



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 20-21 June, 2026

Sacrament of First Communion

Over the past few months our children in grade 4 (and above) have worked hard preparing themselves to receive their First Communion. The children come from both of our parish schools (St Paul Apostle North and St Paul Apostle South) as well as Catholic children who attend non Catholic schools in our area.

With the help of their parents and teachers they have now completed the program and will celebrate their Sacrament of First Communion this weekend.

We thank parents and teachers for their valuable assistance and congratulate all of the children on completing the program.

We will keep them in our prayers, that they will continue this journey of faith, joining us at the table of the Eucharist, as an integral part of our community and family

CONGRATULATION!!

Adrian Thomas Barbic
Alaina Hawksworth
Alexi Helena Kosmalski
Anais Wheaton
Anthea Almodiel
Archer Drew Tyson
Aria Grace Poyyayil
Arvie Ian Edusada Bautista
Austin Kumar
Chloe Anne-Maree Tyson
Chloe Yunkyoung Woo
Christian Dean Thomas
Daniel Iuliano
Ella Serpanchy
Emilia Alissa Primerano

Emmanuel Morales
Emmanuel Ryan D'Souza
Georgia Di Marco
Harry Silva
Harry James Cassar
Isaac Anthony Faleafa
Jacob Bruno Jozsa
James Imbesi
Jayden Moss
Jordan Fernando
Kaylee Jayde Thomas
Kiara Kovelakenda
Kyrie Ananya Rajkumar
Leo Comodari
Luis Comodari
Luka Balta
Lyla McKay
Maria Yuuri Nguyen
Mason Haddad
Mateo Bridger
Maya Rosa Padayhag
Oliver Harvey
Orlando Urpis
Owen Taylor
Ryelle Sahan Fernando
Samantha Lauren Piedad
Sieanah Daniels
Sofia Millares
Theresa Kelly
Xavier Antony Nicholls
Xavier Fenix Lay
Zachary Figueroa



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

St John's

Regional College
Ph. 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reader: Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah cried out: I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce Him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heat and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.
This is the Word of God

Psalm

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your steadfast help, rescue me
Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me

Let the oppressed see it and be glad;
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
For the Lord hears the needy,
and does not despise his own that are in bonds.

Let heaven and earth praise him,
the seas and everything that moves in them

Second Reader: Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Bothers and sisters:
Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people because all have sinned. Sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many
This is the Word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will testify on my behalf,
says the Lord, and you are also to testify.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his Apostles: "Fear no one; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before humans, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
The Good news of the Lord

Reflection

Jesus repeatedly tells us, "Do not be afraid," assuring us that the Father's loving care tracks even the "hairs on your head."
"In what specific area of my life am I allowing fear or anxiety to hold me back, and how can I lean on God's assurance that I am deeply valued by Him?"

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



FAREWELL TO YVONNE SHERWIN

This week we heard that Yvonne passed away peacefully at her home. Yvonne has been a faithful active parishioner at St Paul The Apostle for 43 years and worked in the school for 20 years. Until the last few months, Yvonne still served at the 11am Mass as one of the minister of the word. Yvonne also took charge of the After School Religious Class (ASRE) for many years, for children who were preparing for both Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. Tirelessly, Yvonne also volunteered at Wellspring for Women in Dandenong.

She will be very much missed by her family and friends. We ask for your prayers

Yvonne's funeral Mass will be on **THURSDAY, 25 June at 11.30am** at St. Paul Apostle Church, Endeavour Hills

COME AWAY

Come Away Retreats are conducted at the Holy Cross Centre on a monthly basis. 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: 9.30am. (start with a cuppa) to 3.00pm. (BYO lunch)

Our next session is **Wednesday, June 24th, 2026**

This long-standing Passionist Ministry at Holy Cross is valued by many. We invite you to support it financially according to your means. Suggested Donation \$20 – \$25

ADORATION GROUP is inviting everyone to join on **Saturday 27 June between 3-4pm** to attend our Church Chapel for prayers of the sick and lonely for healing both physical and spiritual. Come along, bring your family and friends for an hour, even if you can make it for 30 minutes, let's pray together for the healing of our loved ones. Further details please contact John Hendriks 0418308051 or Johnhendriks@gmail.com



REFUGEE WEEK (15-21 June)

This Sunday is Refugee Sunday. We include a little article from the Refugee Week leaflet which is created by JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service)

As Europe recovered from the devastation of World War II, Australia responded to an international call to offer a future to people with nowhere to call home. Since that initial agreement in 1947 to receive 4000 refugees from Europe, Australia has issued one million permanent humanitarian visas. That's one million people who fled danger and found safety here. One million journeys of courage and hope. One million new beginnings in Australia. But this isn't just about a number. Behind each visa is a person with a story – someone who left everything behind to find safety, who showed incredible strength, and who has helped build the Australia we know today. Each story is unique. Each one is powerful. Think about it: one person's arrival creates a ripple effect. They have children. Those children have children. They start businesses, become doctors and teachers, create art, play sport, and contribute to their communities. One person's story becomes many stories, woven together like colorful threads in a beautiful tapestry. This week is about celebrating those one million stories. This week, you will: Learn about journeys to safety Celebrate the strength and contributions refugees and people seeking asylum make to Australia Take action to build a more inclusive community The story doesn't end with one million. There are more stories still to be written – stories of welcome, of courage, of belonging. And you are part of this story too. The choices you make, the welcome you offer, the kindness you show – these all become part of Australia's ongoing story. This week, we'll journey through one million stories. And together, we'll begin writing the next chapter!

You can use this link for more information <https://aus.jrs.net/en/news/one-million-stories-join-jrs-for-refugee-week-2026/>

Readings:

11 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Ex 19: 2-6

Romans 5: 6-11

Matthew 9: 36-10:8

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12 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

Jer 20: 10-13

Romans 5: 12-15

Matthew 10: 26-33

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Peter Shaw-Dennis, Peter Van Helmond, Pandry Jackson, Irma Dias, Eduardo 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

Yvonne Sherwin, Monica Tissera, Clare Foster, June Kitto, Cyril Sextus De Silva, Conrado Casiano Omega, Carmelo Cicero, Philippe Larosse, Giuseppina Materia, Barbara Anne Tobin, Avita Fernandes, Sinta Nugraha, Milica Kosi, Kuntjoro Setyo, Cheryl Anthony, Led Clark, Giuseppina Bartuccelli. **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	Grace Sudjono 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	Grace Sudjono 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 Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Biniitha 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 David Goh 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 Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Biniitha 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 Daphne Goh	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 Daphne Goh	Biniitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia De 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

