is 45pp (incl. 3 course meals and Wine or Beer) The event starts at 5.30pm.

Our guest speaker this time is **BARB BELLISINI**. RSVP is necessary by 5th May 2023. To book please call Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email to [dandenongdeanery@lie.com.au](mailto:dandenongdeanery@lie.com.au)

### **FAREWELL**

Wilma San Giorgio has been our longterm and faithful member of this parish. Along with Erni, her husband, Wilma attended Sunday 9am Mass. Only recently, due to health condition, Wilma was not able to attend Mass at St Paul Apostle in person.

Sadly last Friday, 28 April, Wilma peacefully went home to God. Her funeral will be at our church, on **Tuesday, 9 May at 11am**. We will keep Ernie and his family in our prayer during this difficult time

#### **Readings:**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A**

Acts 6:1-7;  
1 Peter 2:4-9;  
John 14:1-12

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17;  
1 Peter 3: 15-18;  
John 14:15-21

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

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

Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Chris Williams, Ikhlas Jona, Cecil Harper, Fr Brian Gleeson, Wilhada de los Reyes, Elma, Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Rajendre Rasiah, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Horace Stolke, 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***

Wilma San Giorgio, Brian Tobin, Marcello Sota Snr, Louis Minerve, Peng Lee Wong, Upul Thewarapperuma, Toan Nguyen, Fr Brian Johnston, Fr Bob Maguire, George Drotar, Marina Moss, May Balancy, Joyce Madeira, Rita Barber, Isabel D'Costa, Andre Machado, Eric Parsons, Hyacinth Parsons, Eugene Rebeiro, Joyce Rebeiro, Jose Florindo, Betty Evans **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

***May they rest in peace***

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

