



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Migrants, Missionaries of Hope

..... Continue from last week

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes. Here too we can find a clear analogy with the experience of the people of Israel wandering in the desert, who faced every danger while trusting in the Lord's protection: "he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday" (Ps 91:3-6).

Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. Each time the Church gives in to the temptation of "sedentarization" and ceases to be a civitas peregrine, God's people journeying towards the heavenly homeland (cf. Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, Books XIV-XVI), she ceases to be "in the world" and becomes "of the world" (cf. Jn 15:19). This temptation was already present in the early Christian communities, so much so that the Apostle Paul had to remind the Church of Philippi that "our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself" (Phil 3:20-21).

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence, then,

should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb 13:2).

The first element of evangelization, as Saint Paul VI emphasized, is that of witness: "All Christians are called to this witness, and in this way they can be real evangelizers. We are thinking especially of the responsibility incumbent on migrants in the country that receives them" (Evangeli Nuntiandi, 21). This is a true missio migrantium, a mission carried out by migrants, for which adequate preparation and ongoing support must be ensured through effective inter-ecclesial cooperation.

At the same time, the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized. In this way, migrants and refugees are recognized as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life.

On this Jubilee, when the Church prays for all migrants and refugees, I wish to entrust all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.

From the Vatican, 25 July 2025
Feast of Saint James, Apostle



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/JRDZmcu6_ig?feature=share

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr OBrien Chanda CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I lift up my eyes to the hills
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night..

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out
and your coming in from this time on and forevermore

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in

Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the one who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for any human being. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

"For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for any human being, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

Are you willing to endure difficulties, sacrifice, or suffering to help others and bring peace to the world?

Are you seeking genuine service to others and the glory of God, rather than seeking attention for yourself?

When in a position of responsibility or conflict, are you inclined to assert your power or to find ways to serve others?

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

St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



COLLECTORS

This is a reminder for **ALL COLLECTORS** during weekend Masses. Please ensure that you have fulfilled all the safeguarding requirements (including a Working with Children's Check and safeguarding training) If you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to approach Didi at Mass or to call the parish office. We will assist you with completing the necessary requirements.



GARDENING

We are hoping to do some more gardening on **SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER** from 8.30am to 11am. If you have spare time and are able to assist please come along with your gardening tools. You don't have to stay for the whole duration. Any help will make the work lighter.

BINGO

This is an early notice from the Bingo team. Their last session of Bingo for the year will be on **FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2025**. Starting time is 8.30pm. As usual, the theme of the final session is 'Christmas'. All whom have joined this event in the past have expressed how much fun they had. If you wish to join or have an inquiry please contact us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group resumes this weekend.

The group welcomes all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week.

We wish to remind parents that all children under 4 or with special MUST be accompanied by A PARENT (not siblings). Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Safeguarding is a sacred duty.

The most important thing we can do to safeguard children and vulnerable people is invest in leadership, governance and culture, writes Ursula Stephens.

A standardised and nationalised system for working with children checks is long overdue.

Indeed, the Catholic Church called for such a system 12 years ago in response to a paper issued by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

But our efforts need to go well beyond that.

The recent shocking revelations of alleged abuse of children in a childcare centre in Victoria are an urgent reminder of the need to strengthen child safety standards across all sectors engaged with children and young people.

Navigating the tangled web of state and territory working with children checks has been a difficult task for the Catholic Church.

The Australian Catholic Ministry Register, or ACMR, is a system used by Catholic dioceses and many religious institutes to make sure clergy and religious have a working with children check and meet additional internal standards needed to safely work with children and vulnerable people anywhere in Australia.

As well as capturing relevant state and territory working with children check details, the ACMR requires declarations from church leaders about the 'good standing' of clergy and religious, in that they have not behaved in a way that suggests a risk to the safety and welfare of children or adults.

The Church fully supports urgent national reform of working with children checks.

But our commitment goes much further.

A working with children check is not a safeguarding strategy on its own and it must be part of an integrated approach that includes robust recruitment, ongoing supervision, clear standards of behaviour, and effective complaint and investigation processes.

We need a national registration system for children's service workers, an investment in training and supervision, and specialised abuse intervention and prevention services (...continue next weekend....)

Readings:

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2 Kings 5: 14-17

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Luke 17: 11-19

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Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Keith Gilmore, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, Parama Sivam, Nethanjal Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, 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

Tauasu Vaeafe, Anton Nadarajah, Raymond Anthony Parsons, Maria Antolini, Cheryl Anthony, Boy Quilala, Jeannine Georgette Therese Chadwick, Noel McNamara, Neomi Therese Jackson, Shelagh Maureen Gleeson, June Enright, Jacqueline Figueira, Rudy Bonhomme, Neville Gatt, Libby Gow **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh Rinku Arora	Sharon Normington Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	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	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating Luiza Monteiro
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

