



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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18th Sunday—Ordinary Time Year A 2011 July 30th-31st

This Week

SUNDAY 31st July
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism welcome

MONDAY 1st August
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 2nd
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 3rd
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 4th
9.00am Mass
North School

FRIDAY 5th
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 6th
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 7th
9am Mass,
11am Mass, 6pm Mass

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When Jesus heard the news of John the Baptist's death, he must have realised that he too would soon have to face the authorities and that he too would be killed. It is not surprising that he wanted to withdraw to a quiet and secluded place to face the frightening reality of what lay ahead, and, no doubt, to pray.

But, people wanted to be with him as much as they could and they followed him everywhere. There was something wonderfully liberating and life-giving about being with Jesus, listening to him and learning from him. He opened up such a different and such a wonderful view of God. He revealed God's love for each and every one, even the poorest and littlest, the sick and the lame, the marginalized and those that, by most people's reckoning, counted for nothing. The miracle of the feeding of the crowd gives us a touching glimpse of Jesus' love and compassion for people. Setting aside his own cares and worries, he responded generously with care and concern for them when they followed him. Despite just a few loaves and fishes to begin with, the people were fed as much as they wanted, with baskets of food left over. So too, indeed, the abundance and the sheer extravagance of God's love and compassion for all of us.

Today's Readings challenge us to believe how much God loves us, through thick and thin, through good times and bad. They challenge us to believe that, even when we make a mess of some situation, even when we do not live up to what we know we should do, God never stops loving us and never stops inviting us to share in his life of love. It is not that God condones or approves wrongful behaviour or any evil. The point is, however, that nothing – no matter how terrible – separates us from God's love for us, not ever.

Now, believing that God loves us so much can be hard at times. It is harder still to believe that God loves other people as much as God loves us. This is especially the case when it

comes to people whom we do not particularly like or who cause us irritation or frustration, and even more, those who cause us harm. We all have some people in our lives who are really hard to get along with, hard to like, some who have hurt us badly, some who are hard to tolerate and accept, let alone respect. Like Jesus, the saints teach us how to handle that kind of situation. We must pray for others, for the people you find hardest to tolerate, hardest to accept. Sit quietly with God, bring that person before your mind's eye and try to see this other as God sees and loves and has compassion and kindness for him or her. Open yourself to seeing and loving people and the world as God does. You will find it makes a difference! *Anne Hunt in Kairos*

VOCATION AWARENESS

This week we are invited to be more aware of how God is inviting us to serve the Kingdom in sharing the liberating news that Jesus – the Good News of God's love. The fundamental call or vocation of every human being is to love. We have all been created by God out of love. God,

who is love, has made us so that we can know his love, and share that love with others, and delight in that love forever in eternal life. "Each of us has been called to follow Christ, the Son of God, who came to show us the way to eternal life. The Christian vocation, which we have received at our Baptism, is then a call to share in the life of God. We live out the invitation to be holy differently depending on which 'state of life' we have chosen. The 'states of life' are: marriage or single, consecrated life or the ordained ministry. Each vocation is a call to follow Christ closely.



To hear the gentle and persistent voice of the Lord we must be still in silence. To let him talk, we stop talking. Our first calling then is not to discover whether we are called to marriage or single life, to consecrated life or ordained ministry but to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so well that when he whispers to us in silence, we will hear his voice and follow his call. Then, we will have all the vocations we need. Extract from Kairos by *Fr Binh Le*

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES:

August 1st: YCS meeting 6pm
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August 2nd: Family Night 1 First Communion
August 3rd: Parish Pastoral Council 7.45pm
August 6th: Deanery Retreat Day
August 7th: Altar Servers Meeting 4pm
August 10th: Cancare Support Group 7.30pm
August 12th: Trivia Night
August 14th: Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am
August 15th: Justice & Peace Group Meeting
August 19th: WYD The Local Experience
August 21st: at St John's College (see details)
August 27th: Car Boot sale
August 31st: Come Away Day at Holy Cross
Sept 11th: Shopping Tour

Baptism Welcome : Welcome to Malakai Gentil, and Zarleah Peiris and their parents who are being presented for Baptism this weekend. We offer them and their families the support of our prayers as they take this step in faith.

First Holy Communion: 1st Family night for the First Holy Communion candidates will be on August 2nd. Candidates must attend with one or both parents. No further registrations will be accepted after August 2nd. Please arrive by 6.45pm on the night for registration.

Catholic Care Annual Appeal August 6th/7th: This annual collection enables CatholicCare to respond to the great needs that exist across the area and in particular to respond to urgent needs such as those of migrants and asylum seekers.

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. Forms at the back of the Church. To encourage our youth involvement in this retreat experience **the Parish will subsidise the enrollment fee. Student payment of \$15 only. What a bargain for two nights away!**

Young Christian Students (YCS) August 1st at 6pm:

YCS is back on at St Paul Apostle. This is a great place for young students (years 7-12) to make new friends and examine their lives from a Christian perspective. It creates an environment where problems can be solved with your peers. The next meeting is in the Parish Centre at **6pm on Monday August 1st**. This meeting will be held fortnightly during school terms.

Dandenong Deanery Retreat on Saturday August 6th

10am-3pm: This is a day devoted to the Spirituality of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) on August 6th at Resurrection parish, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch. If you would like to attend please contact Deslene de Niese on 0408 386 149 or E-mail: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Trivia Night – Friday, August 12th: A night full of fun and lots of chances to show your knowledge of a variety of topics. A night with good prizes to win & great silent auction bargains. Tickets \$15.00pp, BYO Drinks & Nibbles. It will be held at the New Community Hall St Paul Apostle South School. For further inquiries please contact John on 97002101 or Dick on 97001284. All proceeds go to the Parish.

Car Boot Sale -August 27th: Following on from a small but successful venture earlier in the year we have another opportunity to socialize and at the same time sell off those goods that are taking up space in the garage, the wardrobe or the kitchen! \$20 per car and all the proceeds from the entry fee go to the Parish.

Come Away Day August 31st 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.

Shopping Tour– September 11th : Please put the date in your diary for a great day out for family groups and friends. Kindly note that the date is different from the one we indicated in our previous newsletter. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch.

CYRENE CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Cyrene Centre will be held on **Thursday 25 August 2011**.

The meeting will commence at **7.30 pm** and will be held in

**St Anthony's Small Hall
90 Buckley Street
Noble Park 3174**

Parishioners from the Dandenong Deanery are welcome to attend.

The support of the Parish Priests & the Parishioners for our alcohol and drug counselling services is greatly appreciated.

Trust in God's Protection

Let nothing disturb thee;
let nothing dismay thee.

All things pass;
God never changes.
Patience attains all that it strives for.
Those who have God
find they lack nothing.
God alone suffices!

St Teresa of Avila

Other News & Events

Deanery News:

Marriage Encounter weekend will be on the 19-21 August and 11-13 November. For further information & bookings please contact Peter & Erika Smith on (03) 98990824

Volunteer Tutors Needed: The Homework Support Programme for migrants and refugees runs at 7 different locations at AMES Dandenong, Dandenong High School, Noble Park Secondary College, Hampton Park,

Cranbourne, Gleneagles, & Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges. If you are interested in making a difference and can help students in Maths, English, Humanities, Science or other subjects then why not get involved. **Contact Hannah on 97068933 or E-mail hannahj@sermc.org.au**

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

18th Sunday Year A

Is 55: 1-3;
Rom 8: 35; 37-39;
Mt 14: 13-21

NEXT WEEK:

19th Sunday Year A

1Kg 19: 9, 11-13;
Rom 9: 1-5;
Mt 14: 22-33

This weekend we pray for:

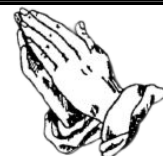
Those who are sick

Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, 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

Manolito Antaran, Nora Coad, Marie Nankou, Francesco Beltrano, Mariangela Chiodo, Carmelo Chiodo, Manuel Guinto, Annabel Brennan, Angolina Cardona, Mary Jones, Martin De Keyzer, Ignazio Stravato, Erminio Nesich, Barbara Evans, Francesca Tedesco, Marie Josephine Lewis, Freda Seager, John Paul, Nancy Lespior, Maria G Deliva, Antonio Santucci, Bohdan Sarachman, Francisco Bermudez, Joseph Thomas Gibbs, Noel Bungaroo, Benoy Perumal, Daya Tillerkeratne, Carlos Alfonso Henriques, Amy Parer, Lilian de Silva, Ron Watson,

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 30th-31st (5th Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	D & R Sugunasekera, A & P Garard	S De Rozairo E Kee	A Costa	J Disanayake
Sacristan	E Gunawan	K McArdle	Y Sherwin	Volunteers
Gifts	P & A Garard	J Bilton, E Gunawan	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	M Daly, B Lock	A McArdle, E Fourlze	J Jornet R Albuquerque	L Spear, M Meerwald
Communion	P Miller, A Dang, H Sanders, B Henstridge, L Flood, M Rolfe, L Cresswell, S Fernandes	G Todd, D & R Sugunasekera	A Anthony, G Jornet	A Anthony
Servers	K Fernandes, K Maillard, N DeZilva	V Jayetileke, M Harper, S Jayasuriya	A Del Socorro, J Madeira, K Mehes	J Weerasinghe

Rosters for Next Weekend August 6th - 7th (1st Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva, J Tarranto	J Bilton, M Nadarajah	A Gargana, Y Sherwin, D Kearney	J Disanayake
Sacristan	M Rolfe	L Lapierre, D DeRozario	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Gifts	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Magee	O'Connor Family	M Meerwald
Readers & Commtrs.	R Gonsalves, M Pegram, V Ferreira	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis	R/M O'Connor, M Anthony, M Martyn	S Fernando, D Candido
Communion	G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D & N Trindade, A Petryk, J Satya Graha	P Marion, L & R Alveyn, S & D McGuire, E & M Morales	V & A Clark, T Bugge, L Newman, C De Silva, S Jayamaha, C Albuquerque, A Gargano	L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wickramasinghe, P Mendonca
Servers	K Fernandes, L Mendonca, K Stewart, D & A Gonsalves	M Harper, S Jayasuriya, D De Silva	K Mehes, J Madeira, A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe
Cuppa	<i>last week of the month</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: N. Raveche	Viewhills: August 7th A Gargano & J Bassett		
	Church Prep Team 6 P Mallac	Flowers R Mutthumani	Counting P Negri, K Wong, S Quinless	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 2216.10 (130 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 895.70
Parish Total		\$ 5,444.84
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,382.85

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 CatholicCARE 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.