



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 27-28 January, 2024

Readings for Next Week
Fifth Sunday in ordinary Time Year B

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 is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/VXiUaYJLPCl?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

First Reading Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job spoke to his friends

“Does not the human being have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a laborer?

Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like laborers who look for their wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. When I lie down I say, ‘When shall I rise?’ But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn.

My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and come to their end without hope.

“Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good

Psalms

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground

Second Reading 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters,

If I proclaim the Gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gos-

pel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the Gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings

Gospel Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
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YOUTH GROUP

Grade 5 - Year 9 age groups only.
The first gathering of the year will be on Friday the 16th of February at 7pm in the annexe. More information will be provided next week.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This group will meet for the first time in the year on Sunday the 28th of January at 7pm in the Parish office.
This group is for those who are aged 18 year-25 years

PARISH BINGO

Thank you for those who joined in for bingo last week, we trust that everyone had a great time, some by winning and others simply enjoying the gathering.

LENTEN BOOKLET

In a few weeks we will enter Lenten season, some Lenten booklets will be made available at the Piety stall for \$7 each. We will keep you informed.



ASH Wednesday

Advance information regarding Mass on Ash Wednesday 14th February, it will be held at 9am and 7pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be run at 11am Mass on Sundays during the school term. This group caters to all children up to 12 years old. The group will resume this year on Sunday 4 February. If your child is under 5 years old, a parent or guardian is required to accompany the child.

2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS for children in our parish (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation) will be announced once dates are finalized. If you wish your child to be part of this year's sacrament program, please ensure that you keep an eye on our newsletter for the relevant updates.

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME to the parish! If you wish to know more about us, please feel free to approach our priest or contact the parish office and we can provide more information. We have many groups within the parish which you may wish to be a part of.

Reflection on 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(by Nick Brodie taken from Liturgy help)

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard!

This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow

As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.

Readings:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Deut 18:15-20 ;
1 Corinthians 7: 32-35;
Mark 1: 21-28

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23;
Mark 1:29-39

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Grace Hamilton, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Nigel Macleod, Luigi Rea, Antonio Sangalang, Fred Hall, Fortunato Grosso, Noel Bulner, Angelo Tucci, Carmel King, Ruth Gregory, Selena Leroux, Alice Rodrigues **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace