



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, 2025

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

(from The Passionist website)

This Sunday is the Feast of St Paul Of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Order. We pray for all Passionists as they strive to serve so many communities globally. Below please brief story of St Paul of the Cross.

St Paul of the Cross was born over 320 years ago. He was born into a world very different, and yet, remarkably similar to our own.

Born in Italy, between Milan and Genoa in the north, Paul was born in a part of Italy where other European nations fought their proxy wars. Poverty, as always, was rife, making life a real struggle for almost all. Except the local nobles and clergy, of course. Uncertainty, backbreaking work, scarcity and struggle left people thinking that they did not matter; that in the scale of things, their own lives were unimportant.

Paul, born in 1692 was the second of 16 children, 10 of whom died in infancy. So Paul grew up seeing so many of his siblings die, and seeing the resilience of his parents as they coped with such unbearable sorrow.

Paul's mother especially kept pointing young Paul's eyes to the Crucifix. Her message to Paul, became his message – and continues to be our message. Look at the Cross, look at what Jesus has done for us. This is how much you matter, this is how much Jesus cares.

Paul began sharing that message with others as a teenager. With a group from his local Church, Paul would go out with a large Cross to the streets of town of Castellazzo, to where his family had moved. In the streets, under the Cross, he would talk to his town-folk of God's extraordinary love, in sending his Son to die for us.

As Paul matured, he became convinced that a life focused on God and sharing God's message was calling. He experimented and tried different approaches and learned from the experiences. This clarified his vision of establishing a family of brothers, whose lives and hearts were shaped by



deep contemplation and mindfulness of the Passion of Jesus. And their mission? The message he learned from his mother and his own family – “Look at how much Jesus loves you. Never doubt that you really matter!”

It took twenty years for Paul and his like-minded and inseparable brother, John Baptist, to get the ecclesiastical permissions and to establish the first communities of the Passionists.

A great mystic, a dynamic founder, a tireless and brilliant preacher, a confident spiritual advisor to countless seekers after holiness, a never-failing correspondent, and an utterly, utterly warm, and generous human being, the DNA of Paul of the Cross shapes our Congregation and wider Passionists family to this day.

His mantra is still prayed by the Passionists to this day:

“May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts.”

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/yIrMAA8znXA?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr OBrien Chanda CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Sirach 35:15b-17. 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

The Lord will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and their prayer will reach to the clouds.

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

The word of the Lord

will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and regarded others with contempt:

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

“I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

Reflection

Does my prayer focus more on what I want, or on recognizing my need for God and seeking to align my life with God's will, like the tax collector did?

When has a moment of failure or weakness led me to a place of genuine humility before God, rather than self-justification?

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



CHOIR MEMBERS

This is a reminder for **ALL CHOIR MEMBERS** during weekend Masses. Please ensure that you have fulfilled all the safeguarding requirements (including a Working with Children's Check and safeguarding training) If you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to approach Didi at Mass or to call the parish office. We will assist you with completing the necessary requirements.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have come to help us cleaning and tidying up the Church garden. With your help we managed to cover a big area of the garden. We hope to do this gardening once a month. Keep an eye on this space

BINGO—correction on the time

This is an early notice from the Bingo team. Their last session of Bingo for the year will be on **FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2025. Starting time is 7.30pm.** As usual, the theme of the final session is 'Christmas'. All whom have joined this event in the past have expressed how much fun they had. If you wish to join or have an inquiry please contact us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This group resumes this weekend.

The group welcomes all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-STREAMED every week. **We wish to remind parents that all children under 4 or with special MUST be accompanied by A PARENT (not siblings).** Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

THANK YOU

Last weekend we conducted a third collection for the Sick & Retired Passionist. Thank you for your ever generosity, we received \$1246.30. May we keep them in our prayer too.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Safeguarding is a sacred duty.

(This article is a continuation of the one we had last weekend.)

Leadership

Above all, we need to transform our leadership.

This requires us to shift away from emphasising perpetrator-focused initiatives, to supporting those living with the experience of abuse. It places the emphasis on healing, restoration, and empowerment – particularly in contexts marked by trauma, injustice, or suffering. It is rooted in our Catholic values such as compassion, integrity, humility, and a commitment to justice.

We are now seeing powerful examples of redemptive leadership seeking not only to guide and inspire us, but also to redeem broken systems and uplift those who have been marginalised or harmed. This approach plays a crucial role in supporting victims of abuse in several ways:

Creating safe spaces: Where we prioritise psychological and physical safety, fostering environments where everyone feels secure, heard, and supported.

Empowerment and advocacy: Where we actively work to empower survivors by advocating for their rights, amplifying their voices, and ensuring they have access to resources such as counselling, legal aid, and shelter.

Restorative practices: Where rather than focusing on punishment, we encourage restorative justice – helping survivors to heal and rebuild their lives while addressing the root causes of abuse.

Modelling compassionate leadership: By embodying empathy, integrity and moral courage, redemptive leadership sets a standard for others, challenging cultures of silence and complicity around abuse.

Systemic change: Most importantly within our Church, working to transform institutions and policies that perpetuate abuse or neglect survivors, promoting long-term cultural and structural change.

In essence, redemptive leadership is not just about leading – it's about healing.

It offers a powerful framework for supporting those who have experienced abuse, helping them move from victimhood to empowerment, and fostering communities where dignity and justice prevail. *Safeguarding is a sacred duty.*

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Keith Gilmore, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, Parama Sivam, Nethanjal Tu'ulakitau, Christina Williams, Italia Fata, Eva Marie, Kevin Ooi, Rose Liew, Annabelle Ghatt, Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, 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

Elizabeth Parer, Tauasu Vaeafe, Anton Nadarajah, Raymond Anthony Parsons, Maria Antolini, Cheryl Anthony, Giovanni Torcasio **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Readings:

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Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Luke 18:1-8

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Sirach 35:15b-17. 20-22b
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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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 Antoniette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha 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	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 Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antoniette 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 Rinku Arora	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Peng Chee Jenny Catania Marg Keating

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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

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

