



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 1-2 August, 2026

THE ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN 2026

(extracted from the Melbourne Catholic)

More than 600 Catholic communities across the Archdiocese of Melbourne are being invited to support the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign, which has been launched at the RACV City Club.

The annual campaign unifies the Archdiocese's fundraising efforts into a single appeal supporting seminarian formation, retired priests and key ministries, including the CatholicCare Chaplaincy Program, the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf and Melbourne Overseas Mission. It also funds grants to community service organisations, including the Bay Leaf Kitchen in Geelong.

In his address to supporters, clergy and community leaders, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli emphasised that while the campaign aims to raise substantial funds to ensure these ministries can continue to serve the community, at its heart is stewardship of the Church's mission.

'None of us created the Church; we have received her,' Archbishop Comensoli said. 'Long before we worshipped in our parish churches, others built them. Long before we heard the Gospel proclaimed, others handed on the faith.'

The Archbishop reflected on the campaign's theme, inspired by the disciple Peter stepping out of his fishing boat to walk on the surface of the Sea of Galilee to Jesus—a moment of trust, strengthened by the words: 'Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid' (Matthew 14:27).

'Christ continually calls his disciples beyond what feels safe and familiar, inviting us to trust that his grace is sufficient for the mission before us,' he said. 'The Church is never built for us alone; it is always built for those who have come before us and will come after us.'

Since introducing the Archbishop's Campaign in 2024, the Archdiocese has raised more than \$2 million, including \$1.2 million following last year's campaign. The funds come from individual philanthropic donors, communities and parishes.

Director of Philanthropy David Powick acknowl-

edged the role of the priests in ensuring the campaign's success across the Archdiocese. 'Without your leadership, the campaign would not be the success it is. And despite the world and the way it evolves in the modern times, the same thing still occurs in our parishes. When the priests get behind the campaign, everyone supports it.'

The funds raised by the campaign are a remarkable achievement, Archbishop Comensoli said. 'Yet the greater achievement is the culture beginning to grow among us.'

'Little by little, we are recognising that the mission of the Archdiocese belongs to all of us—not just bishops, priests or agencies, but every baptised person,' he said.

'The Church's true treasure has never been its buildings. Its true treasure is people: those who encounter Christ, whose lives are transformed by the Gospel, and who discover hope through the Church's ministry.'

As indicated above this annual collection are going towards a number of good works in the Church:

Priest retirement Foundation
Corpus Christi College Building Fund
CatholicCare Victoria—Chaplaincy Program
Melbourne Overseas Missions
John Pierce Centre
University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College
Annual grants to Catholic Community agencies and community service organisations

Whilst all the above are tax deductible, the donations to the following organisations are non deductible:

Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives
Seminarian education

In the next 2 weeks we will include some of the stories from those recipients of the annual Archbishop Campaign

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

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 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**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reader: 1 Kings 19:9a. 11-13a

A reading from the first book of king
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God,
he came to a cave, and spent the night there.
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,
“Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord,
for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was
splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces
before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind;
and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not
in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire,
but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a
sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and
stood at the entrance of the cave
The Word of God

Psalm

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps

Second Reader: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:
I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—
I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,
the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law,
the worship, and the promises; to them belong
the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh,
comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen
This is the Word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I wait for the Lord. I hope in his word
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves
and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed
the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds,
he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time
the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,
for the wind was against them. And early in the morning
he came walking toward them on the sea.
But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea,
they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried
out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.”
So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water,
and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong
wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink,
he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached
out his hand and caught him, saying to him,
“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,
“Truly you are the Son of God.”
The Good news of the Lord

Reflection

The question we need to ask ourselves is whether we feel that we are on our own in the storm or whether we feel that Jesus is with us

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

The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese provides Safeguarding Essentials which is a suite of online training modules for all Church personnel (clergy, staff and volunteers) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Level 1 Safeguarding Essentials training module provides information for all Church personnel and is mandatory.

How often does the training and SCYP COC need to be completed?

- Clergy and staff will be required to complete the training and SCYP COC on an annual basis.

- Volunteers will be required to complete the training and SCYP COC every 3 years.

COME AWAY

Come Away Retreats are conducted at the Holy Cross Centre. This retreat is for those:

seeking peace in their hearts

Needing quiet time to reflect on their life

those caring for others

A time for both sharing and quiet time in the beautiful garden setting of Holy Cross; guided meditation, silence, Mass and Anointing, opportunity for individual guidance. Session times: 9.30 a.m. (start with a cuppa) to 3.00 p.m. (BYO lunch)

During this day of reflection opportunities will be offered for:

Prayer/meditation

Mass/Communion Service

Silence/solitude

Small group sharing (optional)

Anointing

Our next session is **Wednesday, September 16th, 2026**

There is no need to book for these days unless you are a group. We would appreciate knowing numbers to enable us to have enough hand out material ready.

This long-standing Passionist Ministry at Holy Cross is valued by many. We invite you to support it financially accord-

ing to your means. Suggested Donation \$30
For more information, please phone 9846 6014

COMMUNITY AROUND US

Those with early Dementia and their carers are invited to come along to this FREE fun singing group which is led by professional singing teacher. The aimed is encouraging social interaction with activities to aid memory retention. This activity runs every **SECOND THURSDAY** between 1pm-2pm at **ANDREW CENTRE** (2-6 Hanna Drv, Endeavour Hills) Ph. 03 9700 4944. Afternoon Tea provided

2026 AUSTRALIAN CENSUS

The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese urging us to remind you about the importance of stating your faith at the census. **Shape the Future: Be counted as Catholic this Census**
Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August, 2026. Catholic are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would see to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services—guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 15 August, 2026
Mass is at 9am

No reconciliation on this day



Readings:

18 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

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19 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

1 Kings 19:9a. 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Christopher De Zilva, Ranjane Jeganathan, Edgar Tellis, Joanne Folino, Cecil Harper, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Peter Van Helmond, Pandry Jackson, Irma Dias, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Kerryn Carney, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Cecile Potier, 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

Stephen Chapman, Eduardo Dias, Sally D'Cruz, Yvonne Sherwin, Beatrice Cramer, Sandra Quodros, Monica Tissera, Clare Foster, June Kitto, Cheryl Anthony, Santana (Bernadine) D'Souza, Sergio Occhipinti, Elsa Esther Gomez, Alexandra Elizabeth Lopez, Beatrice Cramer, Francesco Cambria, Tindaro Materia **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Dezire Tenisio Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Harendra Alwis	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Anne Astin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Dezire Tenisio Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Glenys Tran Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira Folole Faleafa Rinku Arora	Dominique Maclou Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Dalreen Fernandes Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe Kyle Hoad Emma Hoad	Naomi Falo Dominique Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Mignonne Meerwald Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Kyle or Emma Hoad	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Marg Keating Peng Chee Jenny Catania

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

