



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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The Ascension of the Lord Sunday Yr C, 31 May/ 1 June, 2025

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all parishioners to an evening of Adult Faith Formation lead by Fr Chris Monaghan CP.

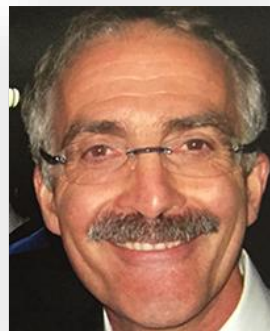
The topic will be **'The Letters of St Paul'** and will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th 2025** at 7.30pm to 9pm in the Church (commencing directly after evening Mass)

In our survey regarding faith formation, many of you indicated a keen interest in learning more about scripture.

Please take this opportunity !

Fr Chris is known to many of you already, but for those who do not know him: he is

President of the Yarra Theological Union. A Biblical scholar who lectures internationally and offers scripture based retreats to a number of religious orders. He is also an author, a very talented musician (as you may know from some parish events including our Christmas Carols) and a dedicated supporter of the North Melbourne Football Club



This is great opportunity to learn more about the Letters of St Paul.

Don't miss it !

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

https://youtube.com/live/89_EXhsEKs?feature=share

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; **27 May to 3 June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

In the #NRW2025 theme artwork created by Kalkadoon woman **Bree Buttenshaw**, native plants – which are known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together.

Australia's history of reconciliation is not a linear one, we have made great strides and experienced disappointing setbacks.

Twenty-five years ago, **Corroboree 2000** brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous leaders in a historic call for reconciliation. We continue that work in 2025, inviting all Australians to join us in *Bridging Now to Next* – building a more united and respectful nation

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

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Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for **NEXT WEEK** **Pentecost Sunday Year C**

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of your creatures

When you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for-ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

A reading from letter of St Paul

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the

Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption to sonship.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-16. 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

The presence of the Holy Spirit invites us to intimacy with God, and to live transformed lives.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are transformative, challenging, disruptive, inspirational

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

FR SONY KANNANIKAL CP

This **SUNDAY, 1 JUNE, 2025 at 11am, Fr Sony will have his farewell Mass**, follow by gathering in the annexe afterwards. Everyone is invited to join.
You are welcome to bring a plate to share.

COME AWAY

You are invited to come to a time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds of Holy Cross Retreat Centre (207 Serpells Road, Templestowe) The next Come Away is on **Wednesday, 28 May** from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Donation is \$30 per person. Tea & Coffee available. BYO lunch. Please book with Sr Brigid cp to her email: brid-get.m64@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS PASSIONIST CONGREGATIONS

is having a fundraising event on **SATURDAY, 9th August, 2025** from 6pm. This event will be held at **THE VENETO CLUB, 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen.**

Tickets is \$85pp (incl. 3 course dinner & dancing)

This event is to support the ministry of the Passionist Community at Templestowe.

There will be many silent auctions, major auctions, raffles and entertainment.

Tickets are available online via trybooking (www.trybooking.com/CYSMZ) for more information please contact Tina 0439 034 116 or Peter 0413 015 061

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Some of you may have pondered 'how can I be involved within the Church?' The answer is simple, please approach the parish team. We will direct you to the ministries we need the most assistance with.

At the moment we are hoping some of you may wish to become communion ministers for Sunday 9am & 11am Masses. We will not ask too much of you as you will only be rostered ONCE a month for one of the masses. Understanding individual personal commitments, the roster is also very flexible.

Please note that ALL VOLUNTEERS require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) which we will assist you in obtaining.

If you are interested, please contact the parish team on 97003781 or by email office@stpaulapostle.com.au

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

During this Volunteers Week, the Australian Safeguarding Unit issue an article as below

Are you thinking about volunteering? We need to ensure that the right people volunteer and support vulnerable members of our congregation. We ensure this by requesting:

- A current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with - Children check (and Police checks for particular roles),
- Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years, and,
- Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework including signing the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct

FUNERAL NOTICE

The children of Errie Gunawan have requested us to announce the funeral of their mother in this newsletter. Errie was an active member in a few ministries, working faithfully behind the scenes, including taking communion to those who are unable to attend Mass in person, as well as assisting our priest with Masses at View Hills (now Calvary) aged care. Sadly Errie passed away on Tuesday, 27th May. Her funeral will be at our Church on **WEDNESDAY, 4th June at 11.30am** (viewing at 11am)



PIETY STALL—NEW ITEMS

- The latest book written by Fr Christ Monaghan CP title 'PERSPECTIVE' at \$25 each.
- Notes on prayer: in the year dedicated by Pope Francis to praying, the Notes on Prayer series features 8 books by international authors who explore how to dialogue with God. Price is \$19.95 each



Readings:

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Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

Pentecost Sunday Yr C

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16. 23-26

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Patrick Connell, Nethanjal Tu'ulakitau, Christopher de Zilva, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Dominique Balmano, Marie-Noelle Herchenroder, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Anton Nadarajah, 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

Chung Wing Pui, Errie Gunawan, Beulah Ranasinghe, Darrell Meerwald, Baby K, Stephanie Myers, Francis Xavier, Patricia Butler Lochery, Lomaga Pa'u, Cheng Kwai Tak, Pope Francis, Joe Da Cunha, Annette Tanner, Hosea Duarte, Esperanca Duarte, Nicholas Bastiampillai, Elizabeth Bastiampillai, Nicolina Laratta, Antonio Laratta, Umberto Di Camillo, Pasquale Capo **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 2025

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Helen Sanders Beryl Barnfield	Patti Family	Cabrera family	Jeganathan Family
2nd Sunday	Valerie & Ian Ferreira	Nella Rudan Josephine Gherxi	Lobo Family	
3rd Sunday	Beth & Mars Sota	Amya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Christine & Angelo Gaiardo	
4th Sunday	Daryl & Astrid Drego	Hoad Family	Maclou family	
5th Sunday	Carmeline Don Paul	Amya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Cabrera Family	

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	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 Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating Luiza Monteiro
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antioniette Gargano Stephen Herbert	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh	Sharon Normington 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 Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antioniette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh	Naomi Falo Sharon Normington Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating