



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 3-4 February, 2024

Archbishop Comensoli on how to enter into the Year of Prayer

(from Melbourne Catholic, issue 30 January, 2024)

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of hope'—a theme that according to Pope Francis reflects the life of every Christian: 'The Christian, like Mary, is a pilgrim of hope.' To prepare for the jubilee, the Holy Father has called for a Year of Prayer, a time of 'rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world'.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who was recently in Rome, recorded a special message for the local church of Melbourne, in which he suggests three simple prayers to help us enter into this time of preparation.

'Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... three simple prayers that can open up our lives. Just to say those three prayers each day would be a lovely thing.' He encourages viewers to turn to the Bible and spend time reading the gospels and exploring the psalms, which he says 'share the life of faith through all of the human emotions' of needs, joys and hopes. Archbishop Comensoli also challenges the community to pray for those within our own neighbourhoods.

A number of prayer resources have been edited by the Dicastery for Evangelization and will be made available throughout the year. These resources are aimed at redis-

covering simple ways to pray, especially in an age of digital culture.

'Our time manifests a profound need for spirituality,' said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization. 'The louder the cry of technology that seems to correspond to all our desires, the deeper we discern the search for a true spirituality that brings each person back to encounter themselves in the truth of their existence and therefore in a coherent relationship with God.'



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/SKTHfsArpj4?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

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Readings for Next Week
Sixth Sunday in ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46*

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:
“When a person has on the skin of his body
a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into
a leprous disease on the skin of his body, that person
shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his
sons the priests. Anyone who has the leprous disease
shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of their head be
disheveled; and shall cover their upper lip and cry out,
“Unclean, unclean.” That person shall remain unclean
as long as the disease persists; and being unclean,
such a one shall live alone with their dwelling outside
the camp

Psalm

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one to whom
the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1*

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of
God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do,
not seeking my own advantage, but that of many,
so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ

Gospel acclamation

A great Prophet has risen among us
God has looked favourably on his people

Gospel *Mark 1:40-45*

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and
kneeling said to Jesus, “If you choose, you can make
me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his
hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose.
Be made clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him, and
he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent
him away at once, saying to him, “See that you say
nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest,
and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded,
as a testimony to them.” But he went out and began to
proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus
could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in
the country; and people came to him from every quarter

Reflection:

We have here Christ's cleansing of a leper. It teaches us to apply to the Saviour with great humility,
and with full submission to his will, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, without any doubt of Christ's readiness
to help the distressed. See also what to expect from Christ; that according to our faith it shall be to us

THANK YOU

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Fr Brendan and Fr Luke who celebrated the funeral
Mass of my husband Fred. Additionally, to all parishioners who have so generously
assisted in organising the gathering at the annexe, providing food, preparing the
wake, and so much more. We were overwhelmed by your attendance, thank you. I
truly feel that we belong to a very caring and thoughtful parish

Brenda Hall & family



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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Advance information regarding Mass on Ash Wednesday **14th February**, it will be held at 9am and 7pm.

LENTEN SEASON STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will hold Stations of the Cross every **FRIDAY commencing on 16 February** until the last Friday before Holy Week. Stations start at 7pm in the Church and will be lead by the Passionist Companions Group followed by a cuppa in the gathering space.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be held during 11am Sunday Mass, resuming this weekend. If your child is under 5 years old, a parent or guardian is required to accompany them. Please be aware that the 11am service is livestreamed. If you should have any queries about this please speak to one of the Parish Team.

2024 LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

Lenten reflection booklets are available from the Piety Stall at \$7 each.

There are also a very small number of Lenten reflection booklets for children at the piety stall. Price for these is \$6 each

YOUTH 4:12 (our Parish Youth)

Grade 5 - Year 9 age groups only.

The first gathering of the year will be on Friday the 16th of February at 7pm in the annexe. Please see details on how to register on the last page of this newsletter

2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Our 2024 Sacrament Programs has been decided. However, this might alter slightly as the schools have just started back and there might be some changes to their in-house school programs. We will try to minimize any changes. Only those baptised as Catholic can be registered into this program. Registration forms are available on our website or at the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: (for grade 4 or above)

Registration form must be in by

Wednesday, 14th February 2024

First Family night Tuesday, 20th February at 7pm

(Followed by 2 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night Tuesday, 12th March at 7pm

Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm

(depending on numbers, 2 sessions may be required)

First Communion (for grade 4 or above and have received their first reconciliation)

Registration form must be in by Friday, 26th April, 2024

First Family Night Tuesday, 7th May at 7pm

(Followed by 4 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last family night Tuesday, 11th June at 7pm (maybe changed to 18 June)

Masses Saturday, 22nd June (possibility of 2 sessions)

Confirmation (for grade 6 or older and have received their first reconciliation and First Communion)

Registration form must be in by Friday, 4th October

First Family night Tuesday, 15th October at 7pm

(Followed by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)

Last Family Night Tuesday, 19th November at 7pm

Session with Bishop To be advised

Masses Saturday 23 November at 2pm

(depending on numbers, possibly also at 3.45pm)

ASRE (After School Religious Education)

is a program which is designed to assist our children who are baptised as Catholic, however attend NON Catholic schools. if you wish to register your child who is baptised Catholic and is at the age for receiving any of the Sacraments, they are required to attend ASRE classes.

Readings:

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Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23;

Mark 1:29-39

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46;

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1;

Mark 1:40-45

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Grace Hamilton, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, 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

Sandra D'Costa, Nigel Macleod, Luigi Rea, Antonio Sangalang, Fred Hall, Jonas Hoareau, Mercia Fernandes, George Patterson, John Patterson, Fortunato Grosso, Noel Bulner, Angelo Tucci, Carmel King, Ruth Gregory, Selena Leroux, Alice Rodrigues **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



**"DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE
YOUNG, BUT BE AN
EXAMPLE IN THE WAY
YOU SPEAK AND BEHAVE,
IN YOUR LOVE, FAITH
AND PURITY"
1 TIMOTHY 4:12**

ST PAUL APOSTLE

4:12 YOUTH

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DONATION**

**YEAR'S
5-9**

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FRIDAY, 16 FEB. 7-9PM

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