



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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5th Sunday of Easter Year A 2011 May 21st-22nd

REFLECTION

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security. In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of **'The Way'**. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

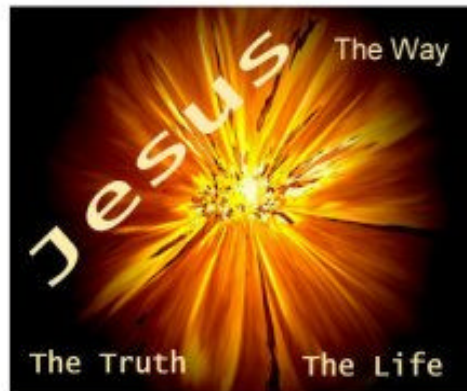
For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told **'The Truth'**. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. **'The Life'** in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being **the Way, the Truth and the Life** are

put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.



The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth.

We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

R Leonard

This Week

SUNDAY 22nd

4th Sunday of Easter
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation 3.45

MONDAY 23rd

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 24th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 25th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 26th

9.00am Mass
North School

FRIDAY 27th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

SATURDAY 28th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 29th

9am Mass
11am Mass 6pm Mass

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

May 24th: Family Night 1 for Confirmation at 7pm
May 28th: Parish Car Boot Sale
May 28/9th: Passionist Family Groups Masses
May 30th: Bereavement Course starts
June 1st: Parish Pastoral Council 7.40pm
June 4th: Passionist Family Groups Celebration
Bush Dance
June 4th: Deanery Retreat Day at St Paul
Apostle Parish

Family Night 1 for Parents and Confirmation

Candidates: A reminder of the 1st Family Formation Night for parents and Confirmation candidates this **TUESDAY 24th MAY—sign in 6.45pm**

Parents building solutions:

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

Deanery Retreat Day June 4th 10am-3pm: This will take place in our Church and is open to all parishes in the Deanery to participate. The day is being facilitated by Marlene McGrath from Heart of Life. Marlene is a mother, grandmother and spiritual director. Please bring some food to share for lunch. **RSVP by Monday May 30th to Deslene de Niese on 0408 386 149 or e-mail: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au**

This is a great opportunity for our parish to have a day for quiet reflection and discussion. The theme of the day 'opening our hearts to the warmth of the Spirit of Pentecost.' Please put the date in your diary now and give yourself the gift of a day for you and come along for some spiritual warmth.

Volunteers needed to host tea and coffee on the day. If you can help please contact Sr Brigid at the parish office.

Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Templestowe: June 11th 9.30am to 4pm: A reflective day for women: Cost \$50.00 includes lunch. Forms in Foyer

St Paul Apostle Passionist Family Groups 20th Anniversary Celebration

A Bush Dance featuring Bushwazee

St Paul Apostle Community Centre,
Saturday June 4th

Tickets per adult **\$5** – under 18 free.
(free tickets required for entry to hall)
BYO food and drink

Biryani for sale also for \$6

A fun evening for all. Tickets available.

Tickets: Joe/Bridgette (97081056)
Vianney(97006759), Myrtle/Ivor (97005392),
Carol (9700 3526) & Cameron Major

Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors for Week 5:

The liturgy for the weekend of **May 28th/29th** is being planned by our Passionist family groups and they will be taking care of the Ministries of Welcome, Lectors, presentation of gifts and Communion ministry and will also be helping with the Cuppa after each Mass. Apologies to those who do the 5th Sunday normally.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors: There will be two opportunities for reflection in June before the feast of Corpus Christi so please put the following dates in your diary **June 23rd at 7.30-8.30pm** and **June 25th at 2.30pm-3.30pm**

Communion to the Sick and Homebound:

If you know of someone who is not able to get to Mass because of illness or because they are housebound please contact the Parish Office if they would like to have **Communion** at home. There are some people who are designated and commissioned to take Communion to people at home weekly so if someone regularly needs communion we can put the names on the Rosters.

It is usually best coordinated through the Parish Office who can be in touch with the Roster coordinators or with a relative who is Minister of the Eucharist. The **Pyx** in which Communion is carried to the sick should be returned to the Sacristy when it is not being used.

Casey Relay for Life: Our **Cancare** Team raised \$3,880.00 in Casey Cardinia Relay for Life in March. This is a great achievement and many people from our Parish participated in the event. Congratulations to Cancare and to all who supported the event. The total for Casey was \$260,676.18.

Project Compassion—Caritas: To date we have banked \$1,773.50 for Project Compassion. Please return any boxes or envelopes that you have to the Parish Centre this coming week, so that we can finalise the Appeal for 2011.

Car Boot Sale: Sellers needed urgently to make our Parish Car Boot sale next Saturday a successful fundraising event for our Parish. Have you thought about all that stuff you've been meaning to get rid of? This is your moment of opportunity!! Registration forms in the gathering space.

Youth Meeting Saturday May 28th 5-7pm at South School Community Hall

Come along to the gathering - meet other youth members of the Parish— plan further activities. Light games. Bring some food and drink—chips cakes soft drink etc.

Dandenong Deanery: May 31st at 7pm:

Parishoners are invited to attend this session at St Mary's Dandenong when Damian Coleridge will present an Information evening on the Revised Missal. As we need to be able to inform St Mary's how many are attending **please put your name on the sign up sheet in the gathering space if you will be attending.**

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. The

Mass will be celebrated 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 the Life,

Marriage & Family on:

9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au.

Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations by Friday 16th July.

*St Paul Apostle North and
St Paul Apostle South*

Both our schools are enrolling for
Preps for **2012**

Both schools now have amazing new learning environments and certainly you would enjoy visiting the schools and having a walk through.

North School
Tuesdays and Fridays 9am and 1pm
Or by appointment
Phone 9700 6068

South School
By appointment
Phone 97003663

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

Catholic Care Marriage Enrichment Opportunities

Relationship Day Sunday 3rd July
Difference to Eternity Sunday 16th October
For further information contact: 92875516
karin.kaiser@centacaremelbourne.org.au

Sunday Readings

**THIS WEEK:
(5th Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 6: 1-7
1 Pet 2:4-9
Jn 14: 1-12

**NEXT WEEK:
(6th Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3: 15-18
John 14: 15-21



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Vera Bird, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, 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, Alyzée Dromart, Maria, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died:

Francis Salis Fernando, Fr Tony Hally, Alfonso Kwek, Rudolf Pahor, Pierre Ramalinga, Kayl McLachlan, Tyronne Cooke, Richard Quinless, Sofia Godilano, Angela Arena, Milton Collins, Frank Meyers, Gloria McPhail, Winston Orton, Trinidad Bonaobra, Cybille Dromart, Ida Gomesz, Edward Gatt, Clarita Aguila, Fr Guiseppe Moja, Billy Grossen, Eugenia Bracerros, Vincent Scordo, Jack Ward, John Joseph O'Hara,

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: May 21st-22nd (4th Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone, A & R Gonsalves	J Bilton, A Judge	A Gargano A Costa, J Solari	D & W McMahan
Sacristan	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts	R Vaz G Tyszka	N & S Dimitrakis	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Rolfe, M Ryan	J Callery, L Lapierre	L Newman C White	N Fernando C Bird,
Communion	S Stone S, B & J Herbert, S Sharp, D. Arena, P. Perera	B & E David J Aldag, F Hall, D Mariette, K McArdle, M Nadarajah	J Solari, Y Sherwin C De Souza, J Foe- nander, G Calixto, H Greenhill	K Jayasinha R Mathias J Catania N Sangalang
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor K Fernandes A Del Socorro	M McMahan

Rosters for Next Weekend May 27th-28th (5th Sunday Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP
Sacristan	Errie Gunawan	K McArdle	Y Sherwin	VOLUNTEERS
Gifts	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP
Readers & Commtrs.	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP	FAMIL Y GROUP
Communion	FAMIL Y GROUP MEMBERS Plus A. Dang, B. Henstridge	9AM WEEK 5 Plus Volunteers from 9am E Ministers present	FAMIL Y GROUP MEMBERS	FAMIL Y GROUP MEMBERS Plus Volunteers
Servers	K Fernandes K Maillard N De Silva	V Jaytileke, M Harper S Jayasuriya	A Del Socorro J Madeira K Mehes	J Weerasinghe
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: N. Raveche	Viewhills: A Gargano & J Baskett		
Cuppa: Next Cuppa will be end of May – Family Groups	Church Prep Team 2 K Jayasinga & Team	Flowers Sara Lou	Counting G Velupillay J Doran F Toplak	Rosary Thaddous Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,565.35 (144received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 415.45
Total		\$ 5,318.84
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,031.20

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.