



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community *One Family*

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The year of the Priest



4th Sunday of Advent - Yr C

19th–20th December, '09 - No 50

Christmas Hampers and Carols in Martin Place

Last weekend our parish showed just how generous and caring it can be when we held our annual Hamper Mass and Christmas Carols in Martin Place. It was evident just how much effort and generosity went into the making up of our Christmas Hampers.

This Week

SUNDAY 20th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation

MONDAY 21st

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 22nd

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 23rd

7pm Mass
Advent Reconciliation
7.30pm

THURSDAY 24th

7pm Mass (Childrens)
9pm Mass
11.30pm Carols followed by Mass at Mid-night

FRIDAY 25th

Christmas Day
9am Mass
11am Mass

SATURDAY 26th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 27th Feast of the Holy Family)

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass



One of the notes of thanks came from Wellsprings in Dandenong and they wrote

"A sincere thank you for your overwhelming generosity in providing hampers for Wellsprings this year. We are all aware that financially 2009 has been a difficult year but still you have given so much to ensure that happiness touches the many people in our community who are not only in need of some treats this Christmas but are also separated from family and support networks. I can assure you every hamper was accepted with hugs, tears and gratitude. A huge thank you to Zoe, Leah, and the parish team for the wonderful organisation, all who helped move the hampers to Wellsprings and those who delivered them to the recipients. Wishing you all the Peace, Love and Joy this Christmas can bring.

The Staff of Wellsprings

Parish Calendar, News & Events

December

20th Advent 4C

Baptism Preparation

23rd Advent Reconciliation Service

24th Christmas Eve Masses 7pm, 9am, 11.30 Carols followed by Mass

25th Christmas Day Masses 9am & 11am

27th Feast of the Holy Family

30th 7pm Mass

January

1st New Years Day

Mass 10am (Feast of Mary of the Mother of God)

3rd Epiphany of the Lord

4th No Monday Mass

6th 7pm Mass

8th 9am Mass

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Wednesday

23rd at 7.30pm: Everyone is invited to celebrate God's loving forgiveness. This is one way of ending the Advent Season and preparing for the Christmas Season.

Children's Christmas Mass: Christmas Eve at 7pm. All children who would like to be involved are asked to attend practice on, Monday, 21st and Tuesday 22nd December at 3.30pm. Contact Sr Joan for all details.

Year of the Priest—June 2009-June 2010

"Prayer for Priests" cards available at both entrances to the Church, please take one home.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas

Cards/Columban Calendar 2010: on sale in the piety Stall - Cards 10pk \$7; Calendar \$7.

Dandenong Deanery Newsletter: Copies available, please take one home. NB. Our Sunday night Mass as advertised in Deanery Newsletter is incorrect.

YCS at St Paul Apostle: Last weekend selected YCS members from our Parish and St. Joseph's Northcote gathered in the YCW house in Fitzroy. We discussed the Review of Life (See, Judge and Act) and the Three Truths, as well as playing many games in which we had a lot of fun. We then discussed the Australian Young Christian Students National Conference, in which 4 members of our Parish

group will be attending, to represent the Melbourne Diocese, Nathaniel Guinan, Styron Augustus, Sophie Dang and Raelene Augustus. It will be held in Brisbane from the 10th of January- 17th of January. There will be another 6 diocese's represented where YCS is currently active (Brisbane, Parramatta, Adelaide, Port Pirie, Canberra/Goulburn and Perth). We found out information about the conference, that gave us a much deeper understanding of what we will be doing in Brisbane as well the benefits of going to the conference. In all it was a fantastic weekend and we had a great time getting to know students from other Parishes in Melbourne.

We look forward to updating the parish with information after the conference.

.....Written by: St. Paul Apostle YCS group

Parish Grief, Loss and Spirituality Sessions

Whenever we hear the words grief and loss, our minds immediately turn to the experience of the death of someone we know. However, through most situations of change or transition in our lives we experience something similar to a loss and there is a period of grieving. In a rapidly changing world these experiences are becoming more common.

In February 2010 the parish is hosting a five week series **exploring** this topic, the **impact** a loss has in our lives and **strategies to assist us** in growing through these times. We will also be asking the question, 'What does our **faith** say to us about the experience of loss in our lives?'

The sessions will be run by Tony Shallue and Kay Sudborough of Tobin Brothers Funerals at no cost to the participants or parish. Stay tuned for more details.....

Relay for Life:CanCare (Endeavour Hills Cancer Support Group):

12th March to Saturday 13th March. If you would like to join our Team in our fundraising effort to support Cancer Research, you are invited to visit the website:relayforlife.org.au and search for Team CanCare: Captain's Name: Stephanie Polan to register. \$15pp includes registration and a long sleeve polo shirt. More details in the New Year. .

Parish Dinner Dance 2010: We have a date!!! **Saturday 10th July 2010.** If you would like help with organizing the dance please contact the Parish Centre and we will pass on your information to the Dance Committee.



**Christmas at
St Paul Apostle**

Reconciliation Service

Wednesday

23rd December @ 7.30pm

Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve

7pm: For Younger Families

9pm: Family Mass

11.30pm: Carols & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9am, 11am

Children are invited to participate in the liturgy for the Children's Christmas Eve

Mass @ 7pm.

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am & 6pm

Wednesday 30th

Mass 7pm

New Year's Day: 1st Jan

Mass 10am

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 2nd Jan

Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 3rd Jan

9am, 11am & 6pm

Christmas is for Healing

Christmas is for healing
loving you, of course
I am not at all interested in how
much money
you are spending on Christmas
gifts this year
but rather, in how much blood,
sweat, and tears you are shed-
ding
to make Christ a vital part of your
life.

For you and I will never be able
to erase
The fact that he came:
to touch lives – to break
bread
to heal hurt – to forgive
sins
to wash feet –to calm seas
to walk on water-to give
us the Spirit
and to care immensely!

Yes, to care enough
To be born in our Bethlehem
To live in our land, and weep over
our cities
And die and rise again
So now it's Christmas
And I am not sure what part of
you is crippled
Or where you need to feel God's
saving power
But with everything in me
I believe that Christmas is for
healing
And he came to heal.

So if you can trust Jesus enough
to
Walk out on the waters of getting
involved,
Of washing feet and anointing
people,
Of breaking bread and working
miracles,
I am almost sure his saving pres-
ence
Will touch those blind and crip-
pled parts of your life
And Christmas will come to you.

More than anything else
I want to give you Christmas this
year
It's a gift, an offer
You can take it if you like
But I can't really give it to you
Like a wrapped up package.

It is deeper than that,
It is warmer, brighter, and holier
It is more personal
Christmas is more challenging
than a wrapped up package.

.....Macrina Wiederkehr osb
<http://macrinawiederkehr.com>



Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK (Advent 4C)

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

NEXT WEEK (Feast of the Holy Family)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-114 or 1 Samuel
1:20-22,24-28

Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-
2,21-24

Luke 2:41-52



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Neda Maroki, , Sean Quessy, Pablito Teves, Paul Hoareau,
Shoiseeha Younan, Pat D'Cunha, Heinz Weninger, Don Nelson,
Leslie Thuraisingham, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alyzée Dromart, Joseph
Alevedo, Robert Kilmartin, Maria Sepulveda, Dorothy de Souza,
Markis Theodore, and Edgardo Sotiar

Those who have died

Terrence Rasmussen, Yvonne Conyers, Leslie Wignall, Joesephine
Caruana, Benedetto Faiola, Pietro Rubino, Evelyn Gunasekara,
Walter Carvalho, Anthony Tong Nang Nguyen, Adrian Golotta,
Tony Medina, Josephine Bower, Rita Byrne Quinn, Ana Mesquita
Andrade, Cesar Salinas

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Bridget Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Bev Cresswell
(Pastoral & Sacrament Support)
Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration & Finance)

Passionist

Community

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

Sisters of Cross and Passion

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Bridget Murphy 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: (3rd Week of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	L Phan Eucharistic Min.	D and S McGuire Eucharistic Min.	Eucharistic Min.	Eucharistic Min.
Sacristan	P Miller	S and D McGuire	Volunteer	K Jayasinha
Gifts	J Sementy	D and H Jayasuriya	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs	A Rosario, K Rolfe R Young	A McArdle N Dimitrakis	A Astin, C De Silva	D Candido C. White M Keating
Communion Ministers	P Negri, L Phan C Emmanuel M & I Whiteman M Boissezon G Muthumani A Drego	E & W San Giorgio A Nadarajah M La Blache D Vaifale, D O'Hara P Smith	G Johnson, W Barr, D Kearney R O'Connor M Dawson E Foulze	M Meerwald D Candido E Rebeiro V Hassett P Carvalho K de Alwis
Servers	J D'Souza K Maillard N De Zilva J Ferrao, S Dang K Fernandes	K Dimitrakis D De Silva V Jayetileke M Harper S Jayasuriya	E Gubatanga M O'Connor K Mehes A Del Socorro	E Schumacher Volunteers

Rosters for Next Weekend: 26th - 27th December, 2009 (4th Week of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone Eucharistic Min	J Bilton M Nadarajah Eucharistic Min	A Gargana Eucharistic Min	Eucharistic Min
Sacristan	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamaha
Gifts	R Vaz	M Magee	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Ryan M Rolfe	J Callery L Lapierre	H Greenhill L Newman	N Fernando C Bird M Meerwald
Communion	S Stone, D Arena S Sharp, A Petryk, P Louden S, B & J Herbert	M Anthony B & E David J Aldag, F Price F Hall, D Mariette	F Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin C De Souza J Foenander H Greenhill G Calixto	K Jayasinha R Mathias J Catania N Sangalang
Servers	K Maillard N De Zilva J Ferrao, S Dang K Fernandes J D'Souza	D De Silva V Jayetileke M Harper S Jayasuriya K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor K Mehes A Del Socorro E Gubatanga	E Schumacher & Volunteers
Communion to the Sick	A: S Tranquille	B: C & M De Souza	C: J & M Duyker (fortnightly)	
	Church Prep. - 1 R & B Barnfield H & P Sanders J Callery B Henstridge J Stewart R Young	Flowers	Counting J Baskett Volunteers	Rosary Calixto Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes: (326 pledges)	\$3323.70	\$2243.55 (143 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit		\$1859.38 (121 pledges)
Cash		\$ 590.15
Total		\$4693.08
Priests (2nd)		\$1111.00

Thank you

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

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

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 and Information from the Parish Centre.