



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

One Family

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Fifth Sunday of EASTER Year B, 27-28 April, 2024

Honouring the dignity and courage of women around the world (continue from last week)

As your Project Compassion Boxes are returned, we would like to provide an insight into how far your donations have gone and will go in supporting this most worthy cause. Last week and this week's newsletter we have detail stories revealing the positive impact of these donations for the recipients, which we extracted from Melbourne Catholic Magazine.

Priscilla's story

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and her two grandsons. In Hwange, the impacts of climate change are exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities, with erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures in the region.

'We had plenty of rains at first but as time has gone by, the rains have become erratic and hence the yields have been reduced,' Priscilla says.

Priscilla joined the Zimbabwe Integrated Community Development Program, funded by Caritas Australia and implemented by its partner Caritas Hwange. Through the program, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming techniques to grow drought-resistant crops to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

In her first year of practising conservation farming, Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, allowing her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

In addition to conservation farming training, Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla boost her food security through a range of activities, including participating in a community nutrition garden to grow and sell vegetables, and rehabilitating the dip tanks to keep her cows healthy and reduce the prevalence of tick-borne diseases. Caritas Hwange also rehabilitated a community dam near Priscilla's house, so cattle can have access to water all year.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange

means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

'We are indeed grateful to Caritas Hwange for the knowledge,' Priscilla says. 'Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living.'

Shaniella's story

Shaniella grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province that has limited educational and job opportunities—and one of the country's highest poverty rates.

After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. The landslide destroyed the school's main source of water, damaged school buildings and devastated the garden which the school relies on for food.

Shaniella recalls being at school on the day of the landslide. 'I was devastated because I had no knowledge of what to do and where to get information,' she says. 'I saw students in the school panic. I could hear people's screaming, crying and shouting, as if the world is going to end.'

Caritas Australia Solomon Islands (CASI) was able to help the school to install eight water tanks, restoring students' access to clean drinking water. The tanks also supply water to nearby schools, health centres and the wider community.

CASI also supported the school by providing it with improved planting materials, 200 chickens, and training in agricultural skills and poultry management, to help it to boost its food security.

To ensure that the school is better prepared to respond to future disasters, CASI ran Disaster Risk Reduction training workshops, raising awareness about evacuation procedures and how to respond during an emergency. It also provided additional support when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, by helping the school to improve hygiene practices to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Shaniella can now complete her job skills training, and the school has enough food and water for its students. She says she also feels better prepared when disaster strikes and can share her knowledge with her community back home.

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/QQBtZNTvxkw?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 Primary School

Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South Primary School

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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional College

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for Next Week
Sixth Sunday of EASTER Year B

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On Peter's arrival, Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian cohort, met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a man." Then Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days

Psalm

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known His victory;
He has revealed His vindication
in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered His steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first Letter of St. John

Beloved:

Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Those who love me will keep my word
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to His disciples:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another

Questions for reflection

Q. What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Q. How do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my daily life?

Q. Where do I see the Holy Spirit at work in my community?

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

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who attended Anzac day Mass and in particular acknowledge Beryl, Liz Spear and Marg who kindly gave their time to set up the Church the day before. We also thank those who helped serve and clean up on the day. Special thanks to Gus Patti with his bugle, combined with the arrangement of the Church, they have made a significant contribution to our Liturgy.

Thanks for your kind donations, \$120 was transferred to the RSL who support those who have served or are currently serving in the Australian Defence Forces.

Thank you for all of your most generous support.

YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

For those who are wondering what this group is all about, you can contact the Parish Office and we will provide more information. Also keep an eye on the news as we will keep you up-dated with information regarding the next gathering

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth)

This group is to accommodate our Youth who are in grade 5 up to year 9. All activities in this gathering cater for this age group. The next gathering is on **FRIDAY, 10 MAY** at 7pm in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. Please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350, if you wish to attend

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

Registration to enroll in this year's program is now closed. For those who have registered, by now you would have received emails containing all the necessary information regarding the program.

Please make sure you have received the email (check you junk mail as well, as it may have gone there)

The First Family night will be held on **TUESDAY, 7th May, 2024** in the Church. Commencing at 7pm sharp. Your child and one or both parents/ guardians must attend this night. If you have not received the email please contact us urgently so that we can resend the information to you.

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE)

This program is designed for our children who attend NON PARISH SCHOOLS. Therefore, if your child attends either

the St Paul Apostle South or North School, your child is not required to attend this class.

The ASRE sessions for the First Communion program are to be held on **TUESDAYS**, 14th May, 21st May, 28th May and 4th June at 4pm in the Parish office. Attendance at all classes is compulsory for all children attending non parish schools

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo will be on **FRIDAY, 17 May** 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Reminder)

Just a reminder that this group does not run during school holiday, they will resume on 21 April at 11am Sunday Mass. This group welcome 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 ask that children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling. 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. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. 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

CATHOLIC CARE

Provides Support & Hope To People at Every Stage Of Life. Every year we are asked to assist with a special collection.

This year it will be on the weekend of 4/5th May 2024

Readings:

Fifth Sunday of EASTER Year B

Acts 9: 26-31;

1 John 4:7-10

John 15: 1-8

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Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

1 John 3: 18-24

John 15:9-17

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Jamie Cabrera **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Rudolph Pahor, Dexter Walker, Michael D'Silva, Shame Labrooy, Nicole Balmano, Christine Ann Kelly, Anne Silva, Margaret Avlonitis, Naureen Norico, Alice Money, Wilma San Giorgio **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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 Grace Sudjono Virendra Jayetileke	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu

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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 Antoniette 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 Dilinger 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 Jenny Catania
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

OUR PIETY STALL

Our Piety stall offers a range of unique religious materials, including books, rosary and others. Some of the goods are Australian made (Luminous rosary) and others are of Italian origin. Please feel free to browse the stall after Mass.. Our volunteers do their very best to have the stall open after each weekend Mass



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