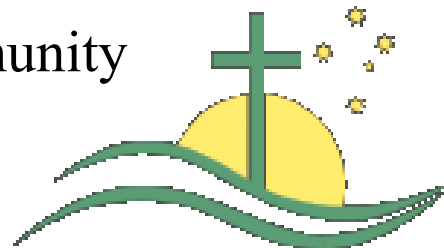




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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 30-31 July, 2022

Belong-Believe-Behave

The dominant pattern of evangelisation that has been practiced in the Church since Christendom (12th century) was a **“Believe-Behave-Belong”** model. This model stated that if you wanted to join the Church, you needed to believe what the Church teaches and behave accordingly. Having proven yourself worthy you could begin the process of truly belonging. There is a logical sequence to the model and it has proven to be reasonably effective for many people throughout the centuries. It is however not the only approach to evangelisation, and some pastors like Fr James Mallon argue that this “Christendom model” is collapsing.

An alternative strategy is **“Belong-Believe-Behave”**. In this model people are made to feel welcome and in this welcoming experience they seek a deeper understanding of what the community believes. This experience of belonging and believing then leads them toward behaving in a manner that reflects their experience and learning (formation). The idea of **“behave”** is not based upon a set of rules and regulations but on an experience of being welcomed and witnessing how those who already belong express their faith.

The co-founder (alongside Dorothy Day) of the Catholic Worker Movement (CWM) was Peter Maurin. Inspired by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching he started the CWM in order to serve the poor and isolated by building community and providing a place where people could belong. Maurin stated that he wanted to create a society/community where it was easier for people to be good. This simple but lovely idea is very suitable to any group that is searching for ways to build community. How can we create the space for people to **belong** and in what ways can we create a community/society where it is easier for people to be good?

A member of the Passionist youth retreat team who attended the plenary council posted a comment on Facebook and was ridiculed by a number of Catholics whose bullying comments left no room for dialogue or understanding. Their **“Believe-Behave-Belong”** approach had no concept of listening to anyone who would differ from their own fundamentalist framework. Their unfortunate response was in contrast to many of the reports that I have heard from those who attended the plenary. Most of the attendees recognized a tension in the early sessions between opposing ideas but also witnessed a growing capacity to listen and respect diverse opinions. It is gratifying to hear that the virtue of listening improved throughout the course of the plenary; surely this more respectful approach was symbolic of a maturing Church.

In our St Paul Apostle Community, we have great cultural diversity and by today’s Western standards a reasonable age spread. Our community also contains multiple approaches to faith and Church but these differences are not a reason for division. Whether we are conservative, traditional, moderate or progressive in our understanding of Church and ministry we are all called to welcome and listen. Surrounding ourselves with people who only think the way we do is not necessarily a recipe for growth. Our common denominator is our faith and we express that faith through the very broad lens of Catholicism. We cannot build a community where it is easier for people to be good if we do not work together and listen to each other.

Over the next few months we are promoting the various works that make up the life and mission of St Paul Apostle Catholic Community. The more people that are involved in this life and mission the stronger our community becomes. Greater participation will ensure that we “share

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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/01qAq-uAKzc>

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

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Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South Primary School

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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John’s Regional College

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

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the load to live our mission.” It is a spirit of working together that we are seeking; that is people generously sharing their time and gifts for the benefit of all.

I recognize that people are at different stages of their life and some are fully committed to their primary priority of raising their family or assisting others in this task. What we would like is for you to consider what might be possible into the future when your circumstances change. I would also like to acknowledge those who already work tirelessly to enhance our life and mission, your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Blessings

Brendan CP on behalf of the Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our children who received their Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, 30 July, 2022

Johnathan Arena, Hudson James Brown, Jaelah Johaan
Max Cosimo Dell'Atte, Isabella Dell'Atte, Elise Michie
Olivier Felix, Zoey Therese Gresseux, Filip Luka Jukic
Jazmin Maruzza, Jude Padayhag, Tyler Devlin Luis Ravanal
Lucas James Rohan, Csaba Szabo, Mirelle Lisa Wemyss,
Andre Giulio Ruggieri, Sonja Rose Ruggieri, Dean Gradkowski
Eva Smith, Dylan Figueroa, Siena Elise Matthews,
Xavier Blake Matthews, Abigail Grace Pereira, Elyssa Nanos
Nicholas George Karisson, Madelene Boyle, Ryan Millares
Lana Valen Castro-Zambrano, Johnathon David Patton-Gear
Isaiah Sean Daniels, Lincoln de Kauwe, Tristan Fernandez,
William Henry Gilder, Porsha Vazzana, Tatyana Planko
Natalia Imbesi, Aksha Jude Justin, Zachariah Barker
Makaela Mia Nicosia, Isaac Normington, Andres Lobos
Aiden Jerome Siva Smith, Sienna Bridget Smith
Dion Johnathan Tsibouris, Jordan Adem Ucar, Blake Lewindon

We also congratulate their teachers and parents who guided and assisted the children to complete their work for the pro-

gram. We will keep these children in our prayers, that their faith will flourish

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

As our First Communion candidates are in the final stage of completing their program, we are now planning the Sacrament of Confirmation program for the older children.

This program is for those children who are in grade 6 or above. They must have been baptized and have received both the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Their program will include a couple of family nights and some classes at the relevant schools (St Paul Apostle South or North School) or at After School Religious Education classes (ASRE). ASRE is only for those children who attend non parish schools. The classes are on TUESDAYS from 4pm to 5pm.

We were planning to give you the date this weekend, but under some circumstance, we can only provide more information next weekend with all relevant dates (including the registration period) our sincere apology for the delay

PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM

We, Isabelle, Nick and our 6 kids are hoping to go on the Pilgrimage to Vietnam 2023 with the Passionist community.

We are seeking sponsorship to get there. If you would like to contribute we have a bank account setup for donations:

BSB: 063 103

Acct no: 1039 5996

Or you can chat with us after 9am mass.

Thank you for your consideration!”



Readings:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1: 2, 2: 21-23;
Col 3: 1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12: 13-21

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18: 6-9;
Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19;
Lk 12: 32-48

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Vicky Robin, Robert D'Silva, Logotuli 'Henry' Peteru, Horace Stolke, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or home-bound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Ivan D'Cruz, Marivic Sarto, Francis Pacheco, Carlos Alberto Monteiro, Christina Quigley, Deanna Rafferty, Joseph Kosi, Maria Longano, Egidio Valleri, V. Karunainathan, Clement Adolphe, Veronique Adolphe, Amy Parer, Anunziata Maruzza, Tommy Fernando *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

