



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 23-24 September, 2023

Parish Pastoral Council

It has been few months since we announced the required changes in our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) due to both family or work commitments of some members. Our parish has been very fortunate that the newly nominated members have accepted the vacated positions. Over the past few months the members of the PPC have held meetings to plan what we can do for the parish over the next 2 years. We will provide more details on this in due course. However, to allow us to work closely with our Parish members, we will introduce the full roster of the PPC members. Please feel free to approach them if you wish to voice your ideas on how you would like to see the parish going forward.

Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm

Sunday
9am, 11am and 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
https://youtube.com/live/492sBacDj_8?feature=share

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Team



Parish Pastoral Council



Alex Clark



Sai Dilingar



Sandra Dimitrakas



Stephen Herbert



Damian Kearney



Margaret Keating



Glenys Tran



Sharon Normington



Katarina Mihalic



Liesl Payton



Mariana Richter



Cecilia Tan



Trevor Wemyss

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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Mrs Mary Lucas

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for Next Week

First Reading **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

Thus says the Lord: “You object, O House of Israel! You say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous person turns away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because that person considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die

Psalms

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths,
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are in the God of my salvation

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old
According to your steadfast love remember me
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way,
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way

Second Reading **Philippians 2:1-11**

Brothers and sisters:
If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be

in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him

Questions for reflection

Q. Which son do you think the father was more pleased with? Why?
Which response would you prefer from someone?

Q. Do our words or actions indicate our obedience to God?

God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well)
will give evidence of our love for God.

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



ULURU STATEMENT

We invite all parishioners to discuss the statement on **Thursday September 28th at 7.00 pm in the Church.**

In a statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to parliament, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have encouraged all Australians to read the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This statement was endorsed by both the Bishops Conference and the Plenary Council. The Bishops recommend that parishes provide opportunity for people to come together to read and discuss the statement and this is what we shall do.

Access the Uluru Statement at:

<https://urustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/May 11, 2023>

ADORATION

Our parish adoration has now commenced. We have a few people on roster. If you would like to know more or be a part of the adoration roster, please contact John Hendriks on 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to school holidays, this Sunday there will be no children's liturgy session at the 11am Mass.

However, we have some handouts for the children to take home to be used as discussion material with their family. Children's liturgy will resume on Sunday the 8th of October

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation program is now closed. Those who have registered will soon receive emails from us. The emails will have more information on the program.

In the mean time, please remember the following important dates:

First family night on Tuesday, 3 October at 7pm
4 classes either at Parish Schools or ASRE for those who attend non parish schools.

Last Family Night on Tuesday, 14 November at 7pm
Meeting with Bishop on Thursday 16 November (TBA)

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are still envelopes yet to be picked up. Please note that if you have run out of envelopes, your new set will be in the box in the gathering space. Please remember to take them with you as you leave the Church this weekend. This will save us some postage. If you find those who lives in the same street as you, we hope you can help to deliver.

YOUTH GROUP (Grade 5 to Yr 9)

Your next gathering will be on FRIDAY, 14 October at 7pm in the Annexe. Please keep your diary free. More details will be given soon.

PIETY STALL

It has been more than 30 years since we first opened the piety stall. After suffering from flood damage and deterioration over time of other parts of the shop, it is in desperate need of a repairs. To that end, the shop will be closed for approximately 2 weeks in order to complete the renovations. Once completed we shall inform you all accordingly regarding the date of re-opening

COME AWAY DAY

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross Retreat Centre (the home of Passionists order in Melbourne) on **Tuesday, 28 November**. The theme of the day is "Invitation to new beginnings."

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe.

All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN

Invites you to the launch of 'KNOW MY STORY' (Film and book) on **25 September** at Drum Theatre, Lonsdale St, Dandenong. It starts at 2pm. Booking is via Event Bright <http://bit.ly/44pj9h> or scan the bar code



Readings:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 55:6-9 ;
Philippians 1:20-24. 27;
Matthew 20:1-16

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Ezekiel 18:25-28 ;
Philippians 2:1-11 ;
Matthew 21:28-32

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Horace Stolke, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Marie Kronomberg, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Zina Carlow, Denis Carlow, Sonia Singh, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Fr Rob Egar (brother of Fr Tony Egar), Fr Brian Gleeson, Isabel Stefanovic, Nekita Araujo Boavida, Jovan Bodor, Jacques Jolicoeur, Sydney Platcher, Gregory Platcher, Yusuf, Coleen Nunes **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

2023 Roster

MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera 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 Grace Sudjono	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Alvita Dias Virendra Jayetileke	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Glenn Todd 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 Peter Miller Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Anabela Costa 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 Neha Cherayath
5th Sunday	Riona Alveyn Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales	Binitha Mathew Glenn Todd Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania