



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, 9-10 September, 2023



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/qQ46GSyiCf?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the.

Amen

Priests:	Passionist Community	St Paul Apostle North	St Paul Apostle South	St John's
Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)	Fr Brendan Connell CP	Primary School	Primary School	Regional College
Fr Luke Bulley CP	Fr Brian Gleeson CP	Ph. 9700 6068	Ph. 9700 3663	Ph. 9791 3366
	Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	Principal	Principal	Principal
Parish Staff:	Fr Luke Bulley CP	Mrs Mary Lucas	Mr Paul Gleeson	Mr Tim Hogan
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)				
Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

Readings for Next Week

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.

The vengeful person will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins.

Forgive your neighbor the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?

If one has no mercy toward another like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins? If one who is but flesh harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that person's sins?

Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults

Psalm

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us

Second Reading

Romans: 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Questions for reflection

What are the limits of love?

Can you imagine forgiving someone that many times,
if they hurt you that many times? Why or why not?

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



ADORATION—will start Monday

Finally, after a long discussion, planning and preparation, adoration will start this **Monday, 11 September 2023 at 7am**. In the mean time, if you would like to know more or be part of the adoration roster, please contact John Hendriks on 0418308051 or Johnehendriks@gmail.com



PARISH BINGO

Our next parish bingo is on **FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in the annexe**. You may come in a group or on your own. 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 only for anyone older than 18 yrs old. *Unfortunately, we are bound to a policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please remember that if you wish your child to be part of this year's Sacrament of Confirmation program you must submit the completed registration form by September 15, 2023. Any later than that we may not be able to include you in for this year. To be able to take part in this Sacrament of Confirmation program, your child must be at least in grade 6 and have received their, Sacrament of reconciliation and First Communion. Important dates are:

- 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

Your NEW SETS of Thanksgiving envelopes are now ready in the Gathering Space. They are arranged in alphabetical order of STREET NAME (not surname) You will find in there the new sets of envelopes and the statement up to 20 August 2023. You will notice that your envelope number has changed. You have a NEW number. However, your statement will have the OLD number as it was based on the previous lot. If you have any OLD envelopes, please DO NOT use them anymore as the number will be incorrect.

Please don't forget to pick it up on your way out today. Also do not hesitate to contact us if you have any query

COME AWAY DAY

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross Retreat Centre (the home of Passionists order in Melbourne) on **Wednesday 13 September**. 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/44pjk9h> or scan the bar code



Readings:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Ezekiel 33:7-9 ;
Romans: 13:8-10 ;
Matthew 18:15-20

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 ;
Romans 14:7-9 ;
Matthew 18:21-35

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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 Brian Gleeson, Nekita Araujo Boavida, Jovan Bodor, Alfred Xerri, Louisa Lazarus, Anthony Woodley, Therese Curé, Rosaria Nania, Maryanne Noronha, Alfonso Muniz, Joyce Rebeiro **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Rest In Peace

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP

May 20, 1936 - September 7, 2023



“Nothing will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus”

Romans 8:39

Details of the funeral is:

Vigil Mass is on Thursday, 14 September at 7pm

Funeral Mass is on Friday, 15 September at 11am

(Follow by cuppa in the annexe)