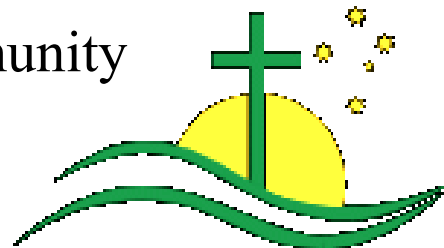




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Third Sunday of LENT, 19-20 March, 2022

Station of the Cross is on
Friday evenings at 7pm in the Church

Dear Parishioners

Last week's newsletter invited you to reflect on ways that you can contribute to the building of our community and expansion of our mission. The motto the Parish team presented was "Sharing the Load to Live Our Mission." Many years ago the parish had stated in a ministry document that it valued engagement: *As an integral part of our stewardship program all parishioners are invited to take an active involvement in parish life. Each one of us has been blessed with gifts and talents so let's use them to build our Parish.*

One of the more concerning traits of religious expression in the Modern Western world has been what religious sociologists call the "privatization of faith". This describes people who live their faith but practice it on their own terms and at their own time. Their faith maybe very strong, and that should be respected, but they do not feel a great need for an experience of community or a passion for mission. While they may observe traditional practices, it is a very individualistic understanding of faith and unfortunately in keeping with the growing individualism evident in Western societies. Christianity has so much to offer our world and among its many gifts are an emphasis on community and a desire to serve our neighbour. We are an "other-oriented" faith that thinks in communal, rather than individualistic terms.

There are unquestionably people whose life is extremely busy. This is especially true if you have young families whereby your capacity to contribute is curtailed by a greater responsibility. Recognising that everyone's situation is different and that we do not all share the same gifts and talents, the team fully understands that people's participation in the community is dependent upon a number of factors. For this reason, there are roles that range from 1-2 hours a week to 1-2 hours per month. The formula is simple: the more people shift from being bystanders to participants the stronger the community and the more effective our mission will be.

There are so many areas of potential engagement within the parish and they fall under the broad headings of **Liturgy and Celebration; Faith Development; Prayer; Mission and Outreach; Parish Leadership**. There are many groups within these categories and there remains a possibility that new groups may emerge. A fuller description of each group including the relative time commitment will be published after Easter. In the meantime, please give some consideration to assisting the parish with your own particular talents. I can assure you they will be most welcome.

Blessings
Brendan

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
https://youtu.be/kIQI_igDH_k

Reconciliation
Saturday at 10-10.30am

Priests:
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Passionist Community
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
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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
Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

STATION OF THE CROSS (during LENT)

We will have Station of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent until 8 April from 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join in.

GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS

Similar to last year, this year's Good Friday Station of the Cross will be conducted both outdoors and indoors. However, in order to enable that, we are inviting young people in the parish who are aged between 16 to 25 years old to help. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact the parish office either by email 'office@stpaulapostle.com.au' or phone 9700 3781 and leave your details (name and contact number)

ST PAUL APOSTLE SCHOOLS REGISTRATION

NORTH SCHOOL (76 Mossgiel Park Dr, Endeavour Hills)

Enrolments are being taken now for Prep 2023 and 2024.

Open Days for

Term 1: Sunday Feb 27th, 11:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday March 17th, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday March 30th, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Play Group: Every Tuesday 11:30am - 1:00pm These sessions are free and are a lovely way to meet other families.

Please visit the school at 76 Mossgiel Park Drive for a tour or ring 9700 6068. Facebook and Instagram: Please follow us at 'St Paul Apostle North School'

SOUTH SCHOOL (9 William Hovell Dr, Endeavour Hills)

Families are invited to come to the school for a tour of the facilities and the programs that the school has on offer at a time that is convenient for you. Bookings can be made on 9700 3663

Open Days of South school are every day

Visit our website: www.spsendeavourhills.catholic.edu.au for more information about the school

PROJECT COMPASSION

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

Below is one of the story from this year's Project Compassion:

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As

elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive

JOB POSITION:

Community Education Officer – Interfaith Network City Of Greater Dandenong

A two day employment position is currently available for the ongoing development and support of the Tours to Places of Worship within the City of Greater Dandenong and beyond. If you are interested, please visit this link <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/interfaithnetwork/community-education-officer-1>

FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling - Queensland - (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales – (02) 9568 0262

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413

Readings:

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15;

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12;

Lk 13: 1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

Joshua 5: 9-12;

2 Cor 5: 17-21;

Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Halga Roncon, Rene Weston, Christakis Isodiou, Sam Hili, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Reginald, Annette Perera, Hiran, Ronald Peters, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, Andr s, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Gabriel Martyn, Dorothy Werkmeister, Teresa Sousa, Giovanna Satragno, Graciano Alves, Ivan E. McPherson, Peter Loh, Jan Jung Lim, Michael Cantsilieris, Carmen Bezzina, Joe Trindade, Stephen D'Sousa, Marcia Pereira, Manuel Duarte, Natalie Bonnefin, **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

