



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 27-28 September, 2025

Our Outreach Programs

The Church celebrates the memorial of St Vincent De Paul (SVDP) this weekend (September 27th). This is an opportune time for us all to reflect on the importance of the Vincentian mission that should be part of every Catholic Community. The St Paul Apostle Catholic Community is a place of worship, prayer, community, spirituality and outreach to society's most needy. While we acknowledge that we do not witness to all of these components as well as we could, they are present. It is the combination of the aforementioned that gives rise to our true Catholic identity.

The three major outreach programs that emphasise the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching in our community are the **SVDP, Possum Plate and the Bread Run**. A number of our parishioners give their time and talent to ensure that these programs continue and that our community is actively engaged in assisting the vulnerable in our own locality. I am very grateful to all these ministries for representing our entire community in such a faith filled and committed manner.

While all these groups are well coordinated and have a number of volunteers they are still in need of new members. Please consider this vital ministry and approach either the SVDP member present at Church after each of our weekend Masses, or ring the parish Office on 97003781 to register your interest.

Deacon Vinh Quang Pham (Deacon Vinh)

Next week Deacon Vinh will leave us and transfer to Adelaide. It is in Adelaide that he will be ordained to the priesthood (December 2025) and take up his new appointment as assistant priest to the Vietnamese community. Vinh has been here just a few months and has endeared himself to many with his diligence and good-natured attitude to ministry. We have chosen not to have a farewell for Vinh because he will be briefly returning to us to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in February next year. This will enable us to not only thank him but congratulate him on his ordination. More details concerning this celebration will be communicated in January 2026.



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

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr OBrien Chanda 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
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

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Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
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First Reading

Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise."

Then the Lord answered me and said:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud person! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous person lives by their faith."

The word of the Lord

Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God.

Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us
The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord endures forever.

That word is the good news announced to you

Alleluia!

Responsorial 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 prisoners free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over 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,
your God, O Zion, for all generations

Gospel

Luke 17.5-10

The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"
The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1.6-8

Beloved: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our

Reflection

How can you trust in God's timing, even when answers seem delayed?

What does having faith like a mustard seed mean to you?

In what ways can you live out your faith in daily life?

How do you serve others without expecting anything in return?

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



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

This week will be the last week when we have to complete our Safeguarding report, before the audit begins on 7th October. Volunteers are those who help the Church in any ways on a regular basis. That is from the biggest duty to the very minimum level. If you do this at our church, you are required to complete all the safeguarding requirements (Working with Children's check and the safeguarding training and code of conduct) Completing all of these (either in person or online) is a critical requirement (as advised by the archdiocese of Melbourne) to be a volunteer in the church. You will need to temporarily cease volunteering in any form until this is done.



ALTAR SERVERS

There are a couple of children who are serving as altar server, but their parents are yet to submit. The Parish team will be approaching **ALL** altar servers and their parents over the coming weeks to complete a registration form. Please approach one of the team if we happen to miss you. Again this is an important requirement if they wish to continue serving in the church.



THANKSGIVING

If your thanksgiving to the church is through Direct Debit and Credit Card Contributors, please note the following:

If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact **"the parish office"** promptly. We'll investigate the matter for you."
Please do not contact the bank

PIETY STALL

As stock-take has now completed, our piety stall is back in operation. Many new items have been added. Remember to check it out as you leave the Church today. You may find

something that you like.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

What are the Guidelines for the treatment of children and young people in the media?

The draft guidelines are a summary of issues that have been of particular interest to NAPCAN in recent years. The aim is to begin collating the issues and ideas on this topic in order to develop a set of tools for use by the media and other organisations who deal with children and young people.

This discussion paper covers the broad topics of:

- How children are represented generally in the media
- The rights of individuals in the media
- How child abuse and neglect is covered in the media

NOTE: The topic of children in the media is expansive. This draft discussion paper is by no means a comprehensive coverage of all the issues. While we have deliberately kept this discussion broad at this stage, we would be very interested in building on these ideas to develop guidelines for specific groups of children, in partnership with specialised organisations and reference groups.

Together, we can create a positive framework for making sure our young people are valued and heard, and that topics relating to child abuse and neglect are treated respectfully and constructively.

If you have an interest in this topic, please take a look at the draft guidelines and let us know your thoughts. In particular, we'd love to include young people and media representatives in the conversation. Please visit <https://www.napcan.org.au/guidelines-treatment-of-children-in-media-2/>



We wish the very best supporters of both Geelong team and Brisbane Lion team.



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Cecile Potier, Tauasu Vaeafe, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Keith Gilmore, Maria Tereza Szabo, Mavis David, Parama Sivam, Nethanjali Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Marantha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, 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 home-bound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Anton Nadarajah, Raymond Anthony Parsons, Maria Antolini, Boy Quilala, Jeannine Georgette Therese Chadwick, Noel McNamara, Neomi Therese Jackson, Shelagh Maureen Gleeson, Joseph Quang Khanh Do, David Rae, Anne Marlene Rae, Hyacinth Parsons, Eric Parsons, Filomena Boavida, John Kukla **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Readings:

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Amos 6: 1, 4-7
1 Timothy 2: 12-14
Luke 16: 19-31

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Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Luke 17: 5-10

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St Vincent de Paul Society

On the 27th of September, the Catholic Church commemorates the memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul.

On this weekend, we wish to remind you of our Vinnies group who have been working diligently, aiding members of the community who are in need.

The St Vincent de Paul society was founded in 1800 in France by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. In Australia, operations commenced in 1854, where the society is commonly known as 'Vinnies'. Ozanam was deeply inspired by St Vincent's life, words and actions. St Vincent was a French priest known for his dedication to serving the poor and marginalised. The Society, is a global Catholic lay organization that helps disadvantaged people through local groups called conferences, which provide practical assistance like food, housing, and education, as well as advocacy for social justice. From the time Vinnies was founded to now, it has grown into a global network of members and volunteers assisting millions of people worldwide every day.



The goal of their ministry is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ and the poor, fostering compassion, respect, justice, and hope.

Vinnies runs many services for society.

- Direct Service: The Society provides practical, person-to-person support to those in need through local groups called "conferences". This often involves home visits to understand and address individual struggles with food, energy, and housing.
- Programs: Vinnies offers various programs, including those for people experiencing homelessness, mental health support, financial counselling, and assistance to ensure children can stay in school.
- Advocacy: Beyond immediate relief, the Society actively works to combat the root causes of poverty and injustice by advocating for fairer systems and challenging social exclusion.
- Volunteerism: The global organization relies on a vast network of members and volunteers who commit their time and compassion to serve others.

The core principle is person-to-person contact, known as "home visits," to provide assistance in an environment where people are most comfortable. Each of their works is guided by core values of commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy, and courage.

Guided by the below seven key values, they provide support to society:

- Commitment: Loyalty in service to our mission, vision and values.
- Compassion: Welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement.
- Respect: Service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions.
- Integrity: Promoting, maintaining and adhering to our mission, vision and values.
- Empathy: Establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception.
- Advocacy: Working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice.
- Courage: Encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future.

As there is much work that needs doing, our conference continuously requires new members to help ensure no one is overlooked. Please speak to one of our Vinnies group to discover more about what they do, it just might be something you would like to join in.

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

