



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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CHRISTMAS 2024

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass
(except for Christmas Day
and New Year's Day)

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

*Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is
"temporarily unavaila-
ble"*

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

Christmas 2024 has arrived!!!

As the New Year approaches, we reflect on the many changes in our parish life. Fr Sony joined the community early in 2024 and then our deacon Tuan Paul was ordained a priest on 16 June 2024

A few months ago Valerie joined the parish team and has now taken on the role as a Safeguarding Officer and will next year begin coordinating communion visitation program. Gillian remains involved in Safeguarding as well as looking after finances of the parish and the Passionist Community. Didi continues to revel in multi-tasking with the focus on PR (talking).

The everyday running of the parish is however dependent upon many-many volunteers. The generosity of people offering their talents, as well as their finance sup-

port allows the parish to flourish.

We give thanks for all God's blessings this year and especially give thanks for each other.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to continue to build our community in 2025.

Fr Brendan



Prayer at Christmas

(by Liam Lawton)

Lord
It's winter night
And the stars in diamond light
Shine into the dark
Seeking the place where You were born
One night long ago, on that night
I doubt that anyone sang 'Silent Night, Holy Night'
Nor was there a little drummer boy
To play till early morn, no coloured lights shone
On an evergreen tree, no baubles hung
For the world to see
Just some poor shepherd men, Fell on bended knee
Recognising the Child, Born a refugee
There is Your mother
Wrapping You in swaddling clothes,
Lulling You, should the cold wind blow
To her breast she holds You tight
There is Joseph, his strong hands caressing You so warm
You would know no harm, sleep in his gentle arms

But that was then and we are now, still on the path to peace
Still praying for a night to sleep
Without war, without pain, without fear
Will You come again?

Lord
Come in the dead of night, when we least expect
Send a star so bright, to light Your holy way
Come, where You can find a room
Within simple lives
In all we bring to Your stable
In all we share at Your table
Let us be humble

Or should we miss the innocent cry of a tiny child
May we learn the angels' song
May we climb the shepherds' hill
May we Visit with the Magi
And on this night so still
May we welcome You Lord
So Your words can be fulfilled
'I will make my home in you'

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Peter Taylor, 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

Anthony Gangemy, Telesia Litia Dunlop, Angela La Sala, Giorgio Fuda, Rajendra George Rasiah, Doreen Anne O'Hara, Giovanni Torcasio, Eugene Mirra, Pasqualina Raccosta, Sydney Fernando **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace