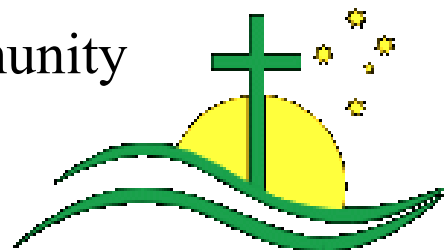




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Second Sunday of LENT, 12-13 March, 2022

**Station of the Cross is on
Friday evenings at 7pm in the Church**

Message to all Parishioners

Dear Parishioners

I trust this letter finds you well.

There have been so many false starts in the last two years that I have been hesitant to pen this letter for fear that I pre-empt another interruption to the liturgical and pastoral rhythm of our community. This reluctance is however waning as I see more and more signs that we are returning to more familiar patterns of parish life. The sacramental programs are up and running, baptisms are prolific and weddings are again emerging. The vast numbers of people who attended the Ash Wednesday Masses give me confidence that people are again ready to reconnect with their faith and their community in a very concrete way.

A regular expression that I hear in the media and in general conversations is the “new normal”. While the pandemic experience heralded inevitable change (some of which will have long term benefits), it would be imprudent to forget the strengths contained in the “old normal”. I am grateful that the communication methods of the “new normal” extended our outreach, however it still left us void of real human contact, and without this contact, community is difficult to live, let alone build.

This letter is an invitation to the whole community to engage in a renewal of our commitment to re-establish the communal credentials of St Paul Apostle. Many of the previously vibrant ministries in which we engaged have, unfortunately, suffered due to the effects of COVID. The simple fact is; the more people are involved, the more vibrant the community is. There is a parish in the USA where people who join the community must sign up for a parish ministry. This is an extreme policy that I do not intend to follow, but the purpose of the system has great merit.

If we are going to reinstate our declaration to be one family and fulfil our parish mission/prayer, we all need to evaluate our commitment to making these aspirational statements a reality. There are vacancies in many of our diverse ministries but without new membership their mission will be severely curtailed. Pastoral mainstays such as St Vin-

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/rcTOPBS8o2Y>

Reconciliation
Saturday at 10-10.30am

Priests: Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP) Fr Luke Bulley CP	Passionist Community Fr Brian Gleeson CP Fr Kevin Hennessy 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
Parish Staff: Gillian Velupillay (Bursar) Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

cent de Paul, and the bread run/soup van which focus specifically on the more vulnerable in our community need assistance. Even those groups whose numbers are secure can always benefit from new people who can bring fresh enthusiasm.

There will be an opportunity for everyone to participate in a ministry in which they are passionate about and comfortable with. In the coming weeks, we will be promoting all the groups and ministries that make up our parish life. “Sharing the Load to Live Our Mission” will be our motto, and after Easter we will do a recruitment drive. I ask you to use this Lenten season to pray how you can use your God-given talents to help build the liturgical and pastoral community of St Paul Apostle.

Blessings.

STATION OF THE CROSS (during LENT)
 We will have Station of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent. This will start from Friday 11 March through to 8 April from 7pm in the Church

ST PAUL APOSTLE NORTH SCHOOLS REGISTRATION
 Enrolments are being taken now for Prep 2023 and 2024.
 Open Days for
 Term 1: Sunday Feb 27th, 11:00am - 2:00pm
 Thursday March 17th, 11:30am - 1:30pm
 Wednesday March 30th, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Play Group: Every Tuesday 11:30am - 1:00pm These sessions are free and are a lovely way to meet other families. Please visit the school at 76 Mossgiel Park Drive for a tour or ring 9700 6068. Facebook and Instagram: Please follow us at ‘St Paul Apostle North School’

JOB POSITION:
 Community Education Officer – Interfaith Network City Of Greater Dandenong
 A two day employment position is currently available for the ongoing development and support of the Tours to Places of Worship within the City of Greater Dandenong and beyond. If you are interested, please visit this link <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/interfaithnetwork/community-education-officer-1>

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND SAFETY
 This prayer comes from a prayer group which include some of our parishioners. We are going to pray this prayer together through to Easter (during weekend Masses)

JUSTICE GROUP thank all our fellow parishioners for there continuing support for donations towards buying eggs to supplied Alyssum Seekers food bank. Last weekend we raised \$488.20 Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION

*Loving God,
 We thank you for the gift of our lives
 and for the life of every person,
 both near to us and far away.
 We thank you for the wonder of all your creation.
 Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer
 may this Lent draw us deeper into the warmth
 and light of God’s love.
 May we see the world more clearly,
 Especially those who are often overlooked.
 May we come closer to your heart,
 Which you showed through the cross of Jesus.
 May we be full of hope for all future generations.
 We ask this in Jesus’ name
 Amen*

Readings:

Second Sunday of Lent Year C
 Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18;
 Phil 3: 17-4: 1;
 Lk 9: 28-36

Third Sunday of Lent Year C
 Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15;
 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12;
 Lk 13: 1-9

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Kismo, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Sam Hili, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Hiran, Ronald Peters, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, Andr s, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D’Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Dorothy Werkmeister, Teresa Sousa, Giovanna Satragno, Graciano Alves, Ivan E. McPherson, Peter Loh, Jan Jung Lim, Michael Cantsilieris, Carmen Bezzina, Manuel Duarte, Alistair Bosser, Natalie Bonefin, Hermis Ferns, ***and all who are named in our church memorial book***

May they rest in peace

