



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 2/3 November, 2024

Address of His Holiness to the participants of the general chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists)

The Passionist Congregation has just completed their General Chapter in Rome. In the next two weeks (this week being the first), we will put the address of Pope Francis to the Passionist.

Dear brothers, welcome, good morning!

I greet the Superior General and all of you – Passionists or impassioned.

I am pleased to meet you at this time, as you are about to conclude your General Chapter, which questioned how to respond appropriately to our tumultuous time – all times have been tumultuous – and how to respond to the initiative of God, who always calls us to cooperate in his plan of salvation. Was it an elective Chapter? And were you elected? Who was before you? Have you been freed? Good, well done...

You did so by reflecting in a particular way on the words addressed by God to the prophet Isaiah: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” (Is 6:8), and meditating on Jesus’ invitation before the expectations of the Kingdom: “pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). And how many novices do you have? [“150”]. And where are they from? [“All over the world, especially Asia”]. From Europe too? [“Europe too”]. The old Europe... [They repeat: “The old Europe”].

To the prophet Isaiah’s question, to start over as proclaimers of the Crucified and Risen, with lips purified with the fire of love, which is drawn from the contemplation of the mystery, it is necessary to answer again, “Here am I! send me” (Is 6:8). This will renew missionary energies also in view of the imminent Jubilee.

A mission that aims to reach as many people as possible is desirable, indeed necessary, because

everyone, no one excluded, is in dire need of the light of the Gospel. Without renouncing the usual methods of pastoral action, I wish you to also identify new paths and create new opportunities to facilitate the encounter between people and the encounter with the Lord, who abandons no one, but “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:4).

It is therefore necessary to go out into the streets, squares and alleyways of the world, so as not to become inflexible and musty, and as a test of one’s own joyful and fruitful faith. However, to go out in this way can only be effective if it springs from the fullness of the love of God and of humanity, lived in the contemplative life, in the fraternal relations of the community and in mutual support – contemplative life and relations with the community. Do not leave the contemplative life: you have a rich tradition of contemplative life – so as to walk together, experiencing the Lord’s presence in your midst.

To create events of evangelization, presenting the sublime beauty of the Person of Christ together with the face of an attractive, welcoming and engaging Church, therefore requires a constant rootedness in prayer and in the Word of God. This rootedness in prayer is an important part of your tradition: withdrawing for prayer and contemplation, sometimes for a few months or sometimes every day or part of the day.

Be faithful to your task of keeping alive the precious charism of Saint Paul of the Cross.

Evangelization, based on good self-witness, on kèrigma, on homilies, proclaims the love of God given in the Son for human salvation.

Your Founder grasped all this in its root, and enraptured by this mystery, guided by the Spirit, found himself immersed in a spiritual experience that made him one of the most famous mystics of his time.

(To be continued in next week newsletter)

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

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Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

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)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
Valerie Ferreira
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North

Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Acting Principal
Mrs Monique Fallace

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

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First Reading

1 Kings 17: 10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah, the Prophet, set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: 'The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah

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 Lords 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

Second Reading

Hebrews 9: 24-29

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

And just as it is appointed for human beings to die once, and after that comes the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12: 38-44

Jesus was teaching in the temple and a large crowd was listening to him. He said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and place of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

PIETY STALL

In preparation for ADVENT and the coming year, our piety stall has the following items available. **HURRY!! We only have limited copies of them.**

1/ ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

We are nearing the Advent season. If you are interested in having this year's Advent reflection booklet, they are available from our piety stall. This year's theme is '*Hope Reigns*'. Cost is \$7 each.



2/ COLUMBAN CALENDAR

In preparation for the coming year, the 2025 Columban Calendars are also available in our piety stall. Cost is \$15 each.

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

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks for having a Memorial Mass for Sr Joan on Saturday evening. It was a lovely tribute to Joan and great to know she is so fondly remembered in a place where she was so happy. It was good to catch up with so many friends too and please know that you have a special place in our hearts.

Blessings and Prayers,
Sr Karen CP and Sr Brigid CP



MEMORIAL CROSS

At the front of the Church, next to the altar, we have placed a wooden Cross. We invite everyone to write their departed loved ones names on it (pencils are provided) This is a symbol for us that they are all remembered during our November Masses

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

- 4:12 YOUTH (our Parish Youth for grd 5 to yr 9)
FRIDAY, 8 November at 7pm

- YOUNG ADULTS (age 18 to 25 years old)
on **SUNDAY, 17 November in the Annexe**. If you wish to join in please contact parish office on 97003781

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo, the last one for the year, will be on **FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm in the Annexe**. You can come on your own or 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - St Paul Apostle cupboard

Their cupboards have low stock on some important necessities. If you wish to help out, these are the low stock items: Flour, Rice, Tea, Coffee, Sugar. If you are able, please consider to donate these items. The preference is for 1 kg size as

a maximum, to make it easier to distribute, when required

COMING UP

1/ GARDENING

our next gardening will be on **SATURDAY, 16 November** at 8.30am to 11am. More help is needed

2/ CHURCH DECORATION

The little group we have wishes to recruit more volunteers. If you are interested in join in, pls contact parish office 97003781. They are hoping to decorate on **26 NOVEMBER, 6pm**

3/ HAMPER FOR THOSE IN NEED

Advent is just around the corner, that means Christmas is not too far. As it fits to the theme of 'time for giving', our parish has a tradition of giving hampers to those who are in need. The list of the hamper recipient will be out on the First Sunday of ADVENT (30 November-1st December) We will then give you more information

REFLECTION TIME AT HOLY CROSS

1/ REST, REFLECT and RENEW

This is an invitation to both informal and professional carers to join for a time out
Facilitators are Karen Rolfe and Sr. Brigid cp. On **THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER** from 9.30am to 1pm at Holy Cross Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) Cost is \$30per person—BYO lunch. Please reserve yourself by emailing to bridget.m64@gmail.com

2/ 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 **TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2024**. 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

Readings:

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Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

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1 Kings 17: 10-16
Hebrews 9: 24-29
Mark 12: 38-44

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Hector de Santos, Gladys Torres, Isabel Florindo, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, 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

Rajendra George Rasiah, Doreen Anne O'Hara, Giovanni Torcasio, Eugene Mirra, Antonio Bezzina, Nicholas D'Rozario, Cathy Barta, Fr. Kevin Tuitu'u CP, Roland De Alwis, Lalith Wickremasinghe, Peter Cham, Sr. Joan Smith cp, Lauren Guillot, George Philip, Sidney Platcher, Gregory Platcher, Antonio Spadafora, Adelina Spadafora, Pietro Spadafora, Assunta Caruso, Michele Catanzariti, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Maxi Perera **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Hear from Young People about their Recommendations in Preventing Abuse and Neglect for ALL Children

All children and young people deserve to thrive. Prevention methods must not leave marginalised communities behind. Join us for a leading panel with young leaders who are committed to adopting intersectional frameworks in protecting young children across all diversities.

This panel will bring together voices from various communities to discuss the unique challenges experienced by children and young people from different backgrounds. Our panellists will share their inclusive practices in their effort to ensure that the protection of children does not adopt a monolithic approach in creating effective child protection strategies.

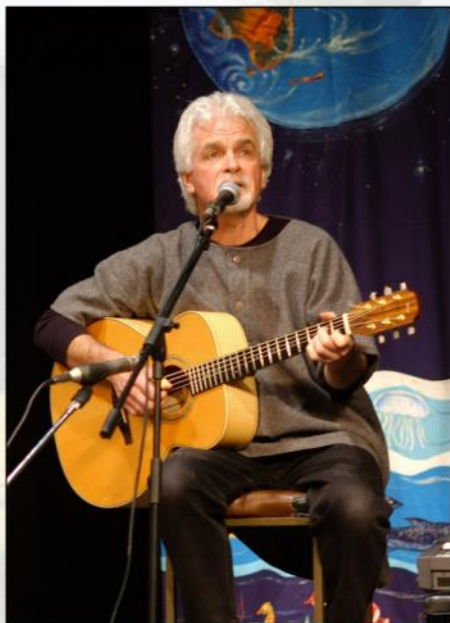
Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the next (and current) generation of Australia's leaders, who are using meaningful conversations to protect the future generations.

<https://youtu.be/lBpqRvKFOvQ>

All Saints Day
on Friday, 1st November, 2024
Masses are at 9am and 7pm

All Souls Day
on Saturday, 2nd November, 2024
Mass is at 9am

Sunday vigil Mass 6pm will be as usual



Composer of 'Fill My House',
'The Beatitudes, Where is your Song, my Lord?'

RARE OPPORTUNITY!!!

PETER KEARNEY

Concert-Reflection

SIGNS OF HOPE PEOPLE OF FAITH

- Songs & Stories -

Sunday 17th November, 3.00pm

ST PAUL APOSTLE CHURCH

5 William Hovell Drive

ENDEAVOUR HILLS

FREE CONCERT

Coffee, tea and biscuits at interval