



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 5-6 October, 2024

THE EARTH IS OUR COMMON HOME

On one of my home holidays in Fiji, I visited my village to spend time with my family and relatives. In one of the *talanoa* (a process of inclusive and transparent dialogue) sessions I attended, I heard this phrase from our elders: *Keda eda vutuniyau ka tiko bulabula ena noda dui delaniyavu 'Na Vanua' (The Land) sa solia tu vei keda na Kalou, sa dodonu meda taqomaka.* ("We are wealthy and healthy on this Land that God has given to us, so we need to protect the Land.")

I grew up in the city, so I was not as aware of the importance of our connections to the land and the totem. When my father retired at the age of 55, he went back to his village. He told us if you want to know yourself, you must know your roots. My time in the village helped me to learn the importance of the land, the totem, what tribe/clan I belong to, and that we have our own dialect. A totem is a spirit being, sacred object, or symbol that serves as an emblem of a group of people, such as a family, clan, lineage, or tribe. When I heard Pope Francis say, "How precious is that profoundly genuine sense of family and community among Indigenous peoples! And how important it is to cultivate properly the bond between young and old, and to maintain a healthy and harmonious relationship with all of creation!", I thanked God the Creator that I still have this genuine sense of family, community, and the sacredness of land back home in Fiji, and that realisation made me cherish it so much

The cross—cultural mission experiences that I have had in the Philippines and El Paso Jua'rez (US/Mexico border) have been a blessing in my life. That's where I've learnt about others' cultures, history, and language, and about the indigenous people and their faith traditions.

During the influx of migrants at the US—Mexico border in 2018, I met some of the indigenous people from Central America. I learnt that one of the reasons they have migrated is climate change. The droughts, cyclones, floods, and earthquakes in their countries have destroyed their farms, crops, animals, and houses. So, they left their families and moved to the US to find jobs so that they could



provide for their families and plan to bring them to the US.

Listening to what's happening in the world today and to the indigenous farmers from Central America makes me anxious that what they went through will one day happen to our family and community back home. The islands in the South Pacific are experiencing a rise in sea levels and other natural catastrophes. We must protect the ocean and Mother Earth because it is where we get our daily food, air to breathe, water to drink, where we cook, wash and bathe, and where we connect with Nature and all living creatures. Many developments and changes in the world today are destroying the land, culture, and communities.

The land is sacred not only to the indigenous people but to all humanity and living beings in this world. We must protect and care for our Mother Earth because the earth we live in is our 'common home'. Pope Francis has always been and continues to be a major instrument in addressing the climate crisis which we are experiencing more than ever now. Let us dedicate ourselves to prioritising the work of JPIC (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation) to respond to the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth

(by Sainiana Tamatawale in *The Far East Magazine*)

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/L8OMHqiYdjI?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:

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Readings for NEXT WEEK
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

Psalm

Teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother. He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

Jesus looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" and the disciples were perplexed at these words.

But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God."

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said,

"For human it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields- but with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life."

For reflection

1. God sees who we are and what we do.
2. God's desire is to make perfect, to save, the whole of Creation.
3. We are affirmed and empowered by God's goodwill and grace.
4. We co-operate with God's saving grace, change our lives and the world

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

2024 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Registration for this program has now closed. Thank you to all who have registered their children. Next week you will receive an email from us with detailed information on the program. Please remember the important dates as below:



- First Family Night Tuesday 15th Oct at 7pm
- Last Family Night Tuesday, 19th November at 7pm
- Meet with Bishop on Wednesday, 20th November at 9.45am
- Confirmation Mass Saturday, 23rd November at 2pm

In between the First family night and the Last Family night all children will attend 3 classes (without parents) either at our parish schools or After School Religious Education (ASRE), for those attending outside our parish school. Please see below for the information regarding ASRE

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE)

If you have registered your child into the Sacrament of Confirmation (above) and they attend a NON PARISH SCHOOL, your child is required to attend ASRE classes. These classes are designed to help your child understand more about the sacrament. The class runs on **TUESDAYS from 4pm to 5pm**. Dates are: **22nd October, 29th October and 12th November**

Please note attendance is mandatory for all 3 classes (Parish schools or ASRE) and sessions (family nights, meeting with Bishop and Confirmation mass) as detailed above

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)

At last month's gathering, the group had an opportunity to share their thoughts on the Bible story of the week under the guidance of Fr Sony. If you are interested in joining the group, please come along. The next event will be held on **FRIDAY, 11 October at 7pm** in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. A variety of activities is arranged for each gathering. For planning purposes, please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350 if you wish to attend.

YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

This age Youth group will be gathering on **SUNDAY, 20 October in the Parish House**. If you wish to join in please

contact parish office on 97003781 They usually gathers on **THIRD SUNDAY** of each month. Sometimes it holds in the annexe, but other times they have activities at other venue.

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN—CANCELLATION

As indicated in last week's newsletter regarding the upcoming fundraiser for Wellsprings for women, they regret to advise that this event has been **CANCELLED** due to being unable to reach the minimum number of participants. Refund will be made to those who have made payment for their booking.

Wellsprings for Women sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused

COME AWAY DAYS

A ministry of the Passionist community who offer a space which is an oasis of peace and quiet, away from the busy world. in the surrounds of beautiful gardens, open space and trees. Their first session is on **TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2024**. The day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am and end at 2pm. This retreat runs at Holy Cross Retreat 207 Serpells Road Templestowe, VIC.

For further information about Come Away Days contact Phone - 9846 6014 or email hcc@passionists.com

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH of Springvale is having Healing Mass on Monday 7 October 2024 from 6.30pm. Celebrant is Fr John OFM. For more information contact 9544 777 or Jenny 0447 524 893. Venue is St Joseph's Church, cnr of St James ave & Buckingham ave, Springvale.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

is having a FETE on SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER from 10am to 4pm. There will be lot's of fun activities, including face painting, rides and many raffles. Also food stalls, including cultural cuisine, fairy floss, teas and cakes. Not to forget plant stall for those who are enjoying gardening.

Address is 23 Police Road, Mulgrave.

For more information you can call 03 9554 3831 or www.facebook.com/SJVFETE/

scan this QR code to pre-purchase your ride wristband



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, at all Masses we will conduct a special collection (3rd collection) to support the Retired & Sick Passionist Fund

Readings:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4: 12-13
Mark 10:17-30

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Josip Dujic, Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, 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

Peter Cham, Sr. Joan Smith cp, Djuniati Hermawan, Frances Elizabeth Dascoli, Doreen Young, Roger Gray, Otto Harris, Bernard David, Victoria Moloney, Darryll Williams, Horace Stolke, Dominic Folino, Nielba Rocha **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Gardening

Spring has come and so it is time to tidy up our church garden.

We are planning to have working bee on

SATURDAY, 12 October from 8.30am to 11am.

If you are able to give us a hand, please come with your garden tools. You don't have to stay for the whole 3 hrs, just stay as long as you can.



Safeguarding

Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school

This webinar explores the social pressures, peer influences, and technological challenges young people face as they transition into high school. It also offers practical strategies for navigating online friendships and connections to help minimise negative experiences. It's suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.

Term 4 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Tuesday, 29 October, 12.30 pm

Thursday, 28 November, 12.30 pm

To register, you can use this link <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/5292449078565496666>

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Florence Madeira Sai Dilinger Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

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