



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 17-18 October, 2026

### Masses

**Monday**  
9am

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

**Saturday**  
6pm Mass

**Sunday**  
9am, 11am, 6pm

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays**  
10am—10.30am



ENDEAVOUR HILLS PARISH  
Parish Support - Endeavour Hills

# YOUTH RETREAT

Bring your friends along!

AGES 13 - 16 YEARS

CONNECT • GROW IN FAITH • TAKE ACTION



**DATE**  
Saturday  
7 November



**TIME**  
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM



**VENUE**  
Tim O'Toole Annexe  
5 William Hovell Dr,  
Endeavour Hills VIC 3802



**LUNCH**  
Lunch provided

**THEME**

## Connect • Grow in Faith • Take Action

**REGISTRATION**



You can use the QR code or put your name down on the registration form in the foyer.

**PARENT CONSENT**



Parent consent is required. Please take a consent form and bring it with you on the day, or fill in the consent form on the day when you drop your child off.

*Run by Fr Luke CP and Fr Vantri CP*



FAITH FRIENDSHIP ACTION

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Brendan Connell CP

**Assistant Parish Priest**  
Fr. Cao Van Tri CP

**Priest in Residence**  
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP  
Fr. Luke Buley CP

**Parish Staff:**  
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)  
Didi Karkas (Secretary)  
Valerie Ferreira  
(Safeguarding Officer)

**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**  
Ph. 9791 3366  
Principal  
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for **NEXT WEEK**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

**FIRST READING**      **Exodus 22:20-26**

A reading from the book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord:

“You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbor’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be their only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep?

And if that person cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate

The word of the Lord

Brothers and sisters:

“You know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming..

The word of the Lord

**Psalm**

I love you, O Lord, my strength  
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer  
My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the source of my salvation., my stronghold

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be the God of my salvation.  
Great triumphs he gives to his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed

**SECOND READING**      **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

A reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonian

**Gospel acclamation**

Alleluia alleluia

The one who loves me will keep my word  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”  
The Good News of the Lord

**Reflection**

How does your relationship with God change how you treat and listen to the people around you?

In what area of your life do you need to ask God, "Be merciful to me, a sinner", rather than relying on your own strength?

## **YEAR 12—VCE Blessing**

As we enter the VCE exam period, we wish to support all our students who are doing exams with a blessing. If you have a child who wishes to receive a blessing at our church, it is available at all Masses over the **24 & 25 OCTOBER weekend**. This invitation is open to all VCE students (or equivalent) and their family and friends.

## **YOUTH RETREAT**

Are you ready to unplug from the daily grind, connect with an incredible community, and discover your deeper purpose?

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Youth Retreat, a weekend designed specifically for young people to recharge, ask big questions, and grow. Whether you are looking to strengthen your faith, make lifelong friends, or simply take a break from the noise of everyday life, you may want to consider joining us.

This retreat is designed for ages **13 to 16 Years old only**.

Fr Luke CP and Fr Vantri CP will lead with the theme:

**CONNECT-GROW IN FAITH-TAKE ACTION!**

On **SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER** from 12pm-5pm at the Tim O'Toole Annexe.

Lunch will be provided. However, for those with allergies, we suggest to pack your own lunch please.

Please also note that **ALL** children who are attending **MUST** have their parents/ guardian completed the **CONSENT FORM**, which can be obtained at the Church or parish office. Without this consent form, your child will not be able to participate in the retreat.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are also hoping that the retreat will kickstart the revival of the youth ministry at our Parish, St Paul Apostle Church.

To help facilitate the growth of this ministry, we are seeking a committee of adult parishioners and young adults (18+) who are interested in volunteering.

Volunteers will need to fulfil the following requirements

- Be registered as parishioners of St Paul Apostle Parish
- Be willing to undergo all required safeguarding checks
- Be available to assist with and supervise youth activities at least once a month
- Have a passion for supporting young people and helping build a vibrant parish youth community

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## **BINGO**

Our Next Bingo, last for the year, it will be Christmas Bingo on **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026** at Tim O'Toole Annexe. For more information and booking please contact Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

## **NEVILLE AKOM**

Neville is one of long-time member of our parish community. Together with his wife Gertrude, Neville had been a very supportive and active parishioner in many ministries, including as member of St Vincent de Paul Society.

Neville passed away peacefully on October 6. We will farewell Neville at our Church, on **WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2026 at 11am (Rosary is at 10.50am)**

# **ALL SOULS DAY**

**2 November, 2026**

**Masses are  
9AM and 7PM**

### **Readings:**

#### **29 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A**

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

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### **This weekend we pray for:**

#### ***Those who are sick***

Tom Ah Jay, Wayne Smith, Marie-Louise Harris, Christopher De Zilva, Ranjane Jeganathan, Cecil Harper, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Pendry Jackson, Irma Dias, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Terry Gough, Cecile Potier, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, 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***

Neville Akom, Geraldine Bernadette Meade, Edgar Tellis, Tonia Messina, Rekha (Rose) Arora, Danny Sugunasekera, Kerry Carney, Jacqueline Figueira, Rudy Bonhomme, Royston D'Silva, for the intention of the giver *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

***May they rest in peace***



## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

**RETURN TO**  
St Paul Apostle Parish Office  
5 William Hovell Drive  
ENDEAVOUR HILLS  
VIC 3802

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ My age group is: ☐ under 30 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+

every: ☐ fortnight ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ half year ☐ year

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:   1   /   1   /   2011  



**SAFEGUARDING**