



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 10-11 February, 2024

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2024

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The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- 1) it recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- 2) it stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

a) Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.

b) The same approach holds for the penitential elements.

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During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social. In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) Prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

(b) Self-Denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways.

Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

(c) Helping Others - for example, special atten-

tion to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2024 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, are forbidden. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL

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/JFMIXREQuYA?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

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Readings for Next Week

First Sunday of LENT Year B

First Reading *Genesis 9:8-15*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh

Psalm

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way

Second Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Beloved,
Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him

Gospel acclamation

Man does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God

Gospel *Mark 1:12-15*

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Reflection:

We have here Christ's cleansing of a leper. It teaches us to apply to the Saviour with great humility, and with full submission to his will, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, without any doubt of Christ's readiness to help the distressed. See also what to expect from Christ; that according to our faith it shall be to us

2024 ASH WEDNESDAY,
14 February, 2024 Masses are
Morning at 9am
Evening at 7pm



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

LENTEN SEASON STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will hold Stations of the Cross every **FRIDAY commencing on 16 February** until the last Friday before Holy Week. Stations start at 7pm in the Church and will be lead by the Passionist Companions Group followed by a cuppa in the gathering space.



2024 LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

Lenten reflection booklets are available from the Piety Stall at \$7 each.

There are also a very small number of Lenten reflection booklets for children at the piety stall. Price for these is \$6 each

YOUTH 4:12 (our Parish Youth)

Grade 5 - Year 9 age groups only.

The first gathering of the year will be on this Friday the 16th of February at 7pm in the annexe. Please see details on how to register on the last page of this newsletter

2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Our 2024 Sacrament Programs has been finalised. Only those baptised as Catholic can be registered in this program. Registration forms are available on our website or at the Parish Office.

Reconciliation: (for grade 4 or above)

Registration form must be in by

Wednesday, 14th February 2024

First Family night Tuesday, 20th February at 7pm

(Followed by 2 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night Tuesday, 12th March at 7pm

Service Tuesday, 19th March at 7pm

(depending on numbers, 2 sessions may be required)

First Communion (for grade 4 or above and have received their first Reconciliation)

Registration form must be in by Friday, 26th April, 2024

First Family Night Tuesday, 7th May at 7pm

(Followed by 4 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last family night Tuesday, 11th June at 7pm (maybe changed to 18 June)

Mass Saturday, 22nd June
(possibility of 2 sessions)

Confirmation (for grade 6 or older and have received their first Reconciliation and First Communion)

Registration form must be in by Friday, 4th October

First Family night Tuesday, 15th October at 7pm

(Followed by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)

Last Family Night Tuesday, 19th November at 7pm

Session with Bishop To be advised

Masses Saturday 23 November at 2pm

(depending on numbers, possibly also at 3.45pm)

ASRE (After School Religious Education)

is a program which is designed to assist our children who are baptised as Catholic, however attend NON Catholic schools. if you wish to register your child who is baptised Catholic and is at the age for receiving any of the Sacraments, they are required to attend ASRE classes.

COME AWAY DAYS

A ministry of the Passionist community who offer a space which is an oasis of peace and quiet, away from the busy world. in the surrounds of beautiful gardens, open space and trees. Their first session is on WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY. The day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am and end at 2pm. This retreat runs at Holy Cross Retreat 207 Serpells Road Templestowe, VIC

For further information about Come Away Days contact Phone - 98466014 or email hcc@passionists.com

ST PAUL APOSTLE SEWING GROUP

SPA sewing group will restart for 2024 on Tuesday February 13th in the Annexe 1.30pm to 4pm. If you like to sew or would like to learn to sew please join us, meet the other ladies, have a cuppa with us and see whats happening.

EGG COLLECTION

SPA Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation group will hold a collection for donations to buy eggs for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC) on the weekend of 24-25th February.

ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE (ASRC)

ASRC have sent us a letter thanking us for the support we have given them. Please see their letter on the noticeboard in the side foyer.

Readings:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46;
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

First Sunday of LENT Year B

Genesis 9:8-15 ;
1 Peter 3:18-22 ;
Mark 1:12-15

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Grace Hamilton, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, 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

Jonas Hoareau, Sandra D'Costa, Nigel Macleod, Luigi Rea, Antonio Sangalang, Fred Hall, George Patterson, John Patterson, Lionel Heaton, Sebastiano Raccosta, Deon Lawrence, Ted Clarke **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



**"DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE
YOUNG, BUT BE AN
EXAMPLE IN THE WAY
YOU SPEAK AND BEHAVE,
IN YOUR LOVE, FAITH
AND PURITY"
1 TIMOTHY 4:12**

ST PAUL APOSTLE

4:12 YOUTH

**\$5
DONATION**

**YEAR'S
5-9**

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FRIDAY, 16 FEB. 7-9PM

FOOD . FAITH . FUN

FR TIM O'TOOLE ANNEXE