



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday of LENT Year A, 21-22 March, 2026

2026 HOLY WEEK MASSES

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND 28-29 March Masses as per usual

HOLY THURSDAY April 2nd Mass at 7pm
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight
(No reconciliation on this evening)

GOOD FRIDAY April 3rd
- Station of the Cross at 10am
- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

EASTER VIGIL April 4th Mass at 7.30pm
(no reconciliation on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th
Dawn Mass at 5.30am (followed by breakfast)
And 9am and 11am (no evening Mass)

EASTER MONDAY April 6th Mass at 9am

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)
Monday, 30 March at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

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

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
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Principal
Cathy Mason

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Primary School
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Principal
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year A, 2026

Procession Reading

Matthew 21: 1 - 11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

First Reading: *Isaiah: 50: 4-7*

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah

The servant of the Lord said:

"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; there-

fore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame
This is the Word of God

Psalm

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
"Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all my bones.

They divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Second Reading *Philippians: 2: 6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..

This is the Word of God

Gospel *Matthew 26: 14-27:66*
The Passion of the Lord

Reflection

"Will I stand with the crowd shouting 'Hosanna' today, but find myself shouting 'Crucify him' by Good Friday?"

"Do I follow Jesus because He is the Savior I want, or because He is the Savior I need?"

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



GARDENING

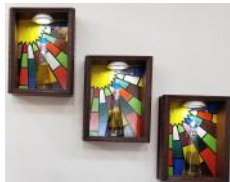
In preparation for Holy Week, we are scheduling a **WORKING BEE** on **SATURDAY, 28 MARCH from 8.30am to 11am**. As the area of the Church is very big, we are asking for more volunteers to help us this time in order to cover the entire garden. Please come and help us. You do not have to stay for the entire 2 1/2 hrs, even if you only stay for 1 hour, it will be a huge help for us. Please come with your garden tools

STATION OF THE CROSS

We are continuing to have Station of the Cross during this Lent. It's held on **FRIDAY EVENINGS** at 7pm in the Church.

CHRISM MASS

As part of the Holy week, this year's Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils) will be held on **TUESDAY, 31st March 2026** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Mass commences at 10am. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Holy Oils will be distributed (we use these oils for baptisms, confirmation, for the sick, and so on throughout the year).



PIETY STALL

If you are after something for Easter, or even some materials during this Lent, consider paying a visit to our Piety Stall. They have new items on display that might just be what you are looking for

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the Microsoft is blocking emails sent from all parishes to hotmail, outlook and live accounts. This is the reason why our emails (including newsletter emails) have not reached you. Just as an update on this issue; if you have explicitly opted in to receive newsletters this service will recommence. If you have not opted in you will get a one-time email invite in the coming weeks (email will come from the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese) You can continue to access our newsletter via our website and in hardcopy form each week.

COME AWAY DAY on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 25th**

The Come Away Day program is a long - time retreat and reflection ministry at Holy Cross (207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe). This is the first Come Away Day for 2026. Starts (registration) is at 9.30am (BYO Lunch)

YOUTH FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Traditionally our Good Friday Station of the Cross is lead by our Young Adult group (18 to 25 Years). If you are in this age bracket, interested in getting involved and helping them, please contact parish office (97003781) for more details on it. At this stage our practice will be around Saturday, 28 March at 10am. Should you unable to attend this practice, you are still welcome to join in. Final run through will be on Good Friday at 8am.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

Last weekend we had a visit from the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) which is a financial Institution assisting to fund projects across Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese organisations, including parishes (one of them being our parish), hospital wings and classrooms as well as charity groups (such as St. Vincent de Paul). These funds are generated from maintaining the accounts which are entrusted to CDF. While the account holder gains interest from their savings or any other investment form, CDF is able to help fund charities, churches and other Catholic organisations with their needs. For more information, you can either use the QR code provided, call 1800 134 135, or use this link www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Our Passionist Family group is organising an event on Sunday 19th April, 12pm to 3pm at the St Paul Apostle School Hall, 9 William Hovell Drive, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802. We hope you can all join this event for an afternoon of stories, culture, and connection. This special parish gathering invites every member of our community, new and familiar, to come together, celebrate our shared heritage, and strengthen the friendships that make our parish feel like home. Everyone is invited to wear or bring something that represents your story, a cultural item, a family keepsake, a traditional garment, colours, symbols—anything meaningful that reflects where you come from and who you are. And don't forget please bring a plate of finger food to share. On the day, the group will also have silent auction in the effort to raise funds for a Community Christmas Lunch for those who will otherwise spend Christmas alone. Your contributions, whether donating items or placing bids, will help ensure that they can also enjoy some Christmas cheer surrounded by great company and good food.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

You are invited to join a service to **Prayer for Peace** at Endeavour Hills Uniting Church (Hellyer Way, Endeavour Hills) on **TUESDAY, 24 MARCH at 7pm**. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Readings:

Fifth Sunday of LENT Year A

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

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Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year A

Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Isaiah: 50: 4-7

Philippians: 2: 6-11

Matthew 26: 14-27:66

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Milica Kosi, Kerryne Carney, Mary Antoun, Maryse Ferdinands, Anne McCallister, Giuseppina Matera, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Walles, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, 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

Ronald Harris, Betty Scanlan, Monica Mary Sleeman, Robert Stellato, Mareka (Mareta) Dunlop, Jacinta Martyn, Kamal Markos, Fr. Paul Mercieca CP, Patrice Bonhomme, Joe Trindade, Eda Noyan, Claude Noyan, Renea Joliceur, Jacques Joliceur, deceased family members of Maitino and Biondi **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2026

	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 Anne Astin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026

	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 Antionette 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	Dominque Maclou 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 Antionette 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 Daphne Goh	Naomi Falo Dominque Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Brendan Keating Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Daphne Goh	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Marg Keating Peng Chee Jenny Catania

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

