



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 24-25 August, 2024

Archbishop's Campaign

This weekend is the last weekend of the Archbishop campaign.

As indicated in the overview last weekend, this campaign is a streamlined approach to fundraising. It is a single annual campaign and is reducing the number of times parishioners are asked to give each year and the number of times parish priests and staff are asked to collect donations.

Parishioners across the Archdiocese will be asked to make a recurring monthly contribution, although one-off donations will also be accepted. Donors will be asked to nominate whether they wish to make their gift tax-deductible. Donations of \$2 or more to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund are tax-deductible. All other gifts, including unallocated gifts and loose collections, will be non-deductible and go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund

The focus of the 2024 campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests—those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Mission
- other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and community service organisations.

Non-deductible donations go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports

- the Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives, such as Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day, and
- seminarian education.

How to donate?

- Online with a credit card: directly through the website or via the QR code found on campaign brochures, posters and the tear-off pledge cards on campaign envelopes.
- Using tear-off pledge cards: cash or cheque donations accepted. Cheques are payable to 'The Archbishop's Campaign'. Parishioners can drop campaign envelopes containing their completed tear-off pledge cards into the special Archbishop's Campaign collection on Giving Weekend and Follow-Up Weekend, or post them directly, using the return-paid envelope provided, to Archbishop's Campaign, PO BOX 146, East Melbourne 8002.
- Via anonymous loose cash donations into the special Archbishop's Campaign collection on the Giving Weekend and Follow-Up Weekend.

We ask you to read the explanation in the leaflets and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

(Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne)

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/kB4TOLvs4_k?feature=share

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community
Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

St Paul Apostle North
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Acting Principal
Mrs Monique Fallace

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Primary School
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Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today

Psalm

Whoever walks blamelessly, and does what is right and speaks the truth from their heart; whoever does not slander with their tongue.

Whoever does no evil to a friend nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor; in whose eyes the wicked one is despised, but who honours those who fear the Lord

Whoever stands by their oath even to their hurts who does not lend money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent One who does these things shall never be moved

Second Reading *James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27*

A reading from the letter of St James

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The father gave us birth by the word of truth that we would become first fruits of his creation
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is without washing them. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they washed it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?"

Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human traditions."

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile them, but the things that come out of a person are what defile them

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person

For reflection

- 1/ The call to serve the Lord is present in every generation.
- 2/ The challenge is to actively choose to follow God, day by day and moment by moment.
- 3/ We are united with Christ through our individual actions and Christian fellowship

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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new sets are now ready to be picked up from the foyer of the church. They are arranged in **STREET ORDER**. Therefore, if you wish to find your envelope, please look under your **STREET'S NAME** (eg. If you name is 'SMITH' and lives in 'RAVENHILL CRES', please find it under 'R') We would also appreciate if you could help to deliver those who lives in your street, so that we can minimise the mailing cost. If you are not in the thanksgiving and would like to take part in it, please fill in a form that are available in the foyer) and drop it off in the Parish Office so that we can



YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

This age Youth group will be gathering on **SUNDAY, 15 September in the Parish House**. If you wish to join in please contact parish office on 97003781 They usually gathers on **THIRD SUNDAY** of each month. Sometimes it holds in the annexe, but other times they have activities at other venue.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)

At last month's gathering, the group had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the Bible story of the week under the guidance of Fr Sony. If you are interested in joining the group, please come along. The next event will be held on **FRIDAY, 13th September at 7pm** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. For planning purposes, please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you wish to have your child to be part of this year's sacrament of Confirmation program, you are required to send the completed registration form by the **FRIDAY 4th of October, 2024** (you can obtain the registration form from our website or from the Parish office Tuesday-Friday 9am to 2pm. Your child must be in Grade 6 and have already re-

ceived their Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Communion.

Below are the important dates which you & your child must attend to complete the program

- First Family Night Tuesday 15 Oct at 7pm follow by 4 classes either at our parish schools or After School Religious Education (ASRE) for those attending outside our parish school
- Last Family Night Tuesday, 19 November at 7pm
- Meet with Bishop on Wednesday, 20 November at 9.45am
- Confirmation Mass Saturday, 23 November at 2pm

CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING NEWS

NAPCAN invites us to join them for National Child Protection Week Webinars for **National Child Protection Week 2024**, running from September 1-7. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters," highlights the importance of fostering dialogue in addressing child abuse and neglect. Our webinar series is just one of the ways you can **get involved**. Together, we can inspire action and create a safer environment for all children.

Also remember 'The Safety Commissioner' runs online courses/webinars for Parents and Carers of children in primary and secondary school. Date of the session is **Thursday, 5 September, 12.30pm** (Australian Eastern Standard Time) To book click here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8077245949908148062>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT GROUP.

As you have heard in the last 2 weekends what is this group about. They are inviting you into a very holy and sacred place to come and sit with our Lord for a few minutes a week or an hour a week.

Our lady chapel also known as our prayer room has a very special person in Jesus who sits quietly and patiently waiting for you to come and feel his presence one on one.

For more information please contact John Hendriks 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

Readings:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ephesians 4. 32 -5: 1-2, 21-32

John 6:60-69

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Santana D'Souza, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, Ruby Reid, Maureen Dawson, Michael Arcaro, Danny Sugunasekera, Roger Gray, Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, 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

Bernard David, Darryll Williams, Sakunthala Thuraisingham, Nicolette Gerxhi, Sean White, Paul Nemarich, Karen Frances O'Connell, Raymond Cabral, Dewi Anggraeni, Ivan Rudan, Genoeffa Palamara, Kay Dal Lago, Angelo Marateo, Helena Gromadowski, Theofila Affonso D'Costa, Consey Pereira **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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, 4 SEPTEMBER**. 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 - 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com

JUSTICE GROUP'S EGG COLLECTION

Next weekend (31st August & 1 September) our Justice group (JPIC: Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) will be collecting donation for the Asylum Seekers Resources Centre to purchase eggs for the food bank. They collect donation four time times a year at the end of Mass on the last weekend of February, may, August and November.

The Justice group sincerely thanks you for your support. This time they have been asked by Asylum Seekers Resource Centre-Food Bank, for help with donating towards rice, one of thir biggest expense. The group will review this request.



WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN is having fundraising dinner to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

The event will be on FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 2024 at 6.30pm at SPRINGVALE CITY HALL, 18 Grace Park Ave, Springvale. Cost is \$110 per person. There will be lots of raffles, silent auction and Entertainment

To book you can use this QR code or contact Wellsprings on 9701 3740



HOLDING THE LIGHT

Holding the Light is an ecumenical service of lament - to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic and family violence, and to stand in solidarity with victim survivors. This service is open to anyone who might wish to join together, take part in a ritual and engage in a period of quiet prayer or reflection on the tragic results of violence, and in hope for a better future for our communities.

Date: Thursday 28 November 2024 at 5.00pm

Location: Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

NEWS FROM LAUDATO SI MOVEMENT

In February this year the movement launching the theme 'Season of Creation. Go to SeasonOfCreation.org where you will find the Faith Leaders Invitation video calling us to join the celebration.

Make sure to include in your calendar these key dates for the Season of Creation 2024:

September 1: Season of Creation Opening Prayer Service with global faith leadersµ

September 21: Day of action to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT) and online webinar to explain and reflect on phasing out of fossil fuel

October 4: Season of Creation Closing Event with youth voices from around the globe.

You will find concrete proposals to live the Season intentionally through prayers, sustainability initiatives, and advocacy actions in the Season of Creation website and Celebration Guide.

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio Diane Heaton
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	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	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	Janina Gorski Grace Sudjono	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu