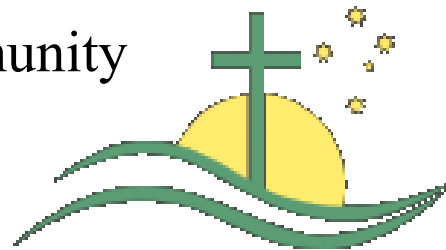




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Fourth Sunday of LENT Year A, 18-19 March, 2023

Special Ministers to the Sick and Aged Care

A little known ministry in our Parish is the Communion Ministry for the sick, and elderly. Some of our ministers bring communion to parishioners who are sick at home and others go to Calvary View Hills Manor Aged Care, either to bring communion or to assist the priest with Mass (Heatherton Rd and Rema Blvd) each month. Our ministry at the aged care is on a monthly basis, however the communion visits to parishioners homes is on a weekly basis. One of our volunteers, Geraldine Lorenz, who has been part of the group attending Calvary View Hills Manor aged care, has written a short reflection of her experience in this ministry.

I'm so fortunate to be part of a loving, vibrant, and prayerful community here at St Paul Apostle, lead by the Passionist Community. When I was approached by Sr Brigid Murphy CP to help with Holy Communion and to assist with Mass at Viewhills Manor (now is Calvary), I was hesitant at first. However, I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the spiritual life of the men and women who are no longer able to join us as active members of our parish, or the parishes they belonged to.

My experience initially was one of sadness. In particular, when I thought of these people not being able to do the things they had previously done. Not being able to go to Mass regularly, or not being able to catch up for a cuppa with family and friends. Little things like that. However, over the years, when visiting them, chatting with them, and praying with them, I've come to see it as such a joyful and fulfilling experience. We're able to walk with them on their journey with God in a very meaningful way.

With such an amazing team of volunteers, we would love to welcome more of our parishioners to join us. Volunteers for this ministry help us continue to be prayerful messengers of the Holy Spirit to those who need our love and care.

If you are interested in helping in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office, or speak to Fr Luke, or Didi.

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/AJ2d6hUuOfg>

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

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



FR BRENDAN'S CELEBRATION

We will hold a gathering for Fr Brendan's 60th birthday. He has requested that we keep it simple. Thanksgiving Mass will be at 11am Mass on Sunday the 26th of March. Followed by a small gathering with drinks and finger food from 12 to 2pm

in the annexe. He will cut the cake at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

STATION OF THE CROSS

During LENT we will hold Station of the Cross every Friday evening from 7pm in the Church. All are welcome.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM (for children)

ALL CHILDREN who have been registered for this year's program **MUST** attend the FINAL family night on **TUESDAY, the 21st of March at 7pm** in the Church. Sign in starts at 6.45pm for a 7pm sharp start.

This will be followed by Reconciliation Service on **TUESDAY, the 28th of March at 7pm** in the Church, when these children will receive their first Sacrament of Reconciliation

WORKING BEE

We thank all who have joined us at the last working bee on the 4th of March. We are planning to have another one on **SATURDAY, the 1st of April** (this is not an April fools joke) That weekend we will clean up the Church garden, including trimming the hedges, etc. so that we can be ready for HOLY WEEK. If you have a hedge trimmer, please bring it along as we have many hedges to trim.

PARISH BINGO

Please note that only those who are 18 Yrs old or older are allowed to come in to the room at this event. No one under 18 Yrs is allowed to come in (even if they don't play).

Our next parish Bingo is on **FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2023** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe and will start at 7.30pm. You can come on your own or with friends. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

PROCESSION OF THE GIFT

As you notice we have slowly brought back 'Procession of the gift' during most weekend Masses. That is to bring the bread and wine from the back of the Church to the altar just after the 2nd collection. We are looking at doing a roster for each Mass. At this stage, the only Mass which we are hoping to have people help

is **SUNDAY EVENING MASS**. Please let us know if you would like to help at this Mass either by approaching Didi after Mass or calling the parish office on 9700 3781. You will be rostered on **ONCE A MONTH** only.

CUPPA AFTER MASS is another activity we would like to commence. Last month we have begun with PPC offering a cuppa after all Masses (weekend) If you are interested in taking part in this activity please contact us. You will only be rostered **ONCE EVERY FOURTH MONTH**. Please contact the parish office on 97003781 during the week or speak to Didi after Mass and we can explain to you all the necessary details

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION

Thank you to all who have sent in their nomination form. We have now closed the nomination period. In a couple of weeks we will announce the updated list of our Parish Pastoral Council for this year. There will be another chance next year to be part of our PPC

DEANERY DINNER

The next Dandenong deanery dinner is on **WEDNESDAY, the 22nd of March from 5.30pm** at St John's Regional College, Caroline St, Dandenong. The topic this time is 'JOY IN OUR LIVES' with Fr Brendan Collins as the guest speaker
Cost is \$45 per person (incl. 3 course meal, wine and beer)
RSVP is required to Paddy 0422 296 961 or email to dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

CHRISM MASS—ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful liturgy that takes place in the weeks leading up to Easter. It is an ancient celebration that is one of the most important liturgical events in the church, outside Easter and Christmas. During the Mass, the Archbishop, along with all of the priests in the Archdiocese, blesses the oils that will be used in the sacraments in the year ahead. All of the People of God are strongly encouraged to take part in this Mass, so that the Chrism Mass can be a strong symbol of the unity of the church here in Melbourne. If you'd like to learn more about this Mass, follow this link <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/what-is-the-chrism-mass-an-explainer>



This year the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral is on **SATURDAY, 1st APRIL 2023 at 10am..** We strongly encourage you to attend this Mass, as in doing so you will be representing the church in Endeavour Hills. We will need some volunteers to return the oils to the Parish, and take part in the procession of the oils during the Holy Thursday Mass.

Readings:

Fourth Sunday of LENT Yr A

1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 ;
Eph 5: 8-14 ;
John 4: 1-41

Fifth Sunday of LENT Yr A

Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Chris Williams, Ikhlas Jona, Cecil Harper, Michael O'Connor, Brian Tobin, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Wilhada de los Reyes, Crystal Jayamaha, Elma, Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, 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

Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Valerie Henriques, Juan Bautista Reinoza, Rebecca Maria Dorothy Kaludewage, Herman DeZylva, Hernan Ugarte, Mercia Fernandes, Ann van Ratingen, Carmen Hili, Rohini Ferrao, Br Stan Tyler CP, Andre Machado, Henry Peteru, Brett Daly, Stephen D'Souza, Francisco Duarte, Carolina Augusta De Olivier, Marie-Therese Low Tat, Rebecca Tirant, Egbert Lespoire **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

