



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Easter Sunday Year A - 2011 23rd -24th April

This Week

SUNDAY 24th

Easter Sunday

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
9am Baptism Welcome

MONDAY 25th

8.30am Rosary
10am Mass
Anzac Day

TUESDAY 26th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 27th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation
10am North School Mass

THURSDAY 28th

No Mass

FRIDAY 29th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

SATURDAY 30th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 1st May

2nd Sunday of Easter
9am Mass
11am Mass 6pm Mass
Baptisms

LOVE WINS

'The Paschal season is a good time to pray for the grace to see others as Christ 'sees them. Only *His* largeness of heart frees us to live out our discipleship of loving and forgiving. That isn't easy, as we all know. Often we simply cannot 'see' the other - especially people who are enemies - through Christ 'eyes'. The disciples had enough difficulty at first 'seeing' the Risen Jesus! Let alone really 'seeing' their enemies! Yet Jesus of Nazareth appeared to them, as he always was, flesh and blood. But it was more than just physical presence. The Lord's presence includes, but is infinitely more deeper and more real, than just flesh and blood. It overwhelms us, even as we glimpse His 'glory'. It is no accident that at the moment of recognition, when bread is broken, when the wounds of crucifixion are displayed, the Risen Jesus withdraws again, leaving the first disciples floundering for words. We too can't really imagine or really grasp the marvellous Risen presence of Jesus our brother with us now - it is beyond human words. But our Easter faith assures us that 'Love wins' - despite all appearances to the contrary. This loving Risen presence is just as real for us, as it was for the first believers. It is **the** source of our energy and mission.

Such Risen Love is not vague and merely theoretical. It demands expanding our practical love outwards to others in ever increasing circles. Alleluia!'
Mark O'Connor FMS

Our Easter Candle

The words of the hymn "Now the

Green Blade Rises" are the basis of the artwork on our Easter Candle this year. The words capture the sadness and grief, the light and the hope of the Paschal Mystery.

Already in 2011, we have experienced this Paschal Mystery played out in the lives of our sisters and brothers who have been so tragically affected by floods, fires and cyclones and earthquakes.

The hymn and the design for this year's Paschal Candle pro-

claim the great Easter message that darkness will give way to light, sadness to joy.

As we stand together in this time of national and international grief, we hold on to the HOPE that the GREEN BLADE will indeed RISE again in our hearts, our homes and our world.

EASTER BLESSINGS



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 24th: Easter Sunday 9am and 11am
April 25th: Mass **10am Anzac Day**
April 26th: Mass 9am
April 27th: Passionist Companions Pilgrimage
April 27th: Schools Re-open
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

Thank you and Easter Blessings:

On behalf of the parish team and the rest of the parishioners a very big thank-you to all of you who have been so involved and help lead our celebrations for Holy Week and Easter. You have made them meaningful and life giving. The Stations of the Cross led by the younger members of our Parish under the gentle guidance of Fr James, were certainly a highlight of our Good Friday liturgies. Many were moved to tears by young Kurt Dimitrakis' prayerful portrayal of Jesus on his journey to the Cross.

To all who prepared the church, the linen and the flowers, our choirs for leading the music, our Lectors, ministers of the Eucharist and those who performed the hand washing service on Thursday night; to those who consistently take Holy Communion to Viewhills Manor and to people in their own homes; our sacristans, collectors, counters, and those who prepared the cuppas and to all who have worked behind the scenes to make all the services run smoothly, ushers, car park attendants and those who have worked on the gardens and the grounds. An enormous THANK YOU

We also welcome those who were received into the community at the Easter Vigil. The parish congratulates you on your journey and willingness to be a part of the Catholic Community. Welcome to: **Sai Dilinger, Justine Surace, & her three children Caterina, Jacinta, Dante; Cane Thompson;** and to **Tania & Karlos Jeronimo** who completed their sacraments of Initiation. They have journey for the past months under the care and guidance of Sr Joan.

I also wish to acknowledge the contribution of the Passionist sisters Anne, Brigid and Joan. They have worked tirelessly not only in their pastoral duties but have kept the office running and been very much the silent partners for John, James and myself in the ways they organised so much for our Easter Celebrations.

So on behalf of our Passionist community and Parish team I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones every blessing that this Easter Season promises. That you dare to allow the promise of new life, hope and new beginnings be part of your life. Fr Tim, cp

Parish Passionist Companions



Pilgrimage 2011

On 27th April, a group from the Parish comprising of Passionist Companions and other parishioners will be travelling on a Pilgrimage to Italy to visit the significant sites of St Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Order.

The group would like to invite Parishioners and friends to follow their journey and experiences through their website: stpaulapostlecompanions.wordpress.com

The website is live now and will be updated every day during the pilgrimage, so have a look it. The group would also welcome you to write comments back to them through the website.

We wish all the pilgrims a safe journey and a fruitful time and we look forward to hearing their stories on their return. Through the generosity of the parish Men's Club, Fr Tim will be accompanying them as chaplain. During this time Fr James cp will be acting Parish Priest and Fr John as Assistant. So please don't hesitate to call them and keep them busy!

Parish Schools—Welcome Back to all our teachers and students as the schools re-open on Wednesday. We hope all will have a happy term and enjoy all the opportunities. 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:

4pm– 5pm Friday 29th April and
9am-10am Wednesday 4th May

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 from Wednesday April 27th. The closing date for applications is May 13th and short listing will take place after Fr Tim's return

Easter Prayer



Risen Lord Jesus,
when all the world seems against us,
keep our hope alive.
Help us to remember
that after crucifixion
comes the resurrection,
that after the darkness
comes the dawn,
and after the bitterness of defeat
comes a new beginning.
Keep our hope alive
so that we may be ready.
Amen.

International Day 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.

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

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
Divine Mercy Sunday: May 1st: Devotions from 1pm-3pm and Mass at 3pm at St Joseph's Springvale. The novena which began on Good Friday continues on April 24th and 25th at 5pm, April 26th 6pm, 27th-29th at 6pm and 30th at 7pm. See sheet in the gathering space.

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

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK: (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10: 34 37-43
Col 3: 1-4
Jn 20: 1-9

NEXT WEEK: (2nd Sunday of Easter)

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



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Anton Clark, 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:

Mara Ujka, Nikolla Behari, Angelita De Cardenas, Tonilio Dos Santos, Antoni Czaja, Stella Collins, Bev Cresswell, Anthony Hien Vu, Melissa Johnston, Edite Roboredo, Pesamino Tusa, Marie Therese McGaw, Iris D'Oliveiro, Marie McGaw, Seamus O'Higgins, Francis Wickramasinghe, Antonio Giovanni Villani, Maria Szentkiralyi, Nitin Naik, Roch Long Phuc Tran, Gerald Riswick, Michael Ngo Van Cho & Family, Phyllis Brennan, Cesar Balatbat, George Zacharias, Molly Noronha, Anthony Hien Vu

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 23rd -24th (4th Sunday of month)

	Vigil 7.30pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Sandra Stone	J Bilton & A Judge	A Gargano & A Costa & J Solari	No evening Mass
Sacristan	M Maillard	A Nadarajah & N Raveche	L Forkgen	
Gifts	Newly Baptised	N & S Dimitrakis or B & E David	Volunteers	
Readers & Commtrs.	G Johnson + 8 Signed up Readers	J Callery & L Lapierre	L Newman Y Sherwin	
Communion	A Clark, V Clark, T Shaw Dennis P Perera J Satya Graha K De Zilva	A Nadarajah E & W San Giorgio E David D De Rozairo M Nadarajah J Aldag	D. Farrell J. Foenander, A. Gargano T. Bugge V. Hassett J Satya Graha Volunteer	
Servers	J Satya Graha	M. Harper, S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	A Del Socorro M O'Connor, K Fernandes, J Satya Graha	
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Nadarajah	A Gargano, Y Sherwin, D Kearney	J Disanayake
Sacristan	Volunteer	D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Gifts	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton & M Magee	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	R Gonsalves, V Ferreira	C Carayannis J Chadwick	R or 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 & A 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	J Madeira A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: N Raveche Roster B: E David	Viewhills: S Tranquille E Fourlze		
Cuppa: Next Cuppa will be end of May	Church Prep Team 4	Flowers R Mutthumani	Counting L Cresswell I Heneric, C Quinless	Rosary De Silva Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,694.60 (158received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 1,066.65
Total		\$6,094.29
\$ Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,295.85

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 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.

