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New saints show courage to defend faith, help those in need, Pope says

By Carol Glatz (OSV News)

Holiness flourishes in those who serve the weakest, and Christians should defend the truths of the faith, no matter the cost, Pope Leo XIV said, highlighting key traits of the new saints he proclaimed.

Meeting with visitors from different countries who were in Rome for the 19 October canonisation of seven new saints, Pope Leo said, 'the men and women we proclaimed saints yesterday are shining signs of hope for all of us, because they offered their lives in love for Christ and for their brothers and sisters.'

'I hope you return to your homelands with hearts filled with gratitude and an ardent desire to imitate the new saints,' he told the visitors in the Paul VI Audience Hall 20 October.

Speaking about St Peter To Rot, a martyred lay catechist from Papua New Guinea who was arrested in 1945 during the Japanese occupation in World War II and was killed by lethal injection while in prison, the pope said he offers 'an inspiring example of steadfastness and fortitude in preaching the truths of the Gospel when confronted by difficulties and challenges, even threats to our lives.'

'Although he was an ordinary catechist, he showed extraordinary courage by risking his life to carry out his apostolate in secret, because his pastoral work was prohibited by the occupying forces,' he said. The saint also 'firmly defended the sanctity of marriage and even confronted some powerful people' who supported the practice of polygamy.

'May the example of Saint Peter To Rot encourage us to defend the truths of the faith, even at the cost of personal sacrifice, and to rely always on God in our trials,' Pope Leo said.

Pope Francis' Gospel Reflections (Lk 18:9-14)

"We should wonder if, as in the Pharisee, there is the hidden presumption to be 'righteous,' that leads us to despise others. It happens, for example, when we seek out compliments and we try to list our qualities or our good deeds. When we worry about how we appear instead of how we truly are. When we get trapped in narcissism or exhibitionism. Where the 'I' abounds, there is too little God."



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/
PoOYB44LBI?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/PoOYB44LBI?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)
Valerie Ferreira
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St Paul Apostle North

Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
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St John's

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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
ALL SOULS DAY

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord

ferred once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him

Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long

Gospel

Luke 7: 11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.

As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out.

He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her,

"Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the pallet, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great Prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!"

This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 17-20

For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suf-

Reflection

Reflecting on mortality can serve as a reminder to live with purpose and gratitude.

All Souls' Day encourages compassion for the deceased and a sense of solidarity between the living and the dead.

It can prompt a contemplation of the journey we are on and the ultimate purification and peace we hope for.

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.



GARDENING DAY

Since this is Spring, our Church garden grows faster. Therefore, we are planning to have another gardening day on **SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER** from 8.30am to 11am. If you have a little time to spare to help us, please come along with your garden tool. The more help we get, the more areas we can cover.

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

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Our Common Mission

(from ACSL website)

Our common mission begins with the Trinity.ⁱ God who became human 'out of the abundance of love speaks to us as friends and lives among us,' to 'tell us of the innermost being of God.'ⁱⁱ We are made to share in this life of communion with God, with others and with all created things.

Communion is an invitation to see. We are invited to see our whole life and story together. We are invited to see others as a gift to ourselves.ⁱⁱⁱ We come to see light, love and truth.^{iv} And in seeing, we are invited to join a life enlarging our own, a life to the full.^v

Our shared humanity depends on people who offer reasons for living and hoping.^{vi} Our hope is for the full participation and communion of each person. We experience setback, grief and crisis, but still desire a way of being together. As we walk with Australia's First Peoples, the oldest living cultures, we learn how to wait and listen. As we multiply with diverse languages and cultures, we learn we are called to change. Our call is to personal renewal and responsibility for what holds all things in common.^{vii}

The renewal of our mission rests on universal rights and responsibilities that affirm our God-given human dignity. These rights and responsibilities belong to everyone. They cannot be violated. They cannot be taken away. They cannot be delegated.^{viii} They take precedence over all other rights and responsibilities.^{ix} They include the right to be kept safe and take part in decisions that affect our lives.^x Participation is a human right, which recognises the duty to promote the common good and to do no harm. Causing harm, by any means, violates the dignity of the person and is incompatible with our gospel values as revealed in Jesus Christ.^{xi}

Therefore, all our members and workers – lay, religious and ordained – are called to the highest standards of accountability, transparency, integrity and professionalism. Our Common Mission identifies these standards within a national framework for ministry and service. It is not a checklist. It is a living document that seeks continually to integrate faith and action in keeping everyone in our community safe.

Readings:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

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

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

All Souls Day Yr C

Isaiah 25: 6-9

1 Peter 3: 17-20

Luke 7: 11-17

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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, Shaun Gallagher, Melville Stone, Geraldine Rafferty, Tauasu Vaeafe, Anton Nadarajah, Raymond Anthony Parsons, Maria Antolini, Cheryl Anthony **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

ALL SOUL'S DAY

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2025

Mass at 9am

St Paul Apostle Parish Endeavour Hills 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

