



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

One Family

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Corpus Christi Sunday Yr C, 21-22 June, 2025

CORPUS CHRISTI

Over many years when today's feast was celebrated, the focus was on the species – the bread and wine, becoming the body of Christ. Since Vatican 2 the focus has changed - to the people of God (us) being and becoming the Body of Christ. The expression used by St Augustine in the 5th century has helped: **“At Eucharist we become what we eat”**.

We see it now not so much as receiving communion but communion expresses our commitment to be in communion with one another. If we become what we eat - the body of Christ, we can't do that alone: we become what we eat - **in community**.

Wherever we see or feel the true signs of love – forgiving, caring, helping, laughing and so much more, we see a community – a family.

Here at Holy Cross we are a family. Like any family, we are not perfect, but we belong - this is home and here are our sisters and brothers. The more connected we become, the more support we can give and receive. In any family, some people prefer to be independent; some don't ask for help; some don't want help. But others want to belong, they want and need support. Once these people form a small network, they can find people willing to help.

Whatever it is that people want, we hope they can find it here among us. We want to be welcoming and inclusive, sharing and growing together through the joys, struggles and sorrows of everyday life. We come from different cul-

tures and family backgrounds, so it is natural that we will have different opinions and different ideas, but that is what makes true community – the appreciation of difference. In the body of Christ, everyone belongs.

True community allows strangers to become friends and those friends to become family. In is the gospel in action. Some people looking from the outside don't see this because to them, family, fun and fellowship are not 'religious', yet the entire gospel story is about Jesus bringing people into family fellowship.

Unfortunately, the emphasis on the kingdom that Jesus spoke of, became something to happen in this next life, but Jesus said “the kingdom has arrived and is here now among you” and he pointed out - “wherever two or three gather in my name, I am with them”.

We can be grateful to all those who have heard that call to create a family at Holy Cross and for all those who have helped it happen. We cannot live true Christian life outside of a community – we are called to be the body of Christ. Jesus for our world – seeing with his eyes, hearing with his ears, reaching out with his embrace, healing with his compassion and loving with his heart.

The feast of Corpus Christi, is truly the feast of community that acts in Jesus name. We gather here on Sundays to celebrate that we are “becoming more and more, what we eat”. Welcome to the feast at which all are welcome.

(by Fr Brian Traynor CP)

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/a8dloU8-gKU?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/a8dloU8-gKU?feature=share)

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:

Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr OBrien Chanda 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
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Cathy Mason

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School
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Principal
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St John's

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Apostle Sunday Year C

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
In those days, King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased some of the people, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread. When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the Church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an Angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The Angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realise that what was happening with the Angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the Angel left him. The Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the people were expecting."
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
the poor one called, and the Lord heard,
and saved that person from every trouble

Reflection

Each of the two Apostles had a different mission, but together they built up the church that Jesus Christ founded

Am I spiritually related to these twin apostles?

In what areas of my life do I need to have a conversion experience?

The Angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him

Second Reading

Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you Simon so of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

FIRST COMMUNION

Last Family night for this group is on **TUESDAY, 24 JUNE** at 7pm in the Church. Sign in from 6.45pm for 7pm start.

All children who have signed into this program must attend this session with one (or both) parents/ guardian. Your attendance is compulsory. First Communion Masses will be on Saturday 28 June.

COME AWAY (25 June)

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, 25 June** 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

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.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group welcomes all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week. **We wish to re-**

mind parents that all children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling who is older than 13 yrs old. Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team.

THANK YOU

Last weekend we generated \$828.60 from special collection to support the Catholic Mission for their work in providing facilities and medical equipment to pregnant women and new mothers who have no choice but to share facilities with other people with critical illnesses, in some of the most remote places in the world. Thank you for your generous support.

SOUTHERN STARS AND YOUNG STARTS SOCIAL CLUB

is a Single Catholic group (age of 28-60) They are having their next gathering on SATURDAY, 28th June, 2025 from 8pm at St Benedict's Parish Hall (Central Ave, Burwood) Cost \$13pp (incl. supper and lucky door prizes) Enquire: Peter 9885 2167

PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

If you still have one of this box at home, please return to the Church no later than 25 June as this will be the last day we can pass the fund to Caritas.



Readings:

Corpus Christi Sunday Yr C

Genesis 14:18-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Sunday

Yr C

Acts 12:1-11

Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Parama Sivam, Patrick Connell, Nethanjal 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

Melville Atong Garra, Catherine Choo, Chung Wing Piu, Errie Gunawan, Beulah Ranasinghe, Darrell Meerwald, Baby K, Stephanie Myers, Stephen D'souza, Meredith Almeida, Aloysius Mathews, Louiza Mathews, Jimmy Mathews, Led Clark, Joseph Cyril Hickey **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

COMPANIONS
INVITE YOU TO A



Day Out TO ABBOTSFORD CONVENT

JOIN US ON

28th
JUNE
11AM

Meet at the tree in
the front gate 1



TOUR PROVIDED
CUPPA & CHAT

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OUT

Saturday 28th June at 11am
Abbotsford Convent

Paid Parking across the road from
Abbotsford or street parking available
on Clarke Street.