



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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**Pentecost Sunday Year B, 18-19 May, 2024**

### Until We Meet Again!

4 years ago, I arrived at St Paul Apostle, in the words of someone who said this to me recently, "very green!" I had one year left in my studies. The powers that be asked me if I could come and spend 6 months here in the parish, as a pastoral experience, before taking my final vows, and finishing my studies.

I know I've said this before, but I really wasn't all that keen. Prior to coming to Endeavour Hills, I was of the opinion that "true Passionists" weren't engaged in parish work! "True Passionists" were off giving retreats and missions!! How wrong I was.

As we all know, within two weeks of arriving, COVID gave us our first taste of lockdown, and so my 6 months turned into one year, which turned into a year and a half, which turned into 4. In that time, I took my final vows in our church, completed my studies, was ordained as a deacon in our church, then a priest, and lived out my first 3 years of ordained ministry here.

Through all of this, I've learnt why I was wrong about where a true Passionist works. In the very simplest, yet most profound of ways, this parish has taught me what love looks like. The Founder of the Passionists, St Paul of the Cross, wrote that, "The Cross is the greatest, and most overwhelming work of God's love." I've seen that here. I've come to know that here. You have taught me this. In allowing me the privilege of walking life's journey with you.

In these 4 years, I've learnt so much more than words can say. So much about myself. So much about the church. So much about life. More than anything, though, I've learnt so much about what it means to be a priest. I really do believe that the parishioners of SPA have taught me more about what it means

to be a priest than anything I learnt in my 5 years of theological education.

Just as I have had the privilege of journeying with so many of you through the best and worst of what life has to offer, you, too, have journeyed with me. In every conversation, and engagement. In every dinner, and cup of tea. In every baptism, wedding, funeral, confession, and Mass. In every homily and in every laugh shared. In every word of encouragement, and every piece of advice. In everything, you have shaped me. You have moulded me into the priest I am today, and for that, I will be forever grateful.

I may have very little idea of where God might send me in the coming years, but I will always know where my priestly journey began. I couldn't be prouder to say that this parish was the beginning of my ordained ministry as a Passionist.

I don't believe in goodbyes. None of us know where life's journey will take us next, and so I can't say for sure that this is the end. So, until we meet again, whether in this life or the next, I'll always hold this parish, and this community close to my heart, and in my prayers. I also ask that you continue to pray for me, that I may never forget the lessons that you have taught me.

May God bless and keep you all, until we meet again!

Luke CP

**Thank you Fr Luke!**

**All the best with your next appointment.**

**We will keep you in our prayer**

#### 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/ULfTlaVAOoU?feature=share>

**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 Kevin Hennessy CP  
Fr Luke Bulley CP  
Dcn Tuan Paul Anh-Do 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

**Readings for Next Week**  
**Feast of the HOLY TRINITY Sunday Year B**

**First Reading**      *Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40*

A reading from the book of Deutoronomy

Moses spoke to the people saying, ‘Ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created man on the earth; ask from one end of heaven to the other: ‘Has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of? Has any people ever heard the voice of a god speaking out of a fire, as you have heard, and lived? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by terrifying displays of power, as the Lod your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

So acknowledge today and take to heart that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Keep his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding you today for your own well-being and that of your descendants after you, so that you may long remain in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”

**Psalm**

The word of the Lord is upright  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By his word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.  
For He spoke; and it came to be.  
He commanded; and it stood firm.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their souls from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord.

He is our help and shield.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us  
even as we hope in you.

**Second Reading**      *Romans 8:14-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters,  
All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**      **Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.  
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time.’

**Reflection**

What elements of the Trinity make sense to you & what elements do you struggle with?

Have you ever just tried to keep the Trinity simple so that everyone can understand?

How was that experience?

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

## WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Fr Sony Marsilin CP who is now a part of our Parish community. He will be assisting Fr Brendan in serving our parish. Please make him feel welcome when you see him .

## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee has been a very solid component of our Parish community since its inception. The many people who have served on this committee have constantly sought ways to enable the Parish to flourish while simultaneously ensuring its financial stability. In recent months we have had two stalwarts of our team “take a break” from their commitment and I would like to publicly offer a word of gratitude to them for their wonderful service.

Danistan Emmanuel joined the committee in 2015 and decided that he would conclude his involvement at the end of 2023. Danistan’s expertise and sound judgement has kept the committee on track and his collaborative approach has assisted the team to operate in a spirit of solidarity. Danistan and his family continue to be a part of our community.

Gerard Daly joined the finance committee in 1999 but left in 2002 in order to take on the position of parish accountant. Our constitution does not allow the accountant to be a voting committee member. Gerard has been prudent and diligent in this role and has only recently decided to pass it on to our new parish accountant (Jonathon Maclou). For 25 years Gerard has made a magnificent contribution to our Parish and his invaluable work has seen the Parish remain financially viable while maintaining a missionary outlook. His focus has always been that our finances are there to support our mission.

The Parish financial position is stable due to the commitment of members of the finance committee and the whole Parish is indebted to them for their work

## PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

### **4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grade 5 to year 9)**

Their last gathering was a fantastic movie night with pizza and popcorn. If you are interested in joining the group, please come along on the second Friday of each month. The next event will be held on **FRIDAY, 14th June at 7pm** in the Tim O’Toole Annexe. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. Please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend for planning purposes

### **YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)**

For those who are wondering what this group is all about, you can contact the Parish Office and we will provide more information. Also keep an eye on the news as we will keep you up-dated with information regarding the next gathering

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

The registration for this year is now closed. We also had our First family night. From here on, the children will attend sessions in Parish Schools and ASRE (see below)

We will meet again in Church on **TUESDAY 11 June at 7pm**. We will try to send a reminder to you. However, please make sure that we have your correct email address

## AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE)

The next classes are **TUESDAYS, 21st May, 28th May and 4th June at 4pm** in the Parish office. Attendance at all classes is compulsory for all children attending non parish schools

## EGG COLLECTION—JUSTICE GROUP

In an effort to support the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, our Justice Group (JPIC) conduct a quarterly special collection to help the center buy eggs for the foodbank. The next collection is scheduled for next weekend (being the last weekend of May). Members of Justice Group will be at the door with the ‘chicken’ to receive your donations. We are always thankful for your generous support

### **Readings:**

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19-23

#### **Feast of the Holy Trinity Sunday**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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

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

Margaret Ferrao, Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Jamie Cabrera **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

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

Ingram Mirando, Rudolf Pahor, Dexter Walker, Michael D’Silva, Sharne Labrooy, Nicole Balmano, Christine Ann Kelly, Anne Silva, Brian Gleeson, Rosa Murgana, Santo Aiello, Maria Antonietta Damelio, Michael D’Silva, Claude Noyan, Gabriel Maclou, Cyril Khedoo, Christie Croos Lambert, Clara Eunice Kelaart, Beatrice Wickramasinghe, Gladys Rodrigo **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

***May they rest in peace***

### **COME AWAY DAY**

The next Come Away Day of the year will be held at Holy Cross Centre on Wednesday 22nd May.

The theme of the day is 'COME REST AWHILE AND RE-NEW'. This is an opportunity to continue the flow of the Spirit's gifts into our lives.

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are.

BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30 am. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 2 pm. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation according to your means. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on [bridget.m64@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com)

Holy Cross Centre address is 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe, VIC

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

|                              | <b>Saturday—6pm</b>          | <b>Sunday 9am</b>                                   | <b>Sunday 11am</b>               | <b>Sunday 6pm</b>                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Mary Pegram<br>Liz Spear     | Virendra Jayetileke<br>Alvita Dias                  | Anne Astin<br>Rinku Arora        | Lakni Weerasekera<br>Diane Heaton  |
| <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                         | Diane Allegany<br>Anne Astin     | 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 | Alvita Dias<br>Grace Sudjono<br>Virendra Jayetileke | Jennifer Tanti<br>Diane Allegany | Melissa Krajacic<br>Charlene Nheu  |

### **St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024**

|                              | <b>Saturday—6pm</b>                                | <b>Sunday 9am</b>                                      | <b>Sunday 11am</b>                                      | <b>Sunday 6pm</b>                                         |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Riona Alveyn<br>Lionel Alveyn<br>Lien Phan         | Nila Fernando<br>Rosa Mitchell<br>Rohan Wickramasinghe | Vianney Clark<br>Antionette Gargano<br>Florence Madeira | Anne Kankanige<br>Peng Chee<br>Vonny Lai                  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | Gertrude Akom<br>Mima Arena<br>Carmeline Don Paul  | Sig Romano<br>Esteban Morales<br>Aloma Pereira         | Sharon Normington<br>Jean Jansz<br>Naomi Falo           | Jenny Catania<br>Brendan Keating<br>Lakni Weerasekera     |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | Celine Quinless<br>Peter Miller<br>Lionel Alveyn   | Mary Moore<br>Nila Fernando<br>Rosa Mitchell           | Florence Madeira<br>Sai Dilinger<br>Binitha Mathew      | Vonny Lai<br>Charlene Nheu<br>Marg Keating                |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Bernie Henstridge<br>Lien Phan<br>Celine Quinless  | Aloma Pereira<br>Mary Moore<br>Rohan Wickramasinghe    | Vianney Clark<br>Stephen Herbert<br>Lauren Rafferty     | Swineetha Disanayake<br>Dominique Maclou<br>Jenny Catania |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Riona Alveyn<br>Carmeline Don Paul<br>Peter Miller | Sig Romano<br>Esteban Morales<br>Nila Fernando         | Binitha Mathew<br>Stephen Herbert<br>Sharon Normington  | Ayomi Fernandez<br>Peng Chee<br>Jenny Catania             |