



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 13-14 January, 2024

Taking Sides

(by Irwin Keller)

Today I am taking sides.
I am taking the side of Peace.
Peace, which I will not abandon,
even when its voice is drowned out by hurt and hatred,
bitterness of loss, cries of right and wrong.

I am taking the side of Peace
whose name has barely been spoken
in this winnerless war.
I will hold Peace in my arms,
and share my body's breath,
lest Peace be added to the body count.

I will call for de-escalation
even when I want nothing more than to get even.
I will do it in the service of Peace.

I will make a clearing
in the overgrown
thicket of cause and effect
so Peace can breathe
for a minute and reach for the sky.

I will do what I must
to save the life of Peace.
I will breathe through tears.
I will swallow pride.
I will bite my tongue.
I will offer love
without testing for deservingness.

So don't ask me to wave a flag today
unless it is the flag of Peace.
Don't ask me to sing an anthem
unless it is a song of Peace.
Don't ask me to take sides
unless it is the side of Peace.

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/a7mubjL0tmQ?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

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Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday in ordinary Time Year B

First Reading ***Jonah 3:1-5. 10***

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3-5

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way

Second Reading ***1 Corinthians 7:29-31***

Brothers Brothers and sisters,

the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away

Gospel ***Mark 1:14-20***

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him

Reflection on the readings

Our God is a God of “second chances” and of endless opportunity. Like ourselves, neither Paul nor the disciples were perfect, but they were all offered the opportunity to follow Jesus and some were even given a second chance to understand his mission and message. This can reassure us that, should we fail, God is waiting to offer us another opportunity, to offer us forgiveness and healing and a return to his loving embrace

FREE TO GOOD HOMES

While we were packing up our Christmas decorations, we discovered some nice toys (they are brand new), which were donated to us, but haven’t yet managed to make their way to a good home. There are also several old candles which were used for either Christmas or Advent Masses. Please feel free to take a toy, candle (or both) home with you after mass. The items will be located near the Piety stall in the next 2 weeks.



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

OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARE DOWN

Thank you to all who kindly assisted with packing up the Christmas decorations. We hope that next year we will have more helpers, as this is a great way for parishioners to get to know each other. Here are some of our army of volunteers (apologies to Michelle Boissezon, Daryl Drego, Ian & Valerie Ferreira who left just before the photo was taken)



THANK YOU

We received a message of thanks from The Andrews Centre to whom we provided the hampers for the families in need

‘I can not begin to express just how grateful we are for the wonderful hampers that you have provided again this year. It is such a joy to see faces of some of our most needy families just light up with surprise and delight when they see the hampers that you have provided for them. These hampers which are such a blessing to many families in need in our area and, as you would appreciate, there has been many more this year that have really struggled financially. Your generosity has meant Christmas can really be a special time for them

Thank you so much for all the wonderful hampers and all the kindness that each one represents”

(Judy Martin— The Andrews Centre)

BINGO

Our first parish Bingo night this year will be on **FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY at 7.30pm in the Annexe.** You can come on your own or as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly adults only (18 years or over). Unfortunately, we are bound to a strict policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

YOUTH GROUP

Our 2 parish youth group activities will kick off soon. The coordinators of each age group have met and planning is underway. Please keep an eye out for our updates.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

This activity is paused during school holidays and will resume as soon as the school year starts. If you wish to help out with this group, please contact the parish office or approach one of the teachers involved.

2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS for children in our parish (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation) will be announced once dates are finalized. If you wish your child to be part of this year’s sacrament program, please ensure that you keep an eye on our newsletter for the relevant updates.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME to the parish! If you wish to know more about us, please feel free to approach our priest or contact the parish office and we can provide more information. We have many groups within the parish which you may wish to be a part of.

Readings:

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1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 ;
1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 ;
John 1:35-42

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Jonah 3:1-5. 10 ;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ;
Mark 1:14-20

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Grace Hamilton, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Imelda 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, Sandra D’Costa, 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

Selena Leroux, Stefania, Donald MacLeod, Anne-Marie Grizelle, Brian Dwyer, Serge De Mezieres, Aurora Jover, Sidney Platcher, Gregory Platcher, Kavitha Francis, Macquillin Shobana, Bobby Platcher, Loretta Platcher, Cliffy Dias, Royston D’Silva, Pancy D’Silva, Augustine D’Silva, Beryl Taylor, Yusuf, Antonio Wilson Pineda, Virginia Dizon, Melissa Gonsalves, Ruth Gomez, Livio Slama **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

2024 ROSTERS

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

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera Diane Heaton
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	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	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	Alvita Dias Virendra Jayetileke	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antioniette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Peter Miller Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Florence Madeira Sai Dlinger 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 Neha Cherayath
5th Sunday	Riona Alveyn Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania