



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr C, 17/18 May, 2025



Passionist
Family Group Movement
A Ministry of the Passionists

In the late 1960's, members of the Passionist community of St. Ives, NSW, Australia, developed a team ministry for youth formation and adult education. A group of lay people collaborated in this team Ministry. When the Passionists, in 1972, assumed pastoral care of the new tiny parish of St. Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, Fr. Peter McGrath C.P. became its first Pastor and once again these lay people supported him.

Out of this nucleus, the little parish attracted an extraordinary number of people of all walks of life and spiritual needs. In 1973, Fr. Peter began to gather small groups of families to support and love each other. This was a response to preserving the community spirit. From the heart of St. Anthony in the Fields came the Passionist Family Group Movement.

From the very beginning, the lay people were the backbone of this Movement. In 1982, Fr. Peter and his lay team were asked to introduce the Family Groups into Castle Hill, a large parish in Sydney. The following year Family Groups were established in St Clair, an area in western Sydney bulging with young families, and in the parish of Bardon in Brisbane.

In the years that followed, the Movement grew dramatically. Under the guidance of Fr. Peter, in collaboration with other Passionists and a growing lay leadership team, the Movement was established in other parishes in Australia – in Sydney, in country New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia.

In 1988 history repeated itself. The Movement was invited into a little country parish of Paeroa

in New Zealand. Once again, the Movement grew exponentially. With a dynamic combination of lay and Passionist workers, led by Fr. Brian Traynor C.P., the Passionist Family Groups became the largest Parish Movement throughout the country.

A Family Group is a great way of helping you to break down barriers if you find it difficult to talk with people.

You just have to be yourself. Many non-church attendees have found belonging to a Family Group is a great way to become involved in the faith life of their family. Family Groups provide a non-threatening environment for non-church-going or non-Catholic partners and friends

Everyone is welcome to join, from grandparents to babies. Non-church-attending spouses and non-Catholic partners are welcome as are one-parent families and single people, the elderly or the young.

The groups gather socially once a month for a picnic, barbecue, a meal, etc. to enjoy being with one another and this develops into supportive relationships. Some get-togethers are just for the adults (to give parents of young children a bit of breathing space); while others include the children.

Next Sunday, family group will have gathering in the Annexe from 12.45pm. Tim Horlock will be our main speaker for the event. Fr Brendan and few others will be giving some reflections. Come and join in to see what family group is all about. Please bring a plate to share.

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/jb6Q7U8lwWM?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

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
6th Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the Apostles and the elders.

Then the Apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole Church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentiles origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

The word of the Lord

Psalm

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth
Let the peoples praise you, O God
let all the peoples praise you

The earth has yielded its increase:
God, our God, has blessed us
May God continue to bless us
let all the ends of the earth revere him

Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

A Reading from the book of Revelation

In the spirit the Angel carried me away to get a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; on the each there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

1/ The Synod summons us to create a “culture of encounter”, meeting others where they are and listening deeply to the voice of the Spirit speaking in them.

2/ To hear the voice of the Spirit, we need to pray through listening and being alert to how God is at work in our concrete

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

FR SONY KANNANIKAL CP

As we announced few weeks ago, Fr Sony has been given a new assignment in New Zealand. After waiting for sometime, finally his visa has been granted. This means he will soon leave our parish for New Zealand. We are planning to have a special collection for him during all Masses on weekend of 24/25 May. Our farewell Mass for him will be on **SUNDAY, 1 JUNE, 2025 at 11am** follow by gathering in the annexe afterwards. Everyone is invited to join. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

This maybe a late notice, but as always better late than never.

This group will gather **THIS SUNDAY (18 May) from 7pm in the Annexe**. Please join in if you wish to know what this group is doing, as it maybe something you would like to get involved in.

FAMILY GROUP

You are invited to a **'RENEW AND GROW'** event, organized by the family groups of St Paul Apostle Church which will be held on **SUNDAY, 25th MAY**. The day will begin with Cuppa in the Church Foyer, followed by talk and reflection in the ANNEXE. Talk and reflection will start at 12.45pm. Tim Horlock will be the key speaker and Fr Brendan with a few others will lead us in reflections.

Join them for the talk and reflection as well as discovering more about the group and its activities. Please bring a plate to share

COME AWAY

You are invited to come to a time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds of Holy Cross Retreat Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) The next Come Away is on Wednesday, 28 May from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Donation is \$30 per person. Tea & Coffee available. BYO

lunch. Please book with Sr Brigid cp to her email: bridget.m64@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS PASSIONIST CONGREGATIONS

is having a fundraising event on

SATURDAY, 9th August, 2025 from 6pm. This event will be held at **THE VENETO CLUB, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen**.

Tickets is \$85pp (incl. 3 course dinner & dancing) This event is to support the ministry of the Passionist Community at Templestowe. There will be many silent auctions, major auctions, raffles and entertainment. Tickets are available online via trybooking (www.trybooking.com/CYSMZ) for more information please contact Tina 0439 034 116 or Peter 0413 015 061

THANK YOU

Last weekend, we conducted third collection at all Masses We generated \$1,287.15 from this special collection which we will transfer to CatholicCare to support their mission work

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Some of you may have pondered 'how can I be involved within the Church?' The answer is simple, please approach the parish team. We will direct you to the ministries we need the most assistance with.

At the moment we are hoping some of you may wish to become communion ministers for Sunday 9am & 11am Masses. We will not ask too much of you as you will only be rostered ONCE a month for one of the masses. Understanding individual personal commitments, the roster is also very flexible.

Please note that ALL VOLUNTEERS require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) which we will assist you in obtaining.

If you are interested, please contact the parish team on 97003781 or by email office@stpaulapostle.com.au

Readings:

Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr C

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23
John 14:23-29

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Nethanjal Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, 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

Patricia Butler Lochery, Lomaga Pa'u, Pope Francis, Joe Da Cunha, Annette Tanner, Eugene Rebeiro, Joyce Rebeiro, Francisco de Olivera Duarte, Carolina de Olivera, Bartolomeo Duarte, Alzira Santos, Cyril Khedoo, Gabriel Maclou, Antonio Baptista, Isabelle Baptista **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 2025

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

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
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	Anne Astin Cecilia Tan	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	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	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 Stephen Herbert	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominque Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Antoniette Gargano Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating