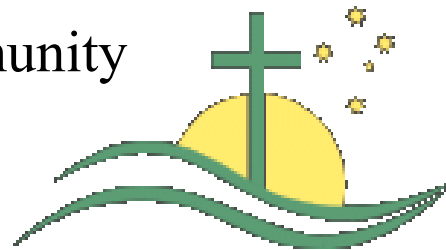




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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 14-15 January, 2023

2024 WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is coming back—and the countdown is on to the next event in two years' time.

After a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the premier gathering of young Catholics in Australia will return in December 2024, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne has been named host.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference last week supported the proposal for the 2024 Festival and expressed its gratitude for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's offer.

'We know what a great source of Christian energy the Australian Catholic Youth Festival has been over the past decade, and we have very much been looking forward to its return,' said Archbishop Christopher Prowse, chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry.

As bishops, we are inspired by the enthusiasm we see in our young people in our local ministry. But we also recognise the great sense of solidarity and fellowship that is evident when thousands of young people gather to share their love for Jesus. Melbourne Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said he welcomed his brother bishops' trust in the Archdiocese of Melbourne hosting the Festival in 2024.

'The Archdiocese of Melbourne was host for the inaugural Festival 11 years ago. We are excited to have ACYF back, and to start planning how we will welcome young Catholics from around the nation,' Archbishop Comensoli said.

ACYF is a great opportunity for our young Church. It is a real invitation for pilgrims to enter more deeply into their relationship with Jesus and be empowered to be disciples in the world today.

'We will work closely with a national committee to determine a theme, but for the moment I just want to say to young people: put this time in your diaries and start planning your journey!'



Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/NHuHbtJIBRs>

Reconciliation

Saturday 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 Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Dear Parishioners

On behalf of the Parish Team and the whole St Paul Apostle Community I would like to thank all those people who contributed to our celebrations of the birth of the Saviour. It was a joyous occasion befitting the feast. There was a new group this year who helped decorate the Church and grounds, as well as prepare the Advent activities for the children. They refer to themselves as the Christmas Crew and their efforts added greatly to the engagement and festival of our Christmas season. Those who attended the midnight Mass truly appreciated the spiritual ambience created by the lighting in the Church that the "crew" had arranged.

On New Years Day the community received a wonderful gift in the form a banner lovingly created by the St Paul Apostle Sewing Group. This group was formed by Sister Brigid back in 2016. In 2018 they began to design a "Family Tree" banner and despite the constant interruptions of Covid and other logistical issues the perseverance and artistic flair of the group has borne fruit and we now have a beautiful decorative addition to our Church. The "One Family Tree" banner is based upon the Parish motto "One Family" and the multi coloured leaves represent all the liturgical seasons of the Catholic Year. Fr Luke blessed the banner at the 9.00am Mass on New Years Day but it is the whole community who have been blessed by the wonderful creative work of our sewing group.

Blessings

Fr Brendan

Below are some comments from the member of the sewing group who have created the 'ONE FAMILY' banner

- I felt very happy to be part of such an awesome project.
- The banner looks full of love, with all the hard work the sewing group had put into it.
- Difficult, learnt new skills.
- When will it be finish!
- As we had all prayed to Creator God, the angels and the great sewers in spirit for Blessing and Guidance us in making the 'tree of life' banner, at times I felt it telling us what we needed to do. I love the way the colours are arranged and stand out.

- Eager, Excited, Sharing, Joyful. As Covid shut us down we were - Challenged, sometimes Overwhelmed. We persevered, Encouraged were always Prayerful especially at the difficult times. When I see it on the wall I am Joyfull and full of Pride that we all persisted to put this very important Banner on our Church Wall that represents who we are at St. Paul Apostle - 'One Family'

2023 PARISH BINGO

Our First parish Bingo in 2023 will be on **FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY 2023**. In the Tim O'Toole Annexe and will start at 7.30pm. Anyone from 18 yr old are welcome. You can come on your own or with friends. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

ADORATION

We will update you more on this very soon and will run a presentation proceeding its commencement. Please keep an eye on our newsletter for updates and information

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We hope to restart the Children's Liturgy on Sunday at 11am Mass at the beginning of February 2023.

To enable us to do this more than once a month, we are hoping to have more volunteers. Please let us know if you wish to be a part of these ministries. We will assist you in obtaining all the necessary documents (working with children certification and police check) Please do not process it yourself. Please contact the Parish office on 97003781 or by email: didik@stpaulapostle.com.au

2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY

2023 World Youth Day will begin in August.

Grace, young member of our parish will be joining this journey. On 29 January (after all Masses) Grace will be selling her handcraft as her effort to raise fund for her World Youth Day's journey.

During this week we will also include her writing which explain her strong desire to be part of this event. We hope you can support her in the way you can

Readings:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Is 49:3. 5-6 ;
1 Cor 1:1-3 ;
Jn 1:29-34

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Is 9: 1-4 ;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 ;
Mt 4:12-17
www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Wilhada de los Reyes, Crystal Jayamaha, Elma, Aliyah, Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Mercia Fernandes, 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

Archbishop George Pell, Rohini Ferrao, Br Stan Tyler CP, Gil Cortinhal, Teresa Madeira, Franco Elloro, Mary Matilda Fonseca, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Lucas Seguel, Teresa Fazio, Capt. Pablo Barros, Rosetta Alberti, Vernon Law, Edna Alice Fonseca, Royston D'Silva, Henry Logotuli Peteru, Andre Machado, Natalina Befacchia, Pauline D'Silva, Lucilia Dias, Alfonso Moniz, Joao Baptista, Teresa Sousa **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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

