



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

One Family

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 26-27 October, 2024

In Memory of Sr Joan Smith CP

On September 26th Sr Joan passed from the love of her family and community into the fullness of love, into the mystery of her God. Her life was celebrated within the celebration of the Eucharist in the Church of St Vincent de Paul in Marino, Dublin where she began her Christian life as she was in fact baptised in the same Church. Joan was the third in a family of four and is survived by her eldest brother Charles and younger sister Marie along with nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Her loss is also felt by her religious community, the sisters of the Cross and Passion and by her many friends and those whose lives she touched.

Joan grew up in Dublin, where she had her education at primary level in the Parish school and her high school education in Maryfield, a school run by the Cross and Passion sisters. On completing her education she worked for a few years, experienced and enjoyed life but the call to religious life won out and she joined the Cross and Passion community in Dublin. After her Profession of vows she moved to England and went on to do a Science degree at Cambridge University after which she taught in Bolton, near Manchester for a few years.

She returned to teach in Ireland in 1975 and went on to become the School Principal of Cross and Passion College in Co Kildare which at that time was an all -girls school with a small boarding facility for girls from the country. Joan was to oversee the school's transition from being an all-girls school to being a co-educational school with new buildings and an expanded curriculum.

These condolence messages sum up a common theme of Joan during this period.
'Have lovely memories of St Joan being so fair as a teacher. She certainly went on to have an amazing life after Kilcullen, such an interesting person. She will be sadly missed by all her close friends and family. Sr Joan taught me Maths and managed to make Maths so much more simple and

straightforward, that I ended up loving the subject. For that I am grateful. She also had a lovely attitude and way of teaching. Sr. Joan seemed like a wave of modernity when she became Headmistress. She was very calm & kind to me personally and she gave us, the young women under her charge, a sense that we could become whatever we wanted to be. She also modelled some very inclusive practices, though we were too young to see it at the time, but in hindsight, I recognise some compassionate choices that she made that were transformative in the lives of young women & their families. She did not appear to fuss over details and navigated the school through fairly momentous changes: the phasing out of boarders & the introduction of boys, both of which must have been a huge challenge. We, in Kilcullen are grateful for her service to our community.

When Joan resigned from being Principal to open the way for the new she went on to be a pastoral worker in Tallaght Hospital in Dublin where she remained until another big adventure beckoned and brought her all the way to Melbourne where she became one with the Endeavour Hills community. Those of you who knew Joan here will know she never lost that spirit of adventure and commitment to supporting people to be the best they can be and achieve their potential.

As a sister of the Cross and Passion, Joan was involved in leadership, she was a woman of vision with a global interest in the wider Congregation which took her to Chile, Argentina, Peru, Botswana, PNG, and a couple of visits to Vietnam when we were establishing a community there. Joan was open to change and always able to challenge and question. She was especially keen to be part of an evolving understanding of religious life and she was in the forefront of many changes . >>>>>



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/uaknrZltyos?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
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
Acting Principal
Mrs Monique Fallace

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

Both Karen and I were able to visit Joan in Dublin and convey loving messages from Australia by our presence before she died peacefully. Joan had a very rich and full life and will be enjoying her new life with her God whom she served with fidelity, generosity and love. May she rest in peace. We appreciate all the love and support received from those who knew Joan in St Paul Apostle parish. You will always have a place in our hearts and our prayers.

Brigid CP and Karen CP

St Paul Apostle remembering Sr Joan through the lens of the 'Past & Present' parish secretaries

Sr Joan's was one of a kind, her zest for adventure led her from Ireland to join us in Endeavour Hills, her last assignment as a Sister of the Cross and Passion, as a part time Pastoral Associate. Here, she was a much loved and valued member of the Parish Team and the community. She ran the Catechist Programme including preparing children for sacraments and was our RCIA coordinator guiding those who wished to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. There were many of us that Joan stood at the foot of the Cross with during sad and difficult times. There were also many times of celebrations. Joan embraced Parish Groups belonging to a Family Group, Companions who she travelled with to PNG for John Auram's ordination where she joined others in a spectacular dance and the Women's Group. She welcomed all with open arms. Her adventurous nature meant she was wiz at travelling around Melbourne on buses and trains. Our Sr Joan was a kind, generous, compassionate and gentle woman who brought much life to St Paul Apostle Parish during her time in Endeavour Hills. A great story teller who always made you feel that you were on that particular journey with her all the way. We trust that she has found peace in this her final journey.



Readings for NEXT WEEK 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people:

"May you and your children and your children's children fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of you Fathers, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."

Psalm

I love you, O Lord, my strength
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.
My God, my rock in whom I take refuge
My shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies
from his temple he heard my voice
and my cry to him reached his ears

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock
and exalted be the God of my salvation
Great triumphs he gives to his king
and shows steadfast love to his anointed

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The priests of the first covenant were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subjects as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever loves me will keep my word,
And my Father will love him. And we will come to him
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the religious authorities disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,' this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that the scribe answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask Jesus any question.

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

MEMORIAL CROSS

At the front of the Church, next to the altar, we have placed a wooden Cross. We invite everyone to write their departed loved ones names on it (pencils are provided)
This is a symbol for us that they are all remembered during our November Masses

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

- **4:12 YOUTH** (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)
FRIDAY, 8 November at 7pm

- **YOUNG ADULTS** (age 18 to 25 years old)
on **SUNDAY, 17 November in the Annexe**. If you wish to join in please contact parish office on 97003781

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo, the last one for the year, will be on **FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm in the Annexe**. You can come on your own or as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly adults only (18 years or over). Unfortunately, we are bound to a strict policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

PIETY STALL

In preparation for ADVENT and the coming year, our piety stall has the following items available. **HURRY!! We only have limited copies of them.**

1/ ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

We are nearing the Advent season. If you are interested in having this year's Advent reflection booklet, they are available from our piety stall. This year's theme is **'Hope Reigns'** Cost is \$7 each.

2/ COLUMBAN CALENDAR

In preparation for the coming year, the 2025 Columban Calendars are also available in our piety stall. Cost is \$15 each.

REST, REFLECT and RENEW

This is an invitation to both informal and professional carers to join for a time out
Facilitators are Karen Rolfe and Sr. Brigid cp. On **THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER** from 9.30am to 1pm at Holy Cross Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) Cost is \$30 per person—BYO lunch. Please reserve yourself by emailing to bridget.m64@gmail.com

BLESSING FOR THE VCE STUDENTS



Loving God,
in your kindness, guide these students
preparing for their examinations.
As they stand before you today,
we ask that their work at school and their study at home,
be rewarded with good scores and desired results.

Be close to them, especially in the coming weeks
as they sit their examinations and in their lives ahead.
May their knowledge be used to ennoble
our world and enrich our society.

We pray that they will be true to themselves
as they strive to live by their Christian values.

May they always acknowledge you
as the source of life and love
and know that you walk always by their side
and will never desert them

May they continue their connection with our parish community
and in their own unique ways be able to contribute to its life.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B
Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:46-52

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, 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

Giovanni Torcasio, Eugene Mirra, Antonio Bezzina, Nicholas D'Rozario, Cathy Barta, Fr. Kevin Tuitu'u CP, Peter Cham, Sr. Joan Smith cp, Djuniati Hermawan, Doreen Young, Roger Gray, Michael Guinan ***and all who are named in our church memorial book***

May they rest in peace

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Hear from Young People about their Recommendations in Preventing Abuse and Neglect for ALL Children

All children and young people deserve to thrive. Prevention methods must not leave marginalised communities behind. Join us for a leading panel with young leaders who are committed to adopting intersectional frameworks in protecting young children across all diversities.

This panel will bring together voices from various communities to discuss the unique challenges experienced by children and young people from different backgrounds. Our panellists will share their inclusive practices in their effort to ensure that the protection of children does not adopt a monolithic approach in creating effective child protection strategies.

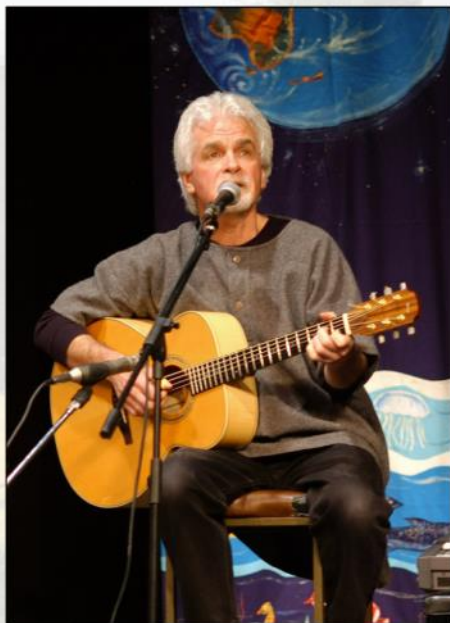
Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the next (and current) generation of Australia's leaders, who are using meaningful conversations to protect the future generations.

<https://youtu.be/lBpqRvKFOvQ>

All Saints Day
on Friday, 1st November, 2024
Masses are at 9am and 7pm

All Souls Day
on Saturday, 2nd November, 2024
Mass is at 9am

Sunday vigil Mass 6pm will be as usual



Composer of 'Fill My House',
'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord?'

RARE OPPORTUNITY!!!

PETER KEARNEY

Concert-Reflection

SIGNS OF HOPE PEOPLE OF FAITH

- Songs & Stories -

Sunday 17th November, 3.00pm

ST PAUL APOSTLE CHURCH

5 William Hovell Drive

ENDEAVOUR HILLS

FREE CONCERT

Coffee, tea and biscuits at interval