



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 26-27 August, 2023

World Youth Day through the lens of Grace Sudjono

As we all know, one of our younger members of the parish had a chance to be part of this year's WYD in Lisbon. After her return, Grace wishes to share her experiences with you all:

Dear St Paul Apostle Community, Thank you so much for your prayers and support for my WYD trip, it was such an amazing and wonderful experience! My highlight of the trip was meeting young Catholics from all over the world. They were all so friendly and it was so special to share that special connection with them of sharing the faith. It was so easy to just engage in a conversation with them whether we were walking down the road next to them or just happened to sit next to each other for lunch. Every bus trip ended up being a 'karaoke' trip of singing praise and worship songs, as well as other iconic songs such as 'Dancing Queen', with groups from all over the world. Whenever we passed some Australians, we would always exchange an "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oi, Oi, Oi!"

During the trip, we stayed in Spain for four days, Fatima for one and Lisbon for five. We visited the El Prado Museum in Madrid, it was

so amazing to see paintings I had so often seen in my Religion books in reality. In Fatima timing was quite tight as we had to catch another coach to Lisbon so we spent most of the time praying in front of the statue of Our Lady. There I prayed for all of you and your intentions. In Lisbon, I was so lucky to see the relics of St. John Paul II, Sts. Francisco and Jacinta, and Bl. Pierre Giorgio Frassati. We had just missed Christopher Evert's talk and happened to walk out just in time to get in line, before it became really long, to see the relics!

During the Welcoming Ceremony of the Pope, we stood on the edge of the gate for 3 hours hoping that he would pass our way. It was totally worth it as the Pope did go pass our way and we were closer than anyone else! During the overnight vigil with the Pope, we were in section A2, one of the closest sections to the main stage. Though we were positioned behind the stage, we still felt very lucky and blessed to be that close to the Pope.

Thank you so much everyone for supporting both financially and spiritually. I loved hearing all of your own personal experiences before my trip, it made me even more excited of what I was about to experience in Lisbon. It was truly an experience of a lifetime and I look forward to going to the next World Youth Day!

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/fHqGa7Ln3cM?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
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CENSUS AND THANKSGIVING CARD

Some of you have taken one or both of the cards home. Please return them to the parish office once completed. If you missed out, both cards are still available at the back of the Church or at the foyer. Please pick them up as you are leaving the Church.

This is only for those new parishioners or those who wishes to update their information and taken up thanksgiving program.

ADORATION—UPDATED (date has been decided)

We are very excited to be able to extend the adoration (exposing of the blessed sacrament) in our parish. This will commence with an introductory meeting on WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. We would love to have your involvement and participation to firstly, attend an information session which will go for about 30 minutes and talk about the details of what this will entail. If you would like to know more, attend this session or be part of the adoration roster, please contact John Hendriks on 0418308051 or Johnehendriks@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP (Yr 5-9)

Please remember that the next gathering for this age group is on **FRIDAY, 8th September at 7pm in the Annexe**. Registration details will be available next weekend.

We know that younger siblings are really excited to come along, too, however we would ask that only those in year's 5-9 attend the evening, in order to keep it age-appropriate.



PARISH BINGO

Our next parish bingo is on **FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in the annexe**. You may come in a group or on your own. 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 only for anyone older than 18 yrs old. *Unfortunately, we are bound to a policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember that registration for 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation program is open. If you wish your child to be part of this program you must submit the completed registration form by September 15, 2023

Important dates are:

First family night on Tuesday, 3 October at 7pm
4 classes either at Parish Schools or ASRE for those who attend non parish schools.
Last Family Night on Tuesday, 14 November at 7pm
Meeting with Bishop on Thursday 16 November (TBA)

JUSTICE GROUP

Over this weekend 26-27 August, after all weekend Masses members of our parish Justice group will be at the door receiving your donation to support the ASRC (Asylum Seekers Resource Centre) which is a non profit organisation in Melbourne. The donation will be used to buy eggs for the Asylum Seekers in Melbourne, our way to help them in time of need.

DANDENONG DEANERY will be having their last deanery dinner on **Wednesday, 6 September, 2023** at the Graduate Restaurant, St John's Regional College (Caroline St, Dandenong) Cost is \$45pp (incl, 3 course meal and a glass of wine or beer) The evening will start at 5.30pm. if you wish to attend, please contact Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au RSVP by 1 September, 2023. Payment either by transfer prior to the day or cash on the day.

ST JOHN'S REGIONAL COLLEGE will be having their open day on **SATURDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 2023** at 10am. Please register at www.sjrc.vic.edu.au if you wish to attend this event.

Readings:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 22:19-23;
Romans 11:11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

22nd 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

Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Zina Carlow, Denis Carlow, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Fr Brian Gleeson, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Horace Stolke, 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

Louisa Lazarus, Anthony Woodley, Therese Curé, Rosaria Nania, Halina Gromadowski, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Christian Carrafa **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

