



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 22-23 August, 2026

THE ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN 2026

Some of you may have some questions in regards to this special campaign. The following frequently asked questions (FAQs) may help clarify any queries from parishioners about it

1/ WHY IS THE ARCHDIOCESE ADOPTING THIS APPROACH TO COLLECTIONS?

The Archdiocese is doing this to support key Archdiocesan ministries in a streamlined way, reducing the number of times parishioners are asked to give each year.

2/ HOW CAN I MAKE A GIFT?

Gifts can be made online or completing the tear-off pledge card attached to the campaign envelopes available at your parish, and placing it, along with your credit card, cash or cheque donation, into the collection plate on campaign weekends or posting it to: Archbishop's Campaign PO Box 146 East Melbourne VIC, 8002 Please make cheques payable to 'The Archbishop's Campaign'.

3/ CAN I SET UP A DIRECT DEBIT FROM MY NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT RATHER THAN A RECURRING CREDIT CARD PAYMENT?

Yes, direct debit is available via the online donation form.

4/ WHY AM I BEING ASKED WHETHER I WANT TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT?

Some activities of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne are conducted by entities that have deductible gift recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Taxation Office. Others, such as seminarian education and evangelisation, are not. By giving people the option of making a non-deductible gift, the Archbishop's Campaign is able to support a broader range of the vital ministries within the Archdiocese.

5/ HOW DO I CHOOSE TO MAKE A NON-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT?

When completing a pledge card (either on paper or online), donors will be prompted to indicate whether they wish to make a tax-deductible or non-tax

deductible donation.

6/ HOW WILL A NON-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION HELP THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN?

The Archdiocese encourages those donors who do not require a tax deduction for their gift to consider making a non-deductible donation. This enables the Archdiocese to support vital ministries that are not designated gift recipients but that provide much needed activities such as evangelisation initiatives and seminarian education.

7/ CAN I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT WHETHER MY GIFT IS DEDUCTIBLE?

Donors making a recurring gift can change the tax status of their gift (tax deductible/non-deductible) by emailing the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne at archbishopsfund@cam.org.au.

8/ WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RECEIPT?

Receipts will be emailed to all donors making donations of \$2 or more who provide an email address, regardless of whether they are making a tax-deductible donation. Receipts will be issued as payments are processed. Donors who do not have an email address can provide a postal address to which their receipt can be sent.

9/ WHAT WILL MY GIFT BE USED FOR?

Tax-deductible donations will go to The Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports:

Priests Retirement Foundation
Corpus Christi College Building Fund
CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program
Melbourne Overseas Mission
John Pierce Centre, which supports the Deaf community
University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College
Catholic community agencies and community service organisations, through an annual grants program.

Non-deductible gifts will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports the Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives, such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, World Youth Day and seminarian education.



Please see page 3 on how to donate



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
Fr Cao Van Tri CP

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

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Cathy Mason

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Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for **NEXT WEEK**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reader: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah
O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have pre-
vailed. I have become a laughingstock all day
long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak,
I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and de-
struction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me a re-
proach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will
not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning
fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding
it in, and I cannot.
The Word of God

Psalm

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me

Second Reader: *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies
of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God—
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Amen

This is the Word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our heart,
that we might know the hope to which we are
called
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go
to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the
hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And
Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, say-
ing, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen
to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get be-
hind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me;
for you are thinking not as God does, but as human
do."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to be-
come my followers, let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me. For whoever
wants to save their life will lose it, and whoever
loses their life for my sake will find it. For what
will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but
forfeit their life? Or what will anyone give in re-
turn for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in
the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each
according to their work"

The Good news of the Lord

Reflection

Am I truly willing to place Jesus and His love first, even when it requires personal sacrifice or letting go of my own comfort?

What comes first in your daily life?

What heavy thing are you asked to carry with love today?

How can you choose God's way over the easy way

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



THE ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

If last weekend you missed out in giving to this special campaign, but still wish to help/ give, you can chose the following means:

- Take one of the 'Archbishop Campaign' envelope, which you can find at the Church entrances then please put them in the basket provided near the envelopes.

- You may also donate online using a credit card or direct debit through the website or via the QR code found on campaign brochures, posters and on campaign envelopes.



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

National Child Protection Week 2026 Live Stream Launch
Friday 4 September | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM AEST

Join us online for the official launch of National Child Protection Week 2026, with opening remarks from the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP and two live panel conversations exploring the digital and media environments shaping children's lives.

Panel 1: Digital literacy as part of a broader ecosystem of supports that keep children safe

Panel 2: How misinformation and media representation impact children and young people

Hosted by Darian Brooker and Eliza Tait from NAPCAN Youth Speak Out, plus voices from government, eSafety, child protection, media, research and more.

Stay online for networking with panelists and each other from 12:00 - 12:30 PM AEST.

To register, please use this link

<https://www.napcan.org.au/official-webinars-2026/#0409LAUNCH>

COME AWAY

The next Come Away Day for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross (207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe) on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th**.

The theme of the day is 'COME TO THE WATERS ..'

After our Winter break, we are invited to celebrate the com-

ing of the Spring Season and all that this evokes in us physically, emotionally and spiritually. We have an opportunity to rest, reflect and focus on the deeper meaning, changes, and movements of growth in our own life journeys and how we respond. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross.

Just come as you are. BYO lunch.

Registration is from 9.30am in the Holy Cross Main Dining Room. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 3pm.

The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes.

For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com.

Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience. Everyone is welcome

ADORATION GROUP is inviting everyone to join on

TUESDAY 25 August between 6-7pm to attend our Church Chapel to pray for our love ones. Come along, bring your family and friends for an hour, even if you can make it for 30 minutes, let's pray together for the healing of our loved ones. Further details please contact John Hendriks 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

DANDENONG DEANERY DINNER

The Date for the next Deanery Dinner is **Wednesday 16th September 2026** at the Graduate's Restaurant, St John's Regional College (Caroline Street, Dandenong)

The event will start at 5.30pm for 5.45pm start

Cost is \$48 per person for 3 course meal wine & Beer.

The guest speaker for this event is Jo Hastings: Board Director a Sea Wolf. There will also be plenty more surprises for the evening.

If you are interested in joining, RSVP is essential by Friday 11th Sept. 2026 Phone or Text Paddy 0422 296 961 or e-mail: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Readings:

21 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

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22 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Christopher De Zilva, Ranjane Jeganathan, Edgar Tellis, Joanne Folino, Cecil Harper, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Peter Van Helmond, Pendry Jackson, Irma Dias, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Cecile Potier, 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

Kerryn Carney, Denis Carlow, Stephen Chapman, Eduardo Dias, Sally D'Cruz, Yvonne Sherwin, Beatrice Cramer, Sandra Quodros, Monica Tissera, Consey Perera, Halina Gromadowski, Sybil Clark, Moeses Da Costa, Roiston Vangunster, Serge Demezieres **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 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	Dezire Tenisio Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Harendra Alwis	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	Dezire Tenisio 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 Glenys Tran Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathews Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira Folole Faleafa Rinku Arora	Dominique 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 Dalreen Fernandes Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Binitha Mathews Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe Kyle Hoad Emma Hoad	Naomi Falo Dominique Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Mignonne Meerwald Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Kyle or Emma Hoad	Binitha Mathews Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia D'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

