



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday of Easter Yr C, 26-27 April, 2025

Pope Francis.

News of the death of the Holy Father at age 88, came to us as we rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus, and in some ways despite the sadness of loss, we can rejoice that our Pope has 'returned to the house of the father' in the very season that celebrates life to its fullest. Sadness or shock aside, it is a truth that is at the heart of Jesus' message - that we were created by God and return to God as beloved daughters and sons. In death life is changed not ended.

We have much to thank God for in the life of Pope Francis. He represented the message of Jesus in all he did and said, and more so in how he went about exercising the ministry of Pontiff. He said at his election that the cardinals had gone to the end of the Earth to find a person to exercise the role, and he was forever conscious of those same 'ends' or peripheries.

His pontificate might well be seen as one that advocated constantly for those on the edge of society, for those who sought new homes by virtue of their refugee circumstance, for those who felt excluded due to poverty, and for those who were the innocent victims of war and violence.

While his words were strong, some of his actions were symbolically stronger. He lived his own message be it through the simple accommodation he choose, the simplified ceremonies or modes of transport he preferred, and even his requests for his funeral – a simple coffin and ceremony. In all this he bore witness to an overarching commitment to simplicity and the essence of the gospel message.

He was a man who advocated for the peripheries in another sense too. His appointment of nearly 80% of the Cardinals that will choose his successor bears witness to his desire to expand the scope and cultural representation of the College of Cardinals. We ask God's Spirit's guidance for them as they begin the task of electing our new Shepherd and Teacher.

Pope Francis lived and advocated a care for the Earth, for the Poor and for those on the margins. He was a gift to us all.

A small aside concerns his care for the Passionists in Argentina. Whilst still a Bishop he supported our mission in the north of the country (to the indigenous peoples) and in that sense was a friend to us. Once Pope his interest continued and the former Provincial of Argentina, once shared that he wrote often to the now Pope and each time received a personal handwritten letter in response. It bears witness to the quiet simplicity of the man and to his prioritising people and relationships above all else.

May he rest in peace.

Fr Denis Travers CP



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 online
Mass is*

[https://youtube.com/
live/vsYG1546utY?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/vsYG1546utY?feature=share)

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
Valerie Ferreira
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Cathy Mason

St Paul Apostle South
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Mr Paul Gleeson

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Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading

Acts 5: 28-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

But Peter and the Apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than human beings. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Then the council ordered the Apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name

Psalm

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
Restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!
You have turned my mourning into dancing
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Second Reading

5: 11-14

A Reading from the book of Revelation

I, John, looked and I heard the voice of many Angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive the power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 21: 1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" they answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put some, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came into the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about ninety metres off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

THANK YOU

Jesus is risen, Alleluia!

We wish to thank everyone who has been a part of Holy Week. We have so many volunteers helping us make everything possible, allowing the whole community to celebrate the Holy Triduum meaningfully.

Commencing with Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday we have your kind support, donating palm leaves and olive branches, picking them up and arranging them so that the church is fully decorated and cleaning up on Monday after Palm Sunday celebrations. Thanks to all who assisted with cleaning up the garden and cutting the hedges so beautifully. On Thursday some volunteers also assisted with set up for the Holy Thursday Mass. Setting up chairs and cleaning the Church. Our Children's Liturgy group who have represented us all in the washing of the feet ceremony as well as the Communion to the sick ministers who have helped us in the procession of the gift.

For Good Friday, we thank our Young adult group, together with Luke they lead us with the Station of the Cross, also our women's group who helped with the hot cross buns after the station and those who prepared breakfast after dawn Mass on Easter Sunday. We thank all ministers of the word, communion as well as the flower group.

Most important, we thank you all who joined us during the Holy Week.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

If your children is in this program, please note that the First Family night for the program is **TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025** at 7pm in the church. Your attendance (and candidate) to this session is compulsory. Sign in starts at 6.45pm for 7pm start.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (for those in grade 6 and have received Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion) the registration has been extended to **TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2025**. There is no further extension date after this deadline.

COME AWAY

You are invited to come to a time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds of Holy Cross Retreat Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) The next Come Away is on Wednesday, 28 May from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Donation is \$30 per person. Tea & Coffee available.

BYO lunch. Please book with Sr Brigid cp to her email: bridget.m64@gmail.com

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!

Due to the Federal election, please note that the 'Chai Time' event which is organised by Wellsprings for Women has now been changed to **SATURDAY, 17 May, 2025**. This event will be hosted by Jo Stanley (Australian television and radio presenter and comedian!) A special afternoon of delicious connoisseur canapés, sweet treats, and premium tea, is a fundraising event to support Wellsprings for Women's Emergency Relief Program. Event will be at Kennedy Hall, Killester College, 433 Springvale Rd, Springvale. RSVP by Thursday, 17th April using this QR code

HOLY CROSS PASSIONIST CONGREGATIONS

is having a fundraising event on **SATURDAY, 9th August, 2025** from 6pm. This event will be held at THE VENETO CLUB, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen.

Tickets is \$85pp (incl. 3 course dinner & dancing) This event is to support the ministry of the Passionist Community at Templestowe. There will be many silent auctions, major auctions, raffles and entertainment.

Tickets are available online via trybooking (www.trybooking.com/CYSMZ)

for more information please contact Tina 0439 034 116 or Peter 0413 015 061



Readings:

Second Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts 5: 12-16

Rev 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19

John 20: 19-31

Second Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts 5: 28-32

5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Christopher de Zilva, Lomaga Pa'u, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, 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

Pope Francis, Joe Da Cunha, Annette Tanner, Carlton Declase, Percival Jackson, Wendy de Santos, Luzia Florindo, Janine Batista, Isabel Florindo, Jose Florindo, Manuel Roboredo, Edit Roboredo, Henrique Roboredo, Idalina Ribeiro *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

Dandenong Deanery is organising a deanery dinner on WEDNESDAY 14th May, 2025 at St John's Regional College, Dandenong. Cost is \$48pp (3 course meals and a drink)
 RSVP: by Frid.9th May at the latest. For more information please contact Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au. Payment can be made by bank transfer to

Bank: NAB / BSB: 083-347 Account No: 470457830 (please quote your surname as a reference.)

PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

You may bring back the project compassion box to the Church during the weekend Mass. You may also bring it back to the Parish Office during working hours

**St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
 MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025**

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
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	Anne Astin Cecilia Tan	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	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

**St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
 MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025**

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