



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr C, 24/25 May, 2025

Welcome Fr OBrien Chanda

Greetings All,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the St Paul Apostle Community in Endeavour Hills and give you all some insight in to my background.



My name is OBrien Chanda. It is spelt with a capital O and B without the apostrophe :) Born in Zambia on the 23rd of April 1977 in a town called Kafue (about 45km South of Lusaka the capital city of Zambia), I completed my primary and junior secondary education at Nangongwe Basic School in Kafue from 1986 to 1995, followed by senior secondary school from 1996 to 1998, in Choma, the Southern part of Zambia at Mukasa Minor Seminary Secondary School.

In 2001 I entered formation to the priesthood in the Passionist Congregation in Botswana. Following this I went to South Africa in 2002 to study Philosophy for two years, which I completed in 2004. After completing my philosophical studies, I went back to Botswana to continue my priestly formation till 2005.

From 2005 to 2009 I was in Nairobi, Kenya pursuing my theological studies at Tangaza University. In 2009 on the 5th of September I was ordained a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and the following year 2010 on the 8th May I was ordained priest at St Paul of the Cross Parish in Chibombo in the Roman Catholic Church under the

Passionist Congregation. From then to 2013 I have undertaken a role as an assistant Parish Priest at St Paul of the Cross parish. I was then appointed as a Parish Priest from 2014 to 2017 at the same parish. In December 2017 I was transferred to St Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lusaka as a Parish Priest. In 2019 in June I went to Rome to study a diploma in formation and a Master in Sacred Theology. In 2022 I finished my studies in Rome and went back to the province where I was appointed as a provincial bursar in Botswana at our provincial house.

As a Passionist Priest I have experienced pastoral issues affecting people in both spiritual and economic situations. Other pastoral issues included engaging with people who suffered from addiction to alcohol and drugs, as well as marital and spiritual matters.

I am very much looking forward to be part of this community in Endeavour Hills. Please feel free to stop and say hello when you see me.

Fr OBrien Chanda CP

This week we also welcome Deacon Pham Quang Vinh (Deacon Vinh) who will be staying in Endeavour Hills as part of his formation.

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 online
Mass is

[https://youtube.com/
live/89_EXhsEKs?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/89_EXhsEKs?feature=share)

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

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

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
The Ascension of the Lord Sunday Year C

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a Psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from letter of St Paul

Brothers and sisters: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all nations;

I am with you always, to the end of the age

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

"And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

What does it mean to you that God's presence is everywhere?

How can you open your heart more to the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit help you make decisions?

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

FR SONY KANNANIKAL CP

As we announced few weeks ago, Fr Sony has been given a new assignment in New Zealand. After waiting for sometime, finally his visa has been granted. This means he will soon leave our parish for New Zealand. This weekend we will have a special collection for him during all Masses on weekend of 24/25 May. Our farewell Mass for him will be on **SUNDAY, 1 JUNE, 2025 at 11am** follow by gathering in the annexe afterwards. Everyone is invited to join. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

FAMILY GROUP

You are invited to a **'RENEW AND GROW'** event, organized by the family groups of St Paul Apostle Church which will be held on **THIS SUNDAY, 25th MAY**. The day will begin with Cuppa in the Church Foyer, followed by talk and reflection in the ANNEXE. Talk and reflection will start at 12.45pm. Tim Horlock will be the key speaker and Fr Brendan with a few others will lead us in reflections. Join them for the talk and reflection as well as discovering more about the group and its activities. Please bring a plate to share

COME AWAY

You are invited to come to a time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds of Holy Cross Retreat Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) The next Come Away is on Wednesday, 28 May from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Donation is \$30 per person. Tea & Coffee available. BYO lunch. Please book with Sr Brigid cp to her email: bridget.m64@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS PASSIONIST CONGREGATIONS

is having a fundraising event on **SATURDAY, 9th August, 2025** from 6pm. This event will be held at **THE VENETO CLUB, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen**. Tickets is \$85pp (incl. 3 course dinner & dancing) This event is to support the ministry of the Passionist Community at Templestowe.

There will be many silent auctions, major auctions, raffles and entertainment.

Tickets are available online via trybooking (www.trybooking.com/CYSMZ) for more information please contact Tina 0439 034 116 or Peter 0413 015 061

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Some of you may have pondered 'how can I be involved within the Church?' The answer is simple, please approach the parish team. We will direct you to the ministries we need the most assistance with.

At the moment we are hoping some of you may wish to become communion ministers for Sunday 9am & 11am Masses. We will not ask too much of you as you will only be rostered ONCE a month for one of the masses. Understanding individual personal commitments, the roster is also very flexible.

Please note that ALL VOLUNTEERS require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) which we will assist you in obtaining.

If you are interested, please contact the parish team on 97003781 or by email office@stpaulapostle.com.au

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

During this Volunteers Week, the Australian Safeguarding Unit issue an article as below

Are you thinking about volunteering? We need to ensure that the right people volunteer and support vulnerable members of our congregation. We ensure this by requesting:

- A current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with - Children check (and Police checks for particular roles),
- Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years, and,
- Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework including signing the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

Readings:

Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

John 14:23-29

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday Yr C

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Nethanjali Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, 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

Baby K, Stephanie Myers, Francis Xavier, Patricia Butler Lochery, Lomaga Pa'u, Cheng Kwai Tak, Pope Francis, Joe Da Cunha, Annette Tanner, Cyril Khedoo, Gabriel Maclou, Antonio Baptista, Isabelle Baptista, Rene Clark, Mark Pereira, Hosea Duarte, Esperanca Duarte, Nicholas Bastiampillai, Elizabeth Bastiampillai, Danny de Silva, seven Capuchin Franciscan friars died in Nigeria **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 2025

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Helen Sanders Beryl Barnfield	Patti Family	Cabrera family	Jeganathan Family
2nd Sunday	Valerie & Ian Ferreira	Nella Rudan Josephine Gherxi	Lobo Family	
3rd Sunday	Beth & Mars Sota	Amya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Christine & Angelo Gaiardo	
4th Sunday	Daryl & Astrid Drego	Hoad Family	Maclou family	
5th Sunday	Carmeline Don Paul	Amya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Cabrera Family	

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Stephen Herbert	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Sai Dilingier Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominque Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating