



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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First Sunday of LENT Yr C, 8-9 March, 2025

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS LENT 2025

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*
1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*
By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:
a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.*
b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements.*
110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social. In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.*

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
 - The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 5 March and Trinity Sunday, 15 June 2025 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2025 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS - On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.

Very Reverend Anthony Kerin JCL VG
VICAR GENERAL

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/bXlpKyTgjiA?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

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Readings for NEXT WEEK
Second Sunday of LENT Year C

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.
The Lord said to Abram: "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
Then the Lord said to Abram, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"
The Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.
On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I do seek

Do not hide your face from me
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians
Brothers and sisters,
join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the Cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard
this is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.
And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Jesus as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," but Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen

Reflection

1. How can you open your heart to God's work in your life?
2. What steps can you take to grow closer to God during Lent?
3. How can you show kindness, love, and generosity in your daily life?

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

HOPE & HEALING IN CHRIST

As we are entered the season of Lent, you are invited for a session on 'Hope & Healing in Christ' immediately after the Friday morning Mass until 10.30am on **14th of March, 2025 in the Church.**

STATION OF THE CROSS

During Lenten Season, we have the Station of the Cross in the Church **every FRIDAY at 7pm.** All are welcome to join in. The Passionist Companion group will be leading us each week.



LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

If you are looking for an aid to assist with reflection during this Lent season, **LENTEN BOOKLETS** are available in the Piety Stall at \$7 each.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember that if your child is in grade 6 (and have received both the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of First Communion) and wishes to take part in the **2025 Sacrament of Confirmation.** You must hand in the registration form **BY THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2025.** Even though the program will not commence until term three, we need to finalise the numbers by the 17th of April.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

Each year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Project Compassion Box will be available in the Church from Ash Wednesday. Please feel free to pick some up for yourselves or sharing with others.



THANK YOU

Our first Pre-Lenten Parish Celebration last Sunday was enjoyed by many. The Celebration was organised by the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) with the great support of several groups. We wish to thank all of the PPC members who have put in so much effort to make this event a reality. We thank the men's group who helped with cooking, those who brought food to share, the young adults who assisted in attending the games area as well as running to pick up sausages and burgers from the annexe. Thank you to Shane who has sung for us and Meno who looked after the sound system. But most of all we thank you all who have joined us to make this event most memorable. We hope this will become an annual event. If you have taken some photographs, we kindly request you share with us by emailing to 'office@stpaulapostle.com.au'



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

As you know, Valerie has been very busy updating the parish database with your safeguarding details. These include Working With Children Checks (WWC), Code of Conduct forms and in some cases Police checks. We are often asked why people are required to provide these checks when they don't work with children. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requires a WWC from all volunteers regardless of their roles. This includes all groups such as choir, readers, communion ministers, collectors, youth group organisers, sacristans, flower decoration group etc. We look forward to your cooperation in this complying with these requests to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Readings:

First Sunday of LENT Yr C

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday of LENT Yr C

Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 9: 28-36

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Pope Francis, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Brenda Hall, Giuseppe Rubbino, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Fr Tony Martyn, 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

Hasel Francisco, Joyce Charlotte Livingston, Aida Hendriks, Russell Ferreira, Anton Jansz, Mariayagam, Maximus Perera, Paul Deeb, Avo Manel Barreto, Filomena Boavida, John Eduard Sturge, Nicole Balmano, Joseph D'Argent **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Station of the Cross
At St. Paul Apostle Church
Endeavour Hills

Every FRIDAY during LENT
(starting this FRIDAY, March 7)
from 7pm in the CHURCH

As we entered season of LENT,
come join us for a session on
Hope & Healing in Christ
March 14th, 2025
begins straight after 9am Mass
until 10.30am
At St Paul Apostle Church,
Endeavour Hills

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 2025

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am
1st Sunday	Helen Sanders Beryl Barnfield	Patti Family	Cabrera family
2nd Sunday	Valerie & Ian Ferreira	Nella Rudan Josephine Gherxi	Lobo Family
3rd Sunday	Beth & Mars Sota	Amaya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Christine & Angelo Gaiardo
4th Sunday	Daryl & Astrid Drego	Hoad Family	Maclou family
5th Sunday	Carmeline Don Paul	Amaya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Cabrera Family