



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday of Advent Year A, 6-7 December, 2025

St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

Advent and Christmas Timetable

Sunday, 14 December—Carols from 7pm (after 6pm Mass)

Tuesday, 16 December—Advent Reconciliation at 7pm

Christmas Eve Masses:

Children's Mass at 6pm—with Nativity play

(all children are invited to come dress up in Christmas Characters)

Family Mass at 8.30pm

Midnight Mass (carols starts at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses

9am and 11am Mass (no evening Mass)

New Year's Day Mass is at 9am

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*

*No live-stream Mass
this weekend*

**Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am**

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
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**
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Third Sunday of ADVENT Year A, 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away
The word of the Lord

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

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brother and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it received

the early and the late rain. You must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the Prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples who said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A Prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a Prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."
This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

In a world with so much suffering and division, how can I be a sign of God's presence and bring true, lasting joy to others through my actions this week?

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



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

Advent is only two weeks away. Our Piety Stall has some Advent Reflection booklets available if you are looking for something to assist with reflection during this Advent. Cost is \$7 per copy.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

This group has recently started and we invite parents, carers, and preschool-aged children to our new Play Group — a warm and welcoming space to connect, play, and support one another.

The group runs on Thursdays at ANNEXE of St Paul Apostle Church from 10:00am to 11:30am

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space. Please note: All child safeguarding requirements must be met for anyone wishing to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER LIST

If you have taken one of the number from the hamper's list, please remember to deliver the hamper no later than **SUNDAY 14 Dec before 6pm Mass.**

We also ask for some volunteers to help in delivering the hampers to the recipients. This will be on **MONDAY, 15 Dec from 10.30am.**

In case you are still wanting to give a hamper, but missed out from the list, you are welcome to make a hamper and deliver it to the church. Please mark it as 'SPARE' on the hamper, so that we know where to allocate them

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year Parish Carols will be led by Fr Chris & his band as well as our Choir groups, they will be held on **SUNDAY, the 14th of DECEMBER** from 7pm-9pm. We will be cooking sausage sizzle for all and some ice-cream for the young at heart.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

This year our Advent Reconciliation will be on **TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER** at 7pm in the Church. This will be communal reconciliation and will also be private reconciliation. There will be around 4-5 priests serving on this night.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

For all regular ministers, please note that we have sent the rosters for all Christmas Masses. Please reply to the email or WhatsApp regarding which Mass you will be attending. Once the rosters are finalized, we will notify you accordingly.

NATIVITY PLAY

As we have entered Advent season, we are getting busy preparing for decorating, cleaning AND practices.... Which means we are on the lookout for Kings, Mary, Josef, Innkeeper, shepherds, angels and narrators.

If your children or grandchildren (age between 5 years to 12 years old) are interested in taking part in this nativity play at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact the parish office on 9700 3781.

We are aiming to hold our first practice on **December 9th at 4pm in the church.**

Please also note, even if your children are not part of the play, they are invited to come to the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve dressed up as their favourite Christmas Character

THANK YOU

Last Sunday our children's liturgy team put on a Christmas celebration after the 11am Mass. The team put in a lot of effort into it, and the result was easy to see from the joy on the face of each child (and parents) who joined in. Thank you to the team for your fantastic service throughout the year. We look forward to have you all back when school re-starts in 2026

In the meantime, on Friday the 5th of December, our more senior members of the church also had their share of fun. The Christmas brunch started with Mass at 10am in the Church. They then continued the celebrations in the Annexe with food, some drinks and music.

Our children from the parish school also visited and entertained them with some singing and dancing.

We thank all everyone helped out. Those who donated food, cakes and entertainment as well as those who prepared and ran the event. Most importantly, we thank those who have attended the event, without you we would not be able to have this much fun

Readings:

Second Sunday of ADVENT Year A

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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James 5:7-10

Matthew 1:18-24

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Anne McCallister, Mareta Dunlop, Bongsing Noto, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Wallis, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, 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

Stephanie Kinson, Mario Clemente, Desiree Madeira, Ron Barber, Annabelle Ghatt, Paul Sanders, Jim Souter, John Santospirito, Elizabeth Parer, Shaun Gallagher, Merlinda B Szuba, Melville Stone, Joseph D'Arget, Mireille D'Argent, France Desriebe, Simone Desriebe, May Bonhomme, Lomaga Pa'u, Luigi Albanese **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



ST PAUL APOSTLE SOUTH

ST PAUL APOSTLE MARKET DAY

14TH DECEMBER
9:00 - 2:00 PM



Stalls \$50



Payment to be done before the
5th of December directly to the
school office or call Menaka
on 0411 814 546



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

