



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 15-16 August, 2026

THE ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN 2026

In the last two weeks we have been highlighting the importance of the Archbishop Campaign. This major collection around Archdiocese of Melbourne will support many charity works, which includes the following:

Priest retirement Foundation
Corpus Christi College Building Fund
CatholicCare Victoria—Chaplaincy Program
Melbourne Overseas Missions
John Pierce Centre
University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College
Annual grants to Catholic Community agencies and community service organisations

Whilst all the above are tax deductible, the donations to the following organisations are non deductible:

Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives
Seminarian education

This week, we include the story from CatholicCare and one of the community service organisation who are two of many recipient of this campaign

CatholicCare Chaplaincy: Offering compassion, dignity and hope

Catholic Care Victoria's chaplaincy program walks alongside men, women and young people in Victoria's prisons and youth justice centres, offering compassion dignity and hope through listening, presence and spiritual care.

'When we meet people in prison, it's often at the hardest point of their lives', says Trish, a chaplain with CatholicCare. 'Our role is to walk alongside people in this moments. It is to be present, listen and offer compassion.'

For young people in youth justice, a sense of disconnection can be especially hard for them, shares Deacon George Piech Mea. 'Many are carrying fear, shame, grief or uncertainty about their future.' He says chaplains can share 'what they are going through their lives' and 'be part of taking that cross with them'.

Chaplain offer a listening ear, pray with people, connect them to other supports and services, and,

when appropriate, help with their return to society. Trish says, 'Our chaplains supports people at moments when hope can feel out of reach, reminding them they are still seen, still valued and not forgotten.'

The Bay Leaf Community Kitchen: Serving families with love and dignity

The Bay Leaf Community Kitchen has grown from a small food van into a thriving community service that now supports more than 150 families each week in the greater Geelong area. The organisation is one of the various recipients of the annual grants program available through the Archbishop's Campaign.

Co-founded by Martin Rowan and Andrew Costa, the idea for Bay Leaf emerged from a shared desire to help those in need in a more personal and compassionate way. It's this philosophy that guides the kitchen's referral-only service, where volunteers prioritise meaningful human connection alongside practical support. 'Anyone that comes in experiences the joy, peace and the love that we've got to offer,' says Martin. Looking ahead, the team hopes to continue growing while staying true to its core mission: creating a welcoming community where people feel valued, supported and cared for. 'We are extremely grateful for all donors to the Bay Leaf Community Kitchen,' says Martin. 'I think giving is the greatest thing you can do whether it be monetary or with our volunteers.'

During all **THIS weekend Masses (15-16 August)** we will have a special collection to support this campaign (Third Collection at Mass). If you are unable to give this week, but still wish to help/ give, you can chose the following means:

- Take home one of the 'Archbishop Campaign' envelope, which we will place them at the end of each row of seats in the Church during each Mass this weekend. You can also find them at the entrances. Please bring it back to the church next weekend, we will collect them at the end of Mass

- You may 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.

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

St Paul Apostle South
Primary School
Ph. 9700 3663
Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's
Regional College
Ph. 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for **NEXT WEEK**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reader: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord God of hosts: Go to the steward, to Shebna, who is master of the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post. On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to the house of his ancestors".
The Word of God

judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
"For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen
This is the Word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church;
the gates of Hades will not prevail against it
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.
The Good news of the Lord

Psalm

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the angels I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

For you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands

Second Reader: *Romans 11:33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his

Reflection

If Jesus asked you today, "Who do you say I am?", would your answer come from what others say, or from your own personal daily walk with Him?

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

First week in September will be our National Child Protection Week. This year's theme is ***Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action***

This year National Child Protection Week is driving a stronger national focus on shifting conversations into meaningful action.

Conversations can spark new ideas and encourage reflection. But real change happens when those conversations translate into practical steps that create safer environments and stronger support for children and families. National Child Protection Week helps turn these conversations into action. Extending beyond the Week itself as a year-round national campaign, it brings people across Australia together to strengthen support systems, prevent harm and help children grow up safe and supported. By shifting conversation to action, we can build communities where every child not only feels heard but also experiences real safety, care and protection

COME AWAY

Come Away Retreats are conducted at the Holy Cross Centre. This retreat is for those:

- seeking peace in their hearts
- Needing quiet time to reflect on their life
- those caring for others

A time for both sharing and quiet time in the beautiful garden setting of Holy Cross; guided meditation, silence, Mass and Anointing, opportunity for individual guidance. Session times: 9.30 a.m. (start with a cuppa) to 3.00 p.m. (BYO lunch)

During this day of reflection opportunities will be offered for:

- Prayer/meditation
- Mass/Communion Service
- Silence/solitude
- Small group sharing (optional)
- Anointing

Our next session is **Wednesday, September 16th, 2026**

There is no need to book for these days unless you are a

group. We would appreciate knowing numbers to enable us to have enough hand out material ready.

This long-standing Passionist Ministry at Holy Cross is valued by many. We invite you to support it financially according to your means. Suggested Donation \$30

For more information, please phone 9846 6014

ADORATION GROUP is inviting everyone to join on **TUESDAY 25 August between 6-7pm** to attend our Church Chapel for prayers of the sick and lonely for healing both physical and spiritual. 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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, DANDENONG

Our neighbouring parish, St. Mary's Church, Dandenong is having dinner dance. All information are in the flyer below



Readings:

20 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-23

www.universalis.com

21 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

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

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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, Kerryn Carney, 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

Denis Carlow, Stephen Chapman, Eduardo Dias, Sally D'Cruz, Yvonne Sherwin, Beatrice Cramer, Sandra Quodros, Monica Tissera, Clare Foster, June Kitto, Cheryl Anthony, Janine Batista, Luzia Florindo, Isabel Florindo, Margie Magdalene Fernandopulle, Teddy Cabrera, David Patrick Rea, Anne Marlene Rea, Andre Machado, Cynthia MacLeod, George Overlunde, Neome Jackson **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

