



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A -2011 April 30th-May 1st

#### This Week

##### **SUNDAY 1st**

2nd Sunday of Easter  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
9am Baptism

##### **MONDAY 2nd**

8.30am Rosary  
10am Mass  
Anzac Day

##### **TUESDAY 3rd**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

##### **WEDNESDAY 4th**

7.00pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

##### **THURSDAY 5th**

##### **FRIDAY 6th**

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

##### **SATURDAY 7th**

Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Mass

##### **SUNDAY 8th May**

9am Mass  
11am Mass 6pm Mass  
11am Baptism

#### **REFLECTION**

The gospel story about doubting Thomas has to be one of the most misunderstood episodes in the New Testament. If you're like me, for years we have been consoled by Thomas doubting that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas' doubts were in Jesus, we have been led to believe. But let's read the story very carefully. It's not Jesus Thomas doubts, it's the disciples. In fact when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and like the others he immediately confesses Easter faith.

There are three elements in this story that should give us great comfort. The first is that Thomas doubts the early Church, and not just in regard to a minor issue of discipline or procedure. He doubts the central Christian message: that God raised Jesus from the dead. Some of us, too, at various times in our lives, can have doubts about all sorts of things in our faith. There are very few Catholics who get through life without asking some serious questions of God, about Jesus, the Spirit and the Church. These questions are good in themselves. They are necessary for a mature, adult faith. What we need to ensure is that we sincerely want answers to the questions we ask and not just use them to justify our wandering away from our faith. Thomas is the patron saint of all of us who sometimes struggle to believe what everyone else in the church seems to accept. And he is also the patron saint of those of us who seek the courage and patience to wait for the answers. The second consoling fact to this story concerns the earliest Church. Even though they were filled with the presence of the Risen Lord and though Thomas refuses to believe their wit-

ness, they remain faithful to him in his doubts. We know this because he is still with them a week later. They didn't expel him from the group, they held on to him in the hope that he would experience the Lord for himself. Sadly for us, today, there are some who argue that Catholics who struggle with their faith should 'shape up or ship out'. While every group has its boundaries and there are limits to what people can dissent from, we could take the earliest Church as our model and stay faithful to our doubters and help them come to see the transforming truth that has changed our lives.

The final element in this extraordinary story which can help us in our Easter faith concerns the significance of the time between the first and second appearances of Jesus. We're told it was seven days and the parallel to the story of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of John's Gospel.



And even though the earliest disciples experience the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, they are still locked in their fears one week later. The creation of the early Church, the movement of its earliest leaders from timidity to boldness took time and having a doubter in their midst ends up a great blessing for them all, for Christ is present at every step of the Church's creation and re-creation as well.

This story was written for people like us who do not have access to the historical Jesus. The birth of the Church is an ongoing act of God's creation in every generation. It takes time, and people will be at different stages at different moments. Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is only surpassed by our Crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt.

R Leonard SJ

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY DATES

May 3rd: ASRE resumes at 4pm  
May 17th: Senior's Bus Trip  
May 18th: City of Casey Consultation 7.30pm  
May 23rd: Parish Car Boot Sale  
May 30th: Bereavement Course starts  
June 4th: Passionist Family Groups Celebration

**Baptism:** Congratulations to Oscar Benjamin Youngs and his parents as Oscar joins our Parish Community. We offer them our support and prayers as they take this step in faith with Oscar.

**Parish Schools—** It is lovely to see and hear the children back in school after the holidays. Please note the open days for both Parish Schools. You would all enjoy seeing the improved facilities and learning spaces the children enjoy. Do take up the invitation and see for yourselves. You might be particularly interested if you have pre-school children.

## OPEN TIMES for VISITS

### Dates: North School:

6pm 2nd & 9th May, 2pm 14th May

### Dates: South School:

9am-10am Wednesday 4th May

**Parents building solutions:** St Paul Apostle Schools North and South invite parents and grandparents to a series of workshops which are being organised in collaboration with Anglicare Parentzone in the Annexe on the following topics. The schools would welcome your participation but please book in advance:

Tuesday 17th May 9.30-11.30 Beating Bullying  
Tuesday 31st May 9.30-11.30 Discipline that works  
Tuesday 14th June 9.30-11.30 Getting Kids to listen  
Tuesday 28th June 9.30-11.30 Parents' Rights vs Kids' Rights

Barbara Biggelaar from Anglicare Parentzone will be facilitating these **free** sessions which will be helpful for parents so if you can come along but please book in advance by contacting Barbara on 5991 2200

See notices in the Gathering Space for more details

**Bereavement Awareness Course:** Some months ago a number of people signed up for the course which was originally planned for March. The course, which deals with various aspects of grief and loss, will begin on **May 30th** and will continue for 5 Monday evenings **7.30pm to 9pm** in the Parish House. If you missed the sign up sheet and you would like to do this course please contact the Sr Brigid at the Parish Office on 9700 3781 The course is suited to those involved in schools, ministry to the sick and those who are involved with Vinnies or other care organisations.

**Seniors' Bus Trip:** The names of all those who have signed up is on the table in the Foyer. The cost of the trip is \$ 12.50. All the places are now booked if everyone who signed up comes along. Please check the names on the list in the Foyer. The cost and the size of the bus are based on the numbers who signed up so we hope that everyone can come along. The money will be collected after 6pm,

9am and 11am Masses on **May 7th and 8th**

## June 4th Passionist Family Groups Celebration:

Passionist Family groups have been part of our Parish for 20 years and you are invited to a celebration for the **20th anniversary**. A Bush Dance featuring Bushwazee will take place on Saturday June 4th 2011 at 7.30pm in the St Apostle Community Hall. Tickets per adult \$5. Under 18 year olds are free but free tickets are required for entry to hall. BYO food and drink. A fun evening for all. Limited tickets available from Joe and Bridgette Carvalho on 97081056, Vianney Clark on 9700 6759, Myrtle & Ivor Whiteman, Carol Mendonca or Cameron Major.

## JUSTICE PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION:

Following the two initial conversations exploring the possibility of forming a JPIC group in the parish we now invite anyone who is interested in being part of such a group to sign one of the sheets in the Gathering Space or in the Foyer.

The purpose of the group would be to:

*Deepen our knowledge and awareness of the various issues of injustice, local, national, and international which beset our world;*

*Be a voice for those who for whatever reason are unable to speak for themselves;*

*Explore possible actions we might take to combat these injustices;*

*Network with other groups in the Diocese.*

The group would meet once a month - time, place and date to be decided the first meeting. Thank you.

*For further information contact the Parish office 9700 3781*

**Thank you** for your generous support of the Collections for Holy Thursday and Good Friday (\$1,440 to go to Fr Jacob CP for a well for a school in Kenya and (\$1,440 for the support of the Holy Places).

**Caritas—Project Compassion**—We have banked \$1,037.25 for Caritas . Please return your collection, boxes or envelopes as soon as possible, so that we can forward the money to Caritas.

**A big thank you to all for such a generous and encouraging response to all the calls for support over Holy Week and Easter. A special thank you to all our young parishioners for their wonderful participation in the Holy and Easter liturgies and particularly the Stations of the Cross which were truly inspiring.**

## Positions of Parish Secretary and Bursar

There are currently two positions in our Parish Administration. The Advertisements are on the notice boards in the gathering space and on the Parish website. Additional information and application forms are available from the Parish Office. The closing date for applications is **May 13th** and short listing will take place after Fr Tim's return from the pilgrimage.

**International Weekend of Prayer for all Missing Children: April 30th & Sunday May 1st**

This will be the 6th International Weekend of Prayer for Madeleine McCann and all missing children. The prayer is for God's protection and peace for all children who are victims of our broken world and that all adults will strive to protect the children entrusted to their care.

**REFLECTION ON CHILDREN**

"Your children are not your children. They are sons and daughters of Life's longing for it-self. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the make upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness. For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He also loves the bow that is stable."

Kahlil Gibran

**Other News & Events**

**The Helder Camara Lectures Newman House, Swanston St.**

**Wednesday June 1st 6pm**

Searching for God in a time of doubt  
Msgr Tomas Halik with Fr Frank Brennan

**Friday June 24th 6pm**

The Power of Boundless Compassion  
Fr Greg Boyle SJ

**Wednesday June 29th 6pm**

Challenges facing Church & Society in Myanmar Today  
Archbishop Charles Bo SDB

**Thursday July 21st 6pm**

Freedom, Personal Identity and the Possibility of Happiness  
Dr Stephen Wang

**Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55:** is a free to join social group and our next event is Friday night drinks on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Amora River Walk Hotel, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond, For more information:

[www.meetup.com/melbournesingle-catholics](http://www.meetup.com/melbournesingle-catholics)

**Sunday May 15th at 7pm:** Fellowship Meal of Jews and Catholics at 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South \$40 per person-Keynote address Rabbi James Kenard and Fr Chris Monaghan. For information and bookings: Phone 92725566

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** Married couples –this is an opportunity to invest in your own relationship which underpins your family life. The next weekends are **3rd-5th June and 19th—21st August**. For bookings and information contact Peter and Erika Smith on 03 9899 0824 or e-mail [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Sunday Readings**

**THIS WEEK:  
(2nd Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 2: 42-47  
1 Pet 1: 3-9  
Jn 20: 19-31

**NEXT WEEK:  
(3rd Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 2: 14, 22-33  
1Pet 1: 17-21  
Lk 24: 13-35



**This weekend we pray for:**

***Those who are sick:***

Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Ivan Velupillai, Mickee Raveche, 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, Pat D'Cunha, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Sepulveda, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

***For those who have died:***

Anton Clarke, Katie D'Souza, Mara Ujka, Nikolla Behari, Angelita De Cardenas, Tonilio Dos Santos, Antoni Czaja, Anthony Ranasinghe, Melencio Dunca, Joseph Gatt, Joao Mendonca, Edgar Pereira, Terrence Martyn, Virginia de Silva, Ellen San Giorgio, Giovanni Stravato, Emy Morales, Jason Pickering, Veronica Ratna Karmila, Loris Di Marcantonro, Jonnie Derig, Maria Hernandez, Stanley Young, George Finette, Maude Barry, Ignacio Espiritu, Eric Parsons, Hope Don Paul, Anna Pham Thi Ngan,

***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**

Mrs Liz Spear  
(Administration & Finance)

**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: April 30th –May 1st ( 1st Sunday of Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Nadarajah	A Gargano, Y Sherwin,	J Disanayake
<b>Sacristan</b>	Volunteer	D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
<b>Gifts</b>	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton & M Magee	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	R Gonsalves, V Ferreira	C Carayannis J Chadwick	R or M O'Connor M Anthony, M Martyr	S Fernando D Candido
<b>Communion</b>	G Akom, J Stewart D Turner, D & N Trindade, A Petryk, J Satya Graha	P Marion, L & A Alveyn, S & D McGuire E & M Morales	V & A Clark T Bugge, L New- man, C De Silva, S Jayamaha, C Albuquerque, A Gargano	L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wickramasinghe P Mendonca
<b>Servers</b>	K Fernandes L Mendonca K Stewart D & A Gonsalves	M Harper S Jayasuriya D De Silva	J Madeira A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe

**Rosters for Next Weekend May 7th –8th ( 2nd Sunday Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	B Carvalho, S Sharp, C Vaz	S De Rozairo J Aldag	C Boissezon G Jornet	B Bonett
<b>Sacristan</b>	J Carvalho	A Nadarajah	L Forkgen	N Sangalang
<b>Gifts</b>	B Barnfield, A Gonsalves	S & D De Rozairo	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	D Rodgers, P Loudon, J Sementhy	M Vaifale, D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G Johnson & M Quirin	P Leitan, A Tanner
<b>Communion</b>	M & M C Maillard, 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'Connor	R & P Torres, G Canales, B Bonett, J Hallett
<b>Servers</b>	K Maillard, R Vaz A D'Souza	K Dimitrakis, V Jayetileke M Harper	A Del Socorro M O'Connor K Fernandes	M McMahon
<b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b>	<b>Roster A: C De Silva</b>	<b>Viewhills: P Mallac &amp; C Kennedy</b>		
<b>Cuppa:</b>  Next Cuppa will be end of May	<b>Church Prep Team 5 C Albuquerque &amp; Team</b>	<b>Flowers</b>  C Beech	<b>Counting</b>  R Young P Sequeira J Lucas	<b>Rosary</b>  Carlow (15th May)

**Parish Finances**

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,199.70 ( 142received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 1,936.15
<b>Total</b>		\$6,468.89
\$ Priests ( 2nd Collection)		\$ 2,091.50

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.**

