



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Feast of Christ the King Sunday, 25-26 November, 2023

Advent and Christmas Diary

- Dec 8th, Friday** Senior's Lunch at 10am (No 9am Mass on this day)
(Mass in the Church. Followed by Lunch in the Annexe)
- Dec 14th, Thursday** Parish Schools' Graduation Day
- Dec 17th, Sunday** Hamper Mass at 6pm
Carols night at 7pm at Martin Place (backyard of Parish office)
- Dec 18th, Monday** Advent Reconciliation at 7pm in the Church
(Communal and Individual Reconciliation)
- Dec 24th, Sunday** 9am & 11am Mass of 4th Sunday of ADVENT
Christmas Eve Masses are:
6pm Children's Mass
9pm Family Mass
11.30pm Carols followed by MIDNIGHT Mass
- Dec 25th, Monday** Christmas Day Masses are 9am & 11am
(NO evening Mass on this day)
- Dec 26th, Tuesday** Boxing Day—Mass at 9am
- January 1st, Monday** New Year's Day Mass at 9am
** Normal Mass time between Boxing day and New Year's 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/ZqYNIPMb78?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

St Paul Apostle North

Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for Next Week

First Sunday of ADVENT Yr B

First Reading *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

You, O Lord, are our father,
“our Redeemer from of old” is your name.
Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?

Turn back for the sake of your servants,
for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand :

Psalm

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the son of man you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Brothers and sisters,
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace
of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every
way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has
been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that
you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship
of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Gospel *Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples:
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will
come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves
home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore,
keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-
crow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep
awake.”



Reflection on the readings

- Q. What message or challenge emerges from the gospel passage for you?
- Q. Which groups are the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked and imprisoned today?
- Q. How can you make a difference to one of these groups or individuals?
- Q. How might the Church better respond to the face of Jesus in the needy today?

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

JUSTICE GROUP—EGG COLLECTION

This weekend, members of our Justice Group will be conducting their quarterly egg collection in support of asylum seekers by supplying them with eggs. Your support as always is greatly appreciated

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, even though space is limited due to a change of venue, we will still hold our Christmas brunch for the senior members of the parish.

This will be on **FRIDAY, the 8th of DECEMBER 2023**. The day will begin with **Mass at 10am** in the Church, followed by brunch in the **ANNEXE**. Regrettably the annexe can only accommodate 60 people. Therefore, booking in advance is a **MUST**.

If you wish to attend, please write your name down on the reservation form in the gathering space at the end of the Mass, please include your contact number and the number attending.

GARDENING—16 December

Thank you to all who have joined the spring cleaning at our garden this Saturday. We are hoping to have another one before Christmas come. At this stage we scheduled it to be happening of **SATURDAY the 16th of December from 8.30am** for about 2 hrs (but feel free to come at your convenient time) All are welcome to help. Just come along and remember to bring your gardening tools.

DECORATING CHURCH

With Advent just around the corner, we'll be busting out the Christmas decorations very soon. Our "Christmas Crew" will be decorating on Tuesday the 28th of November at 6pm in the church. If you are available, they would love some help

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK—Few copies left

There are only few copies left at the Piety Stall.

Priced at \$7 each (this only covers the cost of obtaining the booklet)

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS at Martin Place

The date for this event has been decided, **SUNDAY, 17th December after 6pm Mass until 9pm**. Fr Chris and his team will be leading us



singing carols. Our parish choirs will also take part during the night. Weather permitting, we will hold the carols at Martin Place (the backyard of the Parish Office). Please come along and join us caroling

HAMPER

Advent season, the season of giving. Our parish has a tradition of giving hampers to those in need. The list of the families who will be receiving hampers is now available in the church, on the notice board at the front, next to the lectern. If you wish to take part in donating a hamper to one of the families, please follow the following steps (Please follow the directions written on the board):

- 1/ Choose a family from the list
- 2/ Take the top layer of the card (coloured paper) and don't forget to write your name and contact number on the bottom layer which is stuck to the board (white paper).
- 3/ Make up a hamper at home and remember to mark the hamper with the '**CODE**' from the coloured card
- 4/ Bring the hamper to the church by **Sunday 17th December**, before 6pm Mass. We kindly ask you to ensure you deliver your hamper to Church on time

The agencies will be picking them up on Monday the 18th of December, in the morning.

If you wish to make up a hamper, but are unable to come to the church, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office and we shall assist you in choosing a family from the list. We ask you to call during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm) in order for us to provide you with the correct information. We hope you & your family can be part of this special ministry

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is one of the agencies providing us with the list of families. They are asking for volunteers to assist them with delivering hampers on **Monday the 18th of December from 10.30am**. Please contact us in the parish office if you are able to assist



THANK YOU from the Parish Men's group

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Trivia Night. Many people left with great prizes and/or bargain from the silent auction. There was a great sense of community and everyone had a fantastic night

Readings:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe Yr A**
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28;
Matthew 25:31-46

First Sunday of ADVENT Year B

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1 Cor 1:3-9 ;
Mark 13:33-37

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This weekend we pray for:

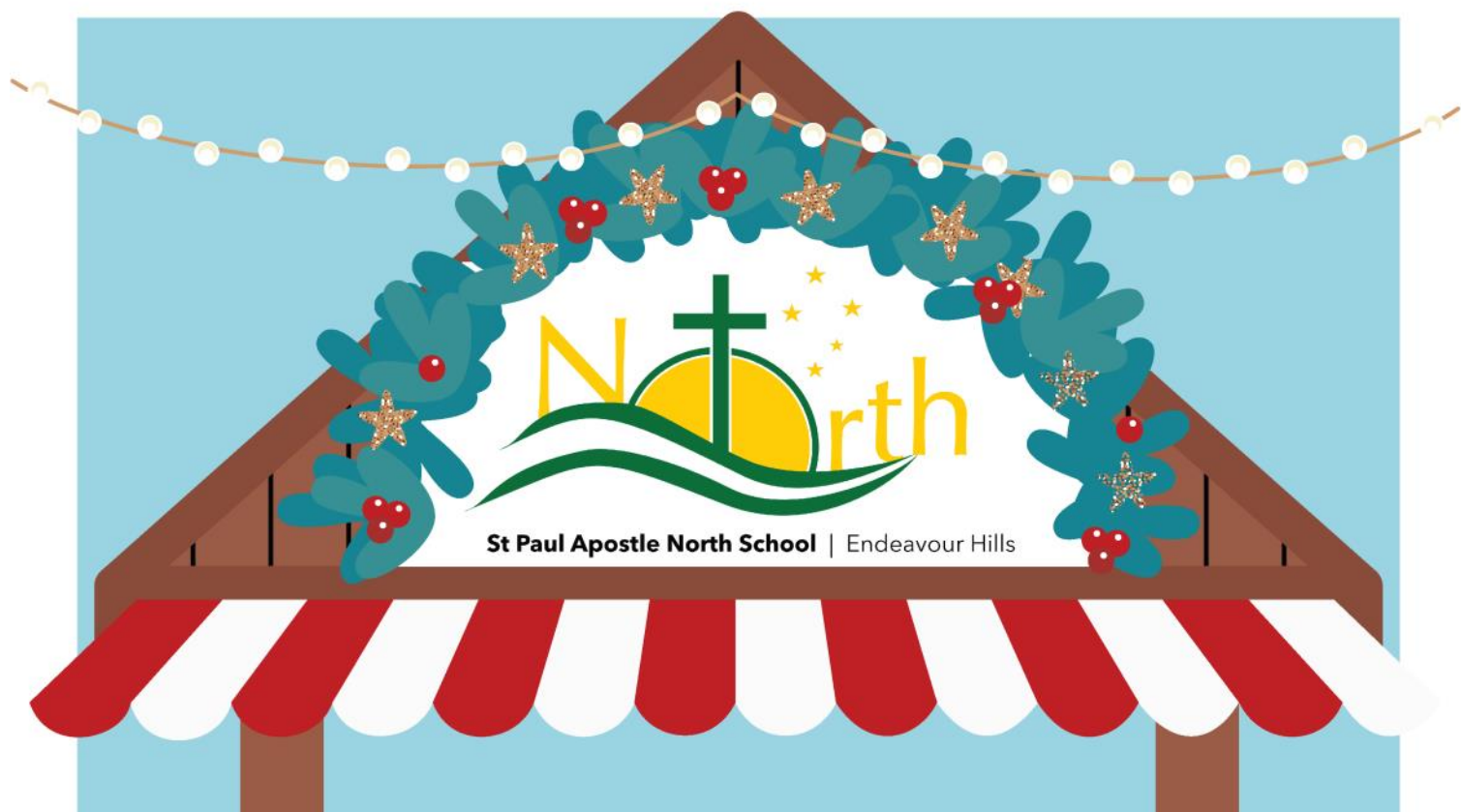
Those who are sick

Danny Sugunasekera, Imelda Lynch, 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, Sandra D'Costa, 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

Marcia Harter, Natividad Inductivo Chua, Sonia Singh, Matthew Brady, Asesela Cokanacagi, Meresiana Cokanacagi, Francisco Bernardes, Ivan Velupillai, Renea Jolicoeur, Eric Parsons **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



Christmas Market & Carols

**ST PAUL APOSTLE
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**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
3:30PM – 7:30PM**

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