



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

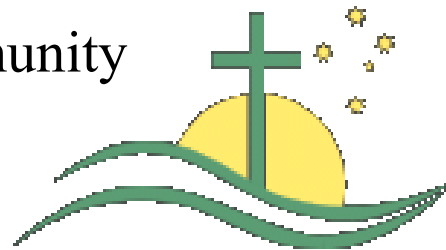
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SYNODALITY AS MISSION

(taken from Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

On Tuesday 31 January, the Archdiocese of Melbourne was delighted to host Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ for a timely and thought-provoking conversation on what it means to journey together as a 'synodal' Church.

Sr Nathalie—Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, the first woman to hold that position—was in Australia on the way to the meeting of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji.

The theme of the morning was 'journeying together' as the Church—an opportunity to discuss the meaning and relevance of synodality for the local and global Church.

She emphasised that the only way to understand synodality was in the context of mission, explaining that synodality and evangelisation are simply 'two faces of the same coin'.

A member of the Congregation of Xavières, a hundred-year-old French-speaking religious order, Sr Nathalie has been involved in youth ministry for many years, making significant contributions to the Synod on Young People (2018) and the Synod on the Pan-Amazon Region (2019). She was named by the BBC in 2022 as one of the 100 most inspiring and influential women in the world.

The current synod, the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (colloquially known as the synod on synodality), is expected to conclude in 2024 and has focused on the theme 'For a synodal church: communion, participation, mission'.

This was Sr Nathalie's first time returning to Australia since World Youth Day in 2008 and was her first visit to Melbourne.

She began with a word of thanks, particularly for the recent Plenary Council of Australia, which caught global attention. She explained that in launching the synod on synodality, they had listened to the experiences of many different countries, Australia among them.

'We first tried to gather all the best practices and experiences from diocesan synods, plenary councils, and synodal processes from all over the world,' she said, 'and we have listened and learned a lot from the experience of the Plenary Council.'

In particular, the way the Plenary Council modelled 'spiritual conversations' between its participants was something the current synod adopted in its own practices.

Sr Nathalie acknowledged the variety of opinions about the synod on synodality, ranging from vibrantly enthusiastic to more doubtful. In asking why we should be thinking about the topic, Sr Nathalie said there was only one reason at the end of the day:

It is really because it's the will of God. It's a call ... Synodality is the call of the Church and I believe it's the call of God.

Quoting a document published by the International Theological Commission in 2018—Synodality in the life and mission of the Church—she said that the heart of synodality is the recognition that 'the whole Church is a subject and that everyone in the Church is a subject' (§55). Each person, by virtue of their baptism, is called by God to be a 'protagonist' in the mission of the church, in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

'The aim of the Church is not itself,' she said. 'It is to be an outgoing Church that serves the people, to be a missionary Church.'

'The only way to transmit the faith today, the way to be Church in this world, in the twenty-first century ... the only way to be the same Church from the beginning and to be a missionary Church is to be a synodal Church.'

Part of becoming a more synodal Church is becoming a Church where leaders are trained to work in diverse teams of people. Reflecting on her experience in youth ministry, Sr Nathalie said that she has grown and learned so much from surrounding herself with as diverse a team as possible. This kind of diversity strengthens evangelisation, she said.

I have always experienced and learned you are always better and more fruitful for the mission if you don't work alone, but if you have a team. And as much as you have a diverse team, men and women, younger and older, different kinds of vocations, if you're able to work together and to serve together, you are always better.

Quoting an African proverb, she said: 'Alone you move faster. Together you go deeper.'

Weekday Masses

Monday

9am Mass

Tuesday

9am Mass

Wednesday

7pm Mass

Thursday

9am Mass

Friday

9am Mass

Saturday

6pm Mass

Sunday

9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/15EaLJv8mIU>

Reconciliation

Saturday 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 Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

St Paul Apostle North

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Principal
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

PALM LEAVES from last year

Lent is just around the corner, starting with Ash Wednesday on the 22nd of February. We ask that if you have any Palm Leaves from last year, can you kindly send them to the parish office during the week or bring them to the church and leave them in the sacristy. We will burn them so that we can use the ashes for the Ash Wednesday Masses. Please note that on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, we will hold a morning Mass at 9am and the usual evening Mass at 7pm

2023 SACRAMENT PROGRAM (only for children)

The following are the important dates for our 2023 Sacrament programs:

Reconciliation:

First Family night Tuesday 21 February at 7pm
(Followed by 3 classes at parish schools or ASRE)
Last Family night Tuesday 21 March at 7pm
Service Tuesday 28 March at 7pm
(depending on the number, might have 2 sessions)

First Communion

First Family Night Tuesday 2 May at 7pm
(Followed by 4 classes at parish schools or ASRE)
Last family night Tuesday 11 July at 7pm
Masses Saturday 15 Jul and Sunday 16 July

Confirmation

First Family night Tuesday 3 October at 7pm
(Followed by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)
Last Family Night Tuesday 14 November at 7pm
Session with Bishop:
Friday, 17 November at 11am in the Church
Masses:
Saturday 18 November at 2pm & 3.45pm

Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation is now open. You may download the registration form from our website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills>. Cost is \$25 per child per sacrament. If your child does not attend our parish schools, they are required to attend ASRE classes. We will provide you with those dates shortly.

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo is on **FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2023** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe and will start at 7.30pm. Anyone 18 yrs old

and older are welcome. You can come on your own or with friends. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

As St Paul Apostle Parish is in the Pastoral Care of the Passionist Fathers, we are inviting anyone who maybe interested in exploring the unique gift of Passionist Spirituality – the 'Passionist Charism', to come along and join our Companions at this years' opening mass at 7.30pm on Friday 17th February, at the Church. Our Passionist Family includes the profess, lay men and women. Passionist Companions gather each month throughout the year for reflection on the Charism and Spirituality of St Paul of the Cross. Gatherings are informal and also social, so as to form a friendly and supportive spiritual community. Our Passionist Family shares a 'down to earth' spirituality, which encourages us to live the Passionist Charism in everyday circumstances – within our families, our homes, our communities, our places of work, worship and in all our relationships. Should you be interested in attending the mass or gaining more information on Passionist Companions, please feel free to contact Oswyn or Gerard at:

Oswyn Trindade: oswyn.trindade@gmail.com
Gerard Daly: gerard.daly23@bigpond.com

GRACE SUDJONO

if you missed out on buying keyrings on the day Grace held her fundraiser, she has left some in the parish office. Please feel free to purchase them from there. Price is \$5 each

Ann Van Ratinger was a member of this parish for a number of years. Ann passed away earlier this month and her family wishes to offer a Mass for her soul at our usual Sunday 9am mass on the 19th of February. After Mass you are invited to join the family for a cuppa in the annexe where we can all share our fond memories of Ann. Below is a short tribute from her family:

Faith was very important to Ann and she had a special devotion to the Virgin Mary. Her pilgrimages to Lourdes, Fatima and Medjugorje were very special times in her life. She made many lovely friends in her time as a member of this community.

Readings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Sir 15: 15-20 ;
1 Cor 2: 6-10 ;
Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18 ;
1 Cor 3:16-23 ;
Mt 5:38-48
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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Joanne Sweeney, Hernan Ugarte, Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Wilhada de los Reyes, Crystal Jayamaha, Elma, Aliyah, Alleyah, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Mercia Fernandes, 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

Mercia Fernandes, Ann van Ratingen, Carmen Hili, Rohini Ferrao, Br Stan Tyler CP, Gil Cortinhal, Teresa Madeira, Franco Elloro, Mary Matilda Fonseka, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Lucas Seguel, Henry Logotuli Peteru, Lionel Heaton, Giovanna Satragno, Antonio Laratta, Denzil Harris **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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

