



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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Passion of the Lord Sunday Year A, 28-29 March, 2026

### 2026 HOLY WEEK MASSES

**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND 28-29 March Masses as per usual**

**HOLY THURSDAY April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Mass at 7pm  
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight  
(No reconciliation on this evening)

**GOOD FRIDAY April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
- Station of the Cross at 10am  
- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

**EASTER VIGIL April 4<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 7.30pm  
(no reconciliation on this day)

**EASTER SUNDAY April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Dawn Mass at 5.30am (followed by breakfast)  
And 9am and 11am (no evening Mass)

**EASTER MONDAY April 6<sup>th</sup>** Mass at 9am

### HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

**LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)**  
Monday, 30 March at 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm**

#### Masses

**Monday**  
9am

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

*Please refer to Holy  
week timetable*

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Brendan Connell CP

#### Assistant Parish Priest

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  
Principal  
Cathy Mason

#### St Paul Apostle South

**Primary School**  
Ph. 9700 3663  
Principal  
Mr Paul Gleeson

#### St John's

**Regional College**  
Ph. 9791 3366  
Principal  
Mr Tim Hogan

**Readings for NEXT WEEK**  
**Easter Sunday, 2026**

**First Reader:        *Acts 10:34. 37-43***

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak: "You know the message that spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the Prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of God

***Psalm***

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes

**Second Reader:        *1 Cor 5:6-8***

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is the Word of God

***Gospel Acclamation:***

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

***Gospel:                John 20: 1-18***

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him!"

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent to look in and saw the linen wrapping lying there but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrapping lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the foot. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples: "I have seen the Lord!" and she told them that he had said these things to her

The Gospel of the Lord

**Reflection**

Where have I witnessed God's tender care for others in my world?

How can I share the joy and hope of the Resurrection with others in my daily life?

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

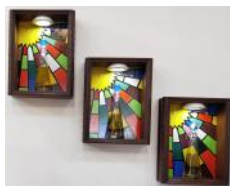


### **GARDENING—THIS SATUDAY, 28 MARCH**

In preparation for Holy Week, we are scheduling a **WORKING BEE** on **THIS SATURDAY, 28 MARCH from 8.30am to 11am**. As the area of the Church is very big, we are asking for more volunteers to help us this time in order to cover the entire garden. Please come and help us. You do not have to stay for the entire 2 1/2 hrs, even if you only stay for 1 hour, it will be a huge help for us. Please come with your garden tools

### **CHRISM MASS**

As part of the Holy week, this year's Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils) will be held on **TUESDAY, 31st March 2026** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Mass commences at 10am. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Holy Oils will be distributed to Churches (we use these oils for baptisms, confirmation, for the sick, and so on throughout the year).



### **YOUTH FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

Traditionally our Good Friday Station of the Cross is lead by our Young Adult group (18 to 25 Years). If you are in this age bracket, interested in getting involved and helping them, please contact parish office (97003781) for more details on it. At this stage our practice will be around Saturday, 28 March at 10am. Should you unable to attend this practice, you are still welcome to join in, but you need to arrive at Church at 8am on GOOD FRIDAY and join the Final run through.

### **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST**

After completing their Sacrament of Reconciliation program, our grade 4 children will be continuing their faith journey with the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please remember if you are not currently part of the Sacrament reconciliation program this year and have not put in your registration form for Holy Eucharist, please hand in the completed registration form prior to April 1st. The program will commence on the 5th of May.

Please also note that if you wish your child to take part in the Sacrament of Confirmation program this year, the necessary registration form must also be completed by April 1st.

### **CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)**

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) helps advance the mission of the Church and the Archbishop of Melbourne, through the delivery of values-based financial services. Funds invested with CDF are used to providing low-cost lending for Catholic



capital building projects in parishes, primary and secondary schools, Diocesan agencies, health & aged care providers and social service facilities. As our community grows, and the financial needs of Catholic organisations have become increasingly complex, CDF continues to provide lending solutions that may not otherwise be accessible through the traditional banking sector. By saving with CDF Community Fund, you will not only earn a return on your investment but also assist the Archdiocese and our local community, to grow and fulfil the mission of the Catholic Church. It's a way to save, while doing good. For more information, including current interest rates, visit the CDF website ([www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au](http://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au)).

### **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP**

Our Passionist Family group is organising an event on **Sunday 19th April, 12pm to 3pm** at the St Paul Apostle School Hall, 9 William Hovell Drive, Endeavour Hills VIC 3802. We hope you can all join this event for an afternoon of stories, culture, and connection. This special parish gathering invites every member of our community, new and familiar, to come together, celebrate our shared heritage, and strengthen the friendships that make our parish feel like home. Everyone is invited to wear or bring something that represents your story, a cultural item, a family keepsake, a traditional garment, colours, symbols—anything meaningful that reflects where you come from and who you are. And don't forget please bring a plate of finger food to share. On the day, the group will also have silent auction in the effort to raise funds for a Community Christmas Lunch for those who will otherwise spend Christmas alone. Your contributions, whether donating items or placing bids, will help ensure that they can also enjoy some Christmas cheer surrounded by great company and good food.

### **DIVINE MERCY MASS**

Our Divine Mercy group will celebrate the Divine Mercy Mass at 11am Sunday Mass on 12 April

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As many of you already know, we have a ministry called 'BREAD RUN'. There are 2 groups each week working tirelessly to deliver bread from the Church (the garage under the Church gathering space) to people's homes. They run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. At this time, the group on Thursday evening is calling for more volunteers to help them with deliveries. If you think this is something you are interested in doing, please contact the parish office 97003781 and we will provide you with more information.

#### **Readings:**

#### **Sunday of the Lord's Passion Year A**

Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Isaiah: 50: 4-7

Philippians: 2: 6-11

Matthew 26: 14-27:66

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#### **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34. 37-43

1 Cor 5:6-8

John 20: 1-18

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#### **This weekend we pray for:**

##### ***Those who are sick***

Kerryn Carney, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyrone Walles, 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***

Milica Kosi, Ronald Harris, Amato Ganino, Betty Scanlan, Monica Mary Sleeman, Robert Stellato, Mareka (Mareta) Dunlop, Jacinta Martyn, Cheryl Anthony, Dilan de Alwis, Priscilla Fernandes, Donald Macleod, Linda Chowrimootoo, deceased family members of Colalillo Family **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

##### ***May they rest in peace***

**St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills**  
**MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2026**

|                              | <b>Saturday—6pm</b>          | <b>Sunday 9am</b>                    | <b>Sunday 11am</b>            | <b>Sunday 6pm</b>                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Mary Pegram<br>Liz Spear     | Virendra Jayetileke<br>Janina Gorski | Anne Astin<br>Rinku Arora     | Stephen Nasalio<br>William Roncon  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | Marg Daly<br>Liseby Lapierre | Grace Sudjono<br>Rosa Mitchell       | Mars Sota<br>Beth Sota        | Charlene Nheu<br>Mignonne Meerwald |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | Liz Flood<br>Trevor Saldanha | Agnes Giam<br>William Round          | Alvita Dias<br>Rinku Arora    | Jeremy Ferrao<br>Reg Young         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Mark Rolfe<br>Karen Rolfe    | Mary Moore<br>Jodicee Tenisio        | Mary Heaton<br>Anne Astin     | Marg Keating<br>William Roncon     |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Marg Daly<br>Trevor Saldanha | Grace Sudjono<br>Jodicee Tenisio     | Mary Heaton<br>Jennifer Tanti | Lakni Weerasekera<br>Charlene Nheu |

**St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills**  
**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026**

|                              | <b>Saturday—6pm</b>                                   | <b>Sunday 9am</b>                                                                           | <b>Sunday 11am</b>                                                                                  | <b>Sunday 6pm</b>                                        |
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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | Riona Alveyn<br>Lionel Alveyn<br>Lien Phan            | Mary Moore<br>Nila Fernando<br>Rosa Mitchell<br>Rohan Wickramasinghe<br>Jennifer Cunningham | Vianney Clark<br>Antionette Gargano<br>Stephen Herbert<br>Binitha Mathew<br>Patricia D'Souza        | Anne Kankanige<br>Peng Chee<br>Vonny Lai                 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | Gertrude Akom<br>Mima Arena<br>Carmeline Don Paul     | Sig Romano<br>Anabela Costa<br>Aloma Pereira<br>David Goh<br>Rinku Arora                    | Dominque Maclou<br>Sai Dlinger<br>Naomi Falo<br>Stephen Nasalio<br>Santhanamary                     | Jenny Catania<br>Brendan Keating<br>Lakni Weerasekera    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | Celine Quinless<br>Riona Alveyn<br>Lionel Alveyn      | Mary Moore<br>Nila Fernando<br>Rosa Mitchell<br>Jennifer Cunningham<br>Sig Romano           | Vianney Clark<br>Antionette Gargano<br>Binitha Mathew<br>Patricia De Souza<br>Marie Claire Maillard | Vonny Lai<br>Charlene Nheu<br>Marg Keating               |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | Bernie Henstridge<br>Lien Phan<br>Celine Quinless     | Aloma Pereira<br>Michelle Boissezon<br>Rohan Wickramasinghe<br>David Goh<br>Daphne Goh      | Naomi Falo<br>Dominque Maclou<br>Lauren Rafferty<br>Stephen Herbert<br>Santhanamary                 | Brendan Keating<br>Swineetha Disanayake<br>Jenny Catania |
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Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion  
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

