



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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This Week

SUNDAY 10th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 11th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am
Mass

TUESDAY 12th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am
Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 13th

7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 14th

No Service

FRIDAY 15th July

8.30am Rosary
9am
Mass
9.30am Adoration

SATURDAY 16th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 17th

9am Mass,
11am Mass 6pm Mass
Baptism Prep 3.45pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology. In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. We know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. We cannot bemoan the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now. Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously. One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For many of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a

change in our lifestyle.

For some, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for future generations.



The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children. By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it. R Leonard SJ

Liz, thank you for your stewardship and your integrity. Every blessing in your coming & your going whatever you do. Your footprints of dedication at St Paul Apostle Community will be remembered. Welcome back to Frs Tim, James & John. We missed you.

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

July 13th: Cancare Support Group 7.30pm
July 16th: Parish Dinner Dance
July 21st: Workshop Day for Confirmation 9-3pm
July 22nd: Confirmation Mass 7.30pm
July 23rd: Confirmation Mass 6.00pm
July 24th: St Paul Apostle Parish Feast 11am
July 29th - Young Adult Retreat Experience
July 31st: at Holy Cross, Templestowe
August 2nd: Family Night 1 First Communion
August 19th- 21st: WYD The Local Experience at St John's College (see details)

Passionist Chapter: Congratulations and best wishes to the newly elected Provincial Team:

Provincial: Fr Joachim Rego, **Consultors,** Fr Tom McDonagh, Fr Kevin Hennessey, Fr John Curtis and Fr Brian Gleeson. We offer them the support of our prayers in their leadership of the Passionist Family.

Welcome to Gillian and Didi as they take up their new roles in the Parish. We hope they will be very happy. Both are keen to serve the Parish and they will be having induction over the next couple of weeks.

Parish Office Hours:

For the next week the Parish Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings **10am-1pm only.**

Confirmation: The Confirmation Workshop Day will be on July 21st 9am to 3pm. Bishop Peter Elliot will be coming for Confirmation on **Friday July 22nd at 7.30pm** and on **Saturday July 23rd at the 6pm Mass.** People who normally attend the Saturday 6pm Mass may wish to attend a different Mass that weekend because of the additional numbers who will be present.

Share the Journey: Retreat for Young Adults July 29th 7.30pm –31st 12 noon. If you aged 20+ and up to 35 this might be just what you are waiting for! An opportunity to slow down and to be with other young adults with time to share, reflect and enjoy fun time. This weekend will be led by young adults who are open to the riches of the Passionist Charism and they will be supported by members of the Passionist Community of men and women. It will be at the Passionist Retreat Centre at Templestowe. Cost: \$100 (concession for Students & Unwaged) covers accommodation for 2 nights and meals. Booking forms can be obtained from Sr Brigid in the Parish Office. Details are also on the Boards in the Gathering Space and Foyer.

After School Religious Education: Classes will resume on July 19th at 4pm.

First Holy Communion: Family nights will be on August 2nd, 16th and 30th at 7pm.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: There will be an appeal for Vinnies this weekend of 9th/10th. This is an opportunity to reach out to our local community. There will be a 3rd collection and there are baskets available for non-perishable in date foodstuffs.

Vinnies are also hopeful of new members to help continue this very important outreach. If you are not involved in the Parish already maybe you could consider Vinnies as a way of offering your services to the wider community. Vinnies meet once a month on the First Monday evening for a couple of hours. Visits are done between meetings but you would be doing visits with another person.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011: This year, World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain. Many potential participants may have been prevented from participating due to distance and cost.

Therefore, St John's Regional College, in collaboration with the parishes of Holy Family, St Anthony's, St Kevin's, St Paul Apostle and St Mary's, is offering an accessible alternative, ***WYD 2011@ St John's – The Local Experience.*** For further details and application please email wyd@sjcdandenong.catholic.edu.au or phone St John's Regional College 9791 3366 If we can't get to Madrid, let's stay in Dandenong

A Prayer for Those Not Going to Madrid

Lord, we pray for those going to WYD in Madrid that they will be enriched and energised in their faith!

We pray for those of us who stay at home that we too will use this time to journey forward in our love for you,
in our openness to your Word,
and in becoming the people you want us to be.
Amen.

Going online to God

Australian Benedictine Sr Hilda Scott describes prayer as 'going online to God' – something we can do at any time. A little boy once said to God: 'Sometimes I think of you, even when I am not praying.' He was on to something, even if he did not realise it. Prayer happens whenever we turn our minds to God. The Cistercian monk, Thomas Keating, has described prayer as 'consenting to the presence of God', welcoming God into one's life, open to God's presence and guidance in whatever we are doing.

St Therese of Lisieux saw prayer this way: 'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.' For St Teresa of Avila, prayer is a conversation between friends.

Which of these approaches speaks to you?

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Life without Barriers is seeking compassionate people willing to share their home with children and adults, who may have a disability, that require their support and care.

Carers can be single, living with a partner or have their own children. They offer excellent training, support and financial reimbursement to assist carers in enhancing a child or adults quality of life. For more information please contact us on: hostfamilyvic@lwb.org.au or **03 5990 3200**
Website: www.lwb.org.au or lmf@cam.org.au.
Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations by Friday 16th July.

Marriage Celebrations: *Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?*

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 24th July at 11.00am** by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register contact: 9287 5579

Come Away Day July 21st 10am-3pm: This is a day when people can take some time to reflect on their own lives in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Cross at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. It is only 40 minutes from here at most! The day includes Mass. BYO lunch and an offering of \$15-20 is requested. There is also a shorter evening session to accommodate people who are working which runs from 7.30-9.30pm.

Other News & Events

Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55, is a free to join social group which offers: lunches, dinners, walks, sporting and cultural events as well as lectures on topics of interest to Catholics such as bioethics and apologetics.

David Schutz, who works for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, is giving a talk on the role of the Pope in the Catholic Church

Saturday July 16th

7:00 PM [St. Anthony's](#), 182 Power St, Hawthorn

Changes to the Mass- Celebrating the Eucharist

Saturday July 16th, St Anthony's Noble Park. The session will be led by Fr Tony McSweeney SSS and aims to deepen our love and understanding of the Mass after which Paul Taylor will introduce some of the new and revised musical settings.

For further information contact St Anthony's on 95468276

Sunday Readings

**THIS WEEK:
15th Sunday Year A**

Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23

**NEXT WEEK:
16th Sunday Year A**

Wis 12: 13, 16-19
Rom 8: 26-27
Mt 13: 24-43

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Ivan Velupillai, Joan Druett, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Joyce Peters, Eklas Odisho, Ator Odisho, Lilian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Brian Brennan, Cory Brennan, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died

Augusta Aniceto, Lilian Akom, Serafin Poral, Simeon Tabuada, Philomena Silva, Stephen Wignall, Mauole Dinger, Aaron Rose, Jen-Claude Deguigne, George De Brass, Beatrice Maude Dinger, Tarcisio Amaral, Louis Matthew, Saverio Maratea, Angelo Aramao, Edwin Leetin Karawugodage, Kenneth Stewart, Ellie Kerin, Valerie Chambers, Bob Bates, Alfred Sammit, Stojan Moze, Maureen Castle, Kenneth de Jonk, Joseph Raju, Gertrude Dalpathado, Benedict Barba, Marc Smith, Cresciano Tabuada, Catherine Cachia, George Micallef

May they rest in peace



**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:
Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

Pastoral Associates:
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff:
Bursar
Gillian Velupillay
Secretary
Didi Karkas-

Passionist Community

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**
Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP
Sr Joan Smith CP

**St Paul Apostle
North Primary
School - 9700 6068**
Principal
Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle
South Primary
School - 9700 3663**
Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

**St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366**
Principal
Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: July 9th-10th (2nd Sunday of Month)

| | 6pm | 9am | 11am | 6pm |
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| Welcome | B Carvalho, S Sharp, C Vaz | S De Rozairo, J Aldag | C Boissezon, G Jornet | B Bonett |
| Sacristan | J Carvalho | A Nadarajah | L Forkgen | N Sangalang |
| Gifts | B Barnfield A Gonsalves | S & D De Rozairo | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| Readers & Commtrs. | M. Rolfe D Rodgers | M Vaifale D Vaifale | Y Sherwin G Johnson M Quirin | P Leitan A Tanner |
| Communion | M & MC Mail-lard, C Quinless C Fernandes, D Rice, G Lock, G Tyszka | V Vaifale, J Chadwick, S & D De Rozairo D Farrell, D Alwis A Perera | S Tranquille, K Rowden, L Forkgen, F Phillips, A Costa, M O'Con- nor | R & P Torres G Canales, B Bonett, J Hallet |
| Servers | K Maillard, R Vaz, A D'Souza | K Dimitrakis, V Jayetileke, M Harper | A Del Socorro, M O'Connor, K Fernandes | M McMahan |

Rosters for Next Weekend July 16th-17th (3rd Sunday of Month)

| | 6pm | 9am | 11am | 6pm |
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| Welcome | L Phan, C & S | D & S McGuire | T Bugge, | D & W McMa- |
| Sacristan | P Miller | D & S McGuire | A Gargano | K Jayasinha |
| Gifts | D Turner | D & H Jayasuriya | O' Connor Family | Volunteers |
| Readers & Commtrs. | A Rosario, K Rolfe, R Young | N Dimitrakis, E Kee | C De Silva, A Astin, M Lam | M Keating, K de Alwis, P Mendonca |
| Communion | P Negri, I & M Whiteman, M Boissezon, C Emmanuel, L Phan, | E & W San Giorgio M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara | G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Fourize, | M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, |
| Servers | J Satyagraha N De Zilva F Bensley | V Jayetileke M Harper, D De Silva | M O'Connor, K Mehes, J Madeira | J Weerasinghe |
| Cuppa | Last Sunday | | | |
| Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass | Roster A: J Rebeiro | Viewhills: July 17th G Calixto & R Martyn | | |
| | Church Prep Team 3 O Trindade & Team | Flowers S. Lou | Counting J. Baskett B. Daly G Reginato | Rosary Jamel Family |

Parish Finances

| Parish (1st) | Pledged Weekly | Rec'd |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| T/G Envelopes | \$3,110.38 | \$ 2,694.25 |
| (303 pledges) | (143 received) | |
| Credit Card & | \$2,333.04 | \$2,333.04 |
| Direct Debit | (177 pledges) | |
| Cash | | \$ 446.30 |
| Parish Total | | \$ 5,473.59 |
| Priests (2nd Collection) | | \$ 1,235.75 |

Thank You

Sacraments:

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase.

Registration forms in the Parish Centre.