



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Feast of Holy Family Year A, 27-28 December, 2025

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am



Parish Priest:

Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)

Didi Karkas (Secretary)

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(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North

Primary School

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Principal

Cathy Mason

St Paul Apostle South

Primary School

Ph. 9700 3663

Principal

Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

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Principal

Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A, 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord

Psalm

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth

May the kings of Tarshish and
of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Brothers and sisters,
Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the

mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words
In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel

Gospel acclamation

We observed his star at its rising
and have come to pay homage to the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd[d] my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reflection

How do our own response(s) to Jesus compare to those of the wise men?
In what ways are they similar, in what ways different?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



THANK YOU

2025 is almost coming to an end. And what a year it's been for our community. We have had so many celebrations, with Christmas as is crescendo.

This year we farewelled 2 priests. In June Fr Sony was assigned to lead the Passionist community in Blenheim, New Zealand.

Soon after Fr Obrien Chanda came to assist Fr Brendan for a little while, before he was elected to be vice provincial in Botswana in October. At the same time, we had Deacon Vinh (now Fr Vinh) also assisting, while continuing his study.

Fr Vinh is now assigned to assist the community in Adelaide. During the year, we had two sessions on Faith Formations, which were presented by Fr Chris Monaghan CP and Fr Dennis Travers CP, which were well attended and received.

Children's sacramental program continues to be an important part of our faith nurturing in the community. This year we had 54 children who received their sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion and 53 children who received their Sacrament of Confirmation. Of which all were completed in November.

At the beginning of December we had our senior members celebrating early Christmas. This was followed by hamper Mass and parish carol evening on the 14 December.

The crescendo was our Christmas Masses. We had our children's Mass on Christmas eve. Our children told the story of the nativity in action in which we found some new talent. Every single activity in the parish relied so much on the generosity of our parishioners. That's including the enthusiasm of the parents in encouraging and supporting their children in being part of the nativity play.

We thank everyone who was involved in any way and in any area in our church. Without your generous support, our parish will not be as lively as it is today.

We hope that everyone is enjoying this festive season, with family and friends. And we wish you a blessed New Year of good health, joy and happiness.

Thank you all.

MINISTERS

The livelihood of the Church, including that of our parish, greatly depends on volunteers. Many of you may wish to be more involved in our Church. At this stage, we need help on Sunday's, 11am and 6pm Mass. If you are interested in becoming a communion minister at one of these Masses, please ap-

proach Didi after Mass or contact the parish office. We will provide more details regarding the role. You will only be rostered on once a month.

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

This program is designed for all children who have been baptised in Catholic Church.

Reconciliation:

(child must be at least in grade 4)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 11 February 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 17 February at 7pm

(Follow by 3 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night : Tuesday 10 March at 7pm

Service : Tuesday 17 March at 7pm

(depending on the number, maybe 2 sessions)

First Communion

(child must be at least in grade 4 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family Night: Tuesday 5 May at 7pm

(Follow by 5 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last family night: Tuesday 16 June at 7pm

First Communion Masses: Saturday 20 June (maybe 2 Masses)

Confirmation

(child must be at least in grade 6 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation and First Communion)

Please note that the registration for this sacrament is required to be in **EARLY IN THE YEAR**

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 15 September at 7pm

(Follow by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)

Last Family Night: Tuesday 17 November at 7pm

Session with Bishop: To be advised

Confirmation Masses: Saturday 21 November at 12pm
(maybe also at 2pm)

**** Donation for is \$25 per child, per sacrament ****

Readings:

Feast of the Holy Family Year A

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3: 12-21

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

John Kelly, Doug McGuinness, Marian Meade-Salzer, Pedro Llerena, Anne McCallister, Mareta Dunlop, Bongsing Noto, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Waller, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, 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

Kamal Marko, Paul Mercieca CP, Salvino Mifsud, Adrian Dal Lago, Cheryl Anthony, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Stephanie Kinson, Mario Clemente, Desiree Madeira, Ron Barber, Annabelle Ghatt, Paul Sanders, Fr Tim O'Toole CP, Percy Macleod, Cynthia Macleod, Esperanca Duarte, Hosea Duarte **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
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	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating Luiza Monteiro
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh Rinku Arora	Sharon Normington Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh Daphne Goh	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Daphne Goh	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

