



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Year A, 3-4 January, 2026

Archbishop Peter Comensoli sent below message, as we ending 2025. Which is also the conclusion of the Jubilee year.

Pastoral Letter on the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Peace be with you.

As the Jubilee Year 2025 journeys toward conclusion in our local churches on 28 December, I write to you with gratitude — gratitude to God above all, and gratitude to you, the people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the way you have received this year of Jubilee with faith, trust, hope and generosity.

From the initiation of this Jubilee, we have been invited by Pope Francis to be Pilgrims of Hope. This invitation has been about recognising that our Christian life itself is a pilgrimage — lived day by day, step by step, often quietly, always together. Across our Archdiocese, many have taken up this invitation through prayer, reconciliation, pilgrimage, service, and renewed participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

I have been especially heartened by the response of our Pilgrim Places — parishes, shrines, and communities who opened their doors and their hearts to welcome pilgrims from across the Archdiocese and beyond. In offering spaces of prayer, reflection, hospitality, and mercy, these communities reminded us that the Church is most fully herself when she is a place of welcome, encounter, and hope. I thank the clergy, religious, parish leaders, volunteers, and all the faithful who made this possible through their generosity and care.

What has marked this Jubilee most clearly for me has been the faithfulness of ordinary people: people who prayed, who welcomed, who listened, who served, and who walked with one

another. In these simple but profound acts, the hope that does not disappoint has been made visible — not as an idea, but as a lived reality grounded in Christ.

As we now mark the formal conclusion of the Jubilee Year, we do not bring its spirit to an end.

Rather, we are invited to carry it forward. The call to be pilgrims of hope remains with us — in our families, our parishes, our workplaces, and our communities. We are sent forth to continue walking together, attentive to the presence of the Lord who journeys with us, and responsive to the needs of those we meet along the way.

I encourage you to hold fast to the practices that have sustained you during this year: prayer that opens the heart, the sacraments that nourish and heal, and a generosity of spirit that reflects the mercy of God. May the seeds sown during this Jubilee continue to grow, bearing fruit in lives shaped by faith, hope, and love.

With every grace and blessing,
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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 & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Cathy Mason

St Paul Apostle South
Primary School
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

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Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year A, 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness

Psalm

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty

The God of glory thunders,
And in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-38

Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that

John announced; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel acclamation

The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard;
this is my Son, the beloved, listen to him!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



Reflection

In what areas of your own life are you being called to practice humility and solidarity with others, even when you feel it is unnecessary, just as Jesus did by being baptized by John?

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THANK YOU

As we entered 2026, we wish to reflect on the year which has just past, the 2025. And what a year it's been for our community. We have had so many celebrations, with Christmas as its crescendo.

The year we farewelled 2 priests. In June Fr Sony was assigned to lead the Passionist community in Blenheim, New Zealand. Soon after Fr Obrien Chanda came to assist Fr Brendan for a little while, before he was elected to be vice provincial in Botswana in October. At the same time, we had Deacon Vinh (now Fr Vinh) also assisting, while continuing his study. Fr Vinh is now assigned to assist the community in Adelaide. During 2025, we had two sessions on Faith Formations, which were presented by Fr Chris Monaghan CP and Fr Dennis Travers CP, which were well attended and received.

Children's sacramental program continues to be an important part of our faith nurturing in the community. In 2025 we had 54 children who received their sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion and 53 children who received their Sacrament of Confirmation. Of which all were completed in November.

At the beginning of December we had our senior members celebrating early Christmas. This was followed by hamper Mass and parish carol evening on the 14 December.

The crescendo was our Christmas Masses. We had our children's Mass on Christmas eve. Our children told the story of the nativity in action in which we found some new talent. Every single activity in the parish relied so much on the generosity of our parishioners. That's including the enthusiasm of the parents in encouraging and supporting their children in being part of the nativity play.

We thank everyone who was involved in any way and in any area in our church. Without your generous support, our parish will not be as lively as it is today.

We hope that everyone is enjoying this festive season, with family and friends. And we wish you a blessed New Year of good health, joy and happiness.

Thank you all.

MINISTERS

The livelihood of the Church, including that of our parish, greatly depends on volunteers. Many of you may wish to be more involved in our Church. At this stage, we need help on Sunday's, 11am and 6pm Mass. If you are interested in becoming

a communion minister at one of these Masses, please approach Didi after Mass or contact the parish office. We will provide more details regarding the role. You will only be rostered on once a month.

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

This program is designed for all children who have been baptised in Catholic Church.

Reconciliation:

(child must be at least in grade 4)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 11 February 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 17 February at 7pm

(Follow by 3 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night : Tuesday 10 March at 7pm

Service : Tuesday 17 March at 7pm

(depending on the number, maybe 2 sessions)

First Communion

(child must be at least in grade 4 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family Night: Tuesday 5 May at 7pm

(Follow by 5 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last family night: Tuesday 16 June at 7pm

First Communion Masses: Saturday 20 June (maybe 2 Masses)

Confirmation

(child must be at least in grade 6 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation and First Communion)

Please note that the registration for this sacrament is required to be in EARLY IN THE YEAR

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 15 September at 7pm

(Follow by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)

Last Family Night: Tuesday 17 November at 7pm

Session with Bishop: To be advised

Confirmation Masses: Saturday 21 November at 12pm
(maybe also at 2pm)

**** Donation for is \$25 per child, per sacrament ****

Readings:

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Year A

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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Acts 10: 34-38

Matthew 3: 13-17

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

John Kelly, Doug McGuinness, Marian Meade-Salzer, Pedro Llerena, Anne McCallister, Mareta Dunlop, Bongsing Noto, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Waller, 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

Jacinta Martyn, Kamal Markos, Fr. Paul Mercieca CP, Salvino Mifsud, Adrian Dal Lago, Cheryl Anthony, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Stephanie Kinson, Mario Clemente, Desiree Madeira, Lucas Fraga, Luis dos Santos, Cristovao Fraga, Ricardian Fraga, Jardel Fraga, Elvera Lemerle, Barry Lemerle, Angelo Tucci **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

BINGO NIGHT

Our first one in 2026

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY 2026

Starts at 7.30pm

at Tim O'Toole Annexe

For more information please contact
Vianney 0438 700 675 or
Joe 0419 385 441

**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	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	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	Grace Sudjono Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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

