



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 31 August-1 September, 2024

**CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
(1-7 SEPTEMBER)**

**EVERY CHILD
IN EVERY COMMUNITY
NEEDS A FAIR GO**

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/
ob0AldDXpCI?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/ob0AldDXpCI?feature=share)

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child abuse prevention in our communities. In 2024, the overarching message, "Every child in every community needs a fair go," will be complemented by the theme, "Every conversation matters."

Conversations are powerful tools in our parishes for keeping children and young people safe and well. These dialogues help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build children's understanding and social connections.

Conversations between:
Families and parish leadership matter
Children, young people and parish volunteers or parish leadership matter
Children, young people and their peers in the parish matter
And, of course, conversations in the public realm and media matter.

This theme provides a platform for our communities to:
Engage in important conversations,
Promote the value of conversations, and
Equip us to have conversations that keep children and young people safe.
Let us, as a parish community, use this

theme to explore and discuss the many ways that conversations matter for children, young people, and their families. Together, we can ensure that every child and young person in our community feels valued, heard, and safe.

Child Protection Week is an important time for us to consider how we, as adults, can address issues affecting children and young people, and how we can make a difference.

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, which this year falls on 8 September. On Safeguarding Sunday, we recognise and apologise to those who have been abused, their families and supporters, from the harm done by priests, religious, and lay people within Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance, and on Safeguarding Sunday, we recommit ourselves to safe practices and protocols to create and maintain safe environments for all people.

Together, through awareness, conversation, and prayer, we can build a safer, more supportive community for our children and young people.

(Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)

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:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
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St Paul Apostle North

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah

say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance; with terrible
recompense. He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and
the ears of the deaf unstopped; then will the lame
leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing
for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilder-
ness and streams in the desert; the burning sand
shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs
of water.

Psalm

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoner free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches of the strangers

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin
The Lord will reign forever,
you God, O Zion, for all generations

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers and sisters,
do you with your act of favouritism really believe
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothes

comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in
dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice
of the one wearing fine clothes and say, “have a
seat here, please” while to the one who is poor you
say, “Stand there” or “Sit at my feet,” have you not
distinction among yourselves and become judges
with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers
and sisters: Has not God chosen the poor in the
world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the king-
dom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by
way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee in the re-
gion of the Decapolis. They brought to him a man
who was deaf and who had an impediment in his
speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on
him.

Jesus took him aside in private, away from the
crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat
and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heav-
en, he sigh and said to him, “Ephphatha!” that is
“Be opened!”. And immediately the man’s ears
were opened, and his tongue was released and he
spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no
one; but the more he ordered them, the more zeal-
ously they proclaimed it. They were astounded be-
yond measure, saying, “He has done everything
well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to
speak.”

For reflection

1. We celebrate the vocation of teachers, and give thanks to Jesus, the master teacher.
2. Jesus teaches in parables, hoping that his stories of everyday life will open the eyes and ears of his listeners to a deeper spiritual reality.

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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new sets are now ready to be picked up from the foyer of the church. They are arranged in **STREET ORDER**. Therefore, if you wish to find your envelope, please look under your **STREET'S NAME** (eg. If your name is 'SMITH' and lives in 'RAVENHILL CRES', please find it under 'R') We would also appreciate if you could help to deliver those who lives in your street, so that we can minimise the mailing cost. If you are not in the thanksgiving and would like to take part in it, please fill in a form that are available in the foyer) and drop it off in the Parish Office so that we can



YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)

This age Youth group will be gathering on **SUNDAY, 15 September 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.

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, 13th September 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.

CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING NEWS

NAPCAN invites us to join them for National Child Protection Week Webinars for **National Child Protection Week 2024**, running from September 1-7. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters," highlights the importance of fostering dialogue in addressing child abuse and neglect. Our webinar series is just one of the ways you can **get involved**. Together, we can inspire action and create a safer environment for all children.

Also remember 'The Safety Commissioner' runs online courses/webinars for Parents and Carers of children in primary and secondary school. Date of the session is **Thursday, 5 September, 12.30pm** (Australian Eastern Standard Time) To book click here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8077245949908148062>

PARISH BINGO NIGHT

This year will be the 10th anniversary of our Parish Bingo. This will be celebrated on their next Bingo night, which will be on **FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER** at 7.30pm in the ANNEXE. Remember you don't have to come as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly adults only (18 years or over). Unfortunately, we are bound to a strict policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

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 **WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER**. 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

JUSTICE GROUP'S EGG COLLECTION

This weekend (31st August & 1 September) our Justice group (JPIC: Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) will be collecting donation for the Asylum Seekers Resources Centre to purchase eggs for the food bank. They collect donation four time times a year at the end of Mass on the last weekend of February, may, August and November. The Justice group sincerely thanks you for your support. This time they have been asked by Asylum Seekers Resource Centre-Food Bank, for help with donating towards rice, one of their biggest expense. The group will review this request.

Readings:

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Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27
Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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Isaiah 35:4-7
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Santana D'Souza, Rui Manuel Campos, Annette Tanner, Ruby Reid, Maureen Dawson, Michael Arcaro, Danny Sugunasekera, Stephanie Kinson, 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

Roger Gray, Otto Harris, Bernard David, Darryll Williams, Sakunthala Thuraisingham, Nicolette Gerxhi, Sean White, Paul Nemarich, Karen Frances O'Connell, Raymond Cabral, Dewi Anggraeni, Ivan Rudan, Genoeffa Palamara, Kay Dal Lago, Angelo Marateo, Helena Gromadowski, Theofila Affonso D'Costa, Consey Perera, Marie Velupillai, Roisten Vangunster, Clency Clark, Gervais Balmano, Nicole Balmano, Daisy Joseph, CT Joseph, Thea Flandez, Sidney Platcher, Cliffy Dias, Yusuf, Bobby Platcher, Augustine D'Silva, Joslyn Patrick **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Father's day blessing

Father of all peoples
Bless our dads this day
with Your strength and power
that they may continue to be
a sign of You, our God.
May we, the members of his family,
assist them in their duties as a parent
with our respect, our obedience and
our deep affection.
Bless them Lord,
with happiness and good health,
with peace and with good fortune,
so that they who have shared of
their very lives may live forever
with You, their God and heavenly Father.
This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the father of our family,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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