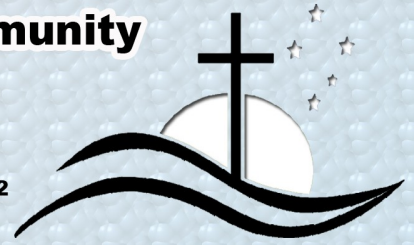




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### 1st Sunday of Lent- Year A 12th-13th March

#### This Week

#### SUNDAY 13th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am

#### MONDAY 14th

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass

#### TUESDAY 15th

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration  
Lenten Reflection 7.30pm

#### WEDNESDAY 16th

7.00pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

#### THURSDAY 17th

#### FRIDAY 18th

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.30  
Stations of the Cross  
7.30pm

#### SATURDAY 19th

Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 20th

9th Sunday A  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism Preparation  
3.45pm

#### REFLECTION

Our Lenten gospels always begin with Jesus in the desert being tempted by the devil. The desert has many layers of meaning in our lives. Throughout salvation history the desert has symbolised both the positive and the negative. The Israelites spent many years in exile in the desert, deprived of food and nourishment, homeland, identity and power, as well as their intimate relationship with God. The desert's harshness symbolised Satan's 'territory' a place of desolation, loneliness and temptation, with loss of comforts and human support.

Jesus is led into the desert and there he is 'tempted by the devil'. The experience is profound as Jesus' very identity is challenged. Jesus does not succumb but, in affirming his own humanity, he affirms our humanity as the way to know God. Through his faithfulness to God, Jesus enhances his conversation with his Father and as we reflect on the temptations of Jesus, we are invited to faithfulness, both personally and as Church.

The Spirit is Jesus' companion and is also a constant companion and source of empowerment for the Church.



As a Church community we too are in a time of renewal as the Parish Pastoral Council is due for some change. As we thank all who have served over the last two—four years for the gift of time, ideas and action we invite nominations for new people who can share their gifts and serve our community.

#### ROLE OF A PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Pastoral Council consists of the Pastor together with a group of parishioners chosen by the parish community. The Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. The Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

#### FUNCTIONS OF A PASTORAL COUNCIL

A Pastoral Council seeks to enrich the quality of parish life provide opportunities for parish members to

*grow in holiness*

*to discover and live out their personal and community call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society.*

#### PASTORAL ISSUES

Pastoral issues are those that impact on the lives of parishioners in the areas of:

—*integration of their faith into everyday life - home, work, community*

—*nourishment and support of their faith as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus*

—*outward focus for the development of a vital Christian community, actively engaged in Jesus' mission of service and influence in the wider world.*

**Next weekend members of the PPC will speak at all Masses.**

***Nomination forms will be available over the next two weeks.***

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 16th: Come Away Day @ Holy Cross  
March 21st: Catholic Education week  
March 20th: Baptism Preparation  
March 26-27 Cuppa after all Masses  
March 27th: Cuppa—young families after 11am  
March 27th: Last day for PPC nominations  
March 27th: Baptism welcome

## Thanksgiving Envelopes

The envelopes for those who are on Thanksgiving are in the Gathering Space for collection this weekend in alphabetical order. Please take the time to collect your set.

Please remember if you contribute by credit card to let us know new expiry dates when you receive them.

If you have missed out of joining Thanksgiving following our Campaign in August 2010, please fill in a pledge card. You can place your completed pledge card on the First Collection Basket or return to the Parish Centre. Any enquiries please contact Liz ( Tue, Wed, Fri )

Project Compassion: If you missed out on getting a box you can still donate to Caritas **online** or by placing donations in an envelope and writing **Caritas** on the outside of the envelope.

## Parish Fundraising:

The responses to possible fund raising events for the year have been very encouraging. To date: Parish Trivia Night, Monthly Carboot Sale, New Year's Eve Dance, Hire of Community hall, \$100 Club. Not only are these suggestions but there are people already prepared to organise and run these events. It is really gratifying to see so many interested in helping out. Perhaps you have other suggestions. Please let us know. Our special parish projects for the next 2 years, employment of a part time youth minister, renovation of the annexe, and to look into the feasibility and expense of air-conditioning for the church.

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation: Thank you to those who have shown an interest in the first conversation. A further conversation will take place at **7.30 pm** which is after 7.00pm Mass on Wednesday March 23rd.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our short meetings recently. We hope we will soon have **one person** from among Lectors/Commentators for **each** Mass time over the weekends and **two people** from among Eucharistic ministers for **each** Mass time. In this way the communication will be made easier and also the once

a year task of doing rosters. It would be really good to hear from anyone who is willing to take on this task with support from the Parish office. Please contact Sr Brigid by **March 27th** via a note or a call to the Parish office.

Seniors Bus Trip- May 17th: A bus trip will be organised for seniors on Tuesday May 17th. If you are interested please sign up over the next two weekends. If there are 40 people the trip will cost \$12.50 each or a 24 seater coach will be \$18.75. The trip will be to Hastings and Dromana. It could be a fish and chip lunch or BYO lunch.

Cancare Meeting: Please note a change to the April Cancare meeting date . The meeting will be on **April 6th** at **7.30pm** and not on the 13th. This change is for April only. For any enquiries re Cancare the coordinators can be contacted on a mobile number **0457 462477**

## Catholic Education Week

We remember all those involved in education through our schools during this week and we pray that our schools will be places of faith & community making a difference and opening the minds of all the children and young people to become the people they are meant to be.

See information on Page 3 about invitations to St Paul Apostle Schools South and North

## The Five Finger Prayer

Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You can't pray too much for them.

And lastly our little finger - the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.'

Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

## St Paul Apostle South School

### *Making a Difference!*

A special invitation is extended to all parishioners to  
Come and visit our school.

See our new Learning Neighbourhood,  
our St. Paul Apostle Community Centre and even enjoy  
the new grass on our refurbished oval!

### School Tours and Open Days

Wednesday 30 March 9 am – 11am

Friday 29 April 4pm – 5pm

Wednesday 4 May 9am – 11am

Or by appointment Ph. 9700 3663

[www.spsendeavourhills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spsendeavourhills.catholic.edu.au)

**PREP 2012 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

## St Paul Apostle North School

### Igniting the Mind

We invite all parishioners  
to visit the school, even if  
they do not have children  
for Primary school.

We would be really inter-  
ested to hear from anyone  
who would like to come  
and listen to reading, share  
a talent, help in the library.



### School Tours and Open Days

Tuesday and Friday

9am-10am March to May

6pm 18th & 21st March, 2nd & 9th May

Saturday 2pm 2nd April & 14th May

Phone 9700 6068

[www.spanhills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spanhills.catholic.edu.au)

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## Other News & Events

September 10th

Family Groups Shopping Trip

Keep this date free!

**Come Away Day**

**Holy Cross Retreat Centre**

**Templestowe**

**March 16th 10am-3pm or 7.30pm-9.30pm**

BYO Lunch – donation of \$20

### Dandenong Deanery Council March 16th 7pm at St the Graduate's Restaurant

We have a ticket for a member of the Parish to attend  
the Deanery Council Dinner.

The theme of the evening address is  
'Moving from Cyber Bullying to Cyber Safety'.

Please contact the office by phone or  
e-mail: [office@stpaulapostle.com.au](mailto:office@stpaulapostle.com.au)

### Sunday Readings

#### **THIS WEEK: (1st Sun Lent )**

Genesis 2:7-9 3: 1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

#### **NEXT WEEK: (2nd Sun Lent)**

Genesis 12: 1-4

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Matthew 17: 1-9



### This weekend we pray for:

#### **Those who are sick:**

Ivan Velupillai, Mickee Raveche, Joan Druett, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Joyce Peters, Janet Barry, 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

#### **Those who have died:**

Stella Collins, Carmel and Paul Donohue, John Taranto, Winifred Kerins, Sheila Watson, Bernard D'Souza, Steven Leveque, Bishop Boulous Rahoo, Gavin Lisk, Elsie Caldeira, Joseph Hanh Vinh Tran, Pierre Castelino, Joe Bonnici, Amelia Quilala, Pat Guinan, John Colombo, Therese Jordan, Maria Radgticchio, Emilio Di Paolo, Oi Sing Lay, Matias Jover Senior, Bernadette Dizon, Mary Micallef, Andrew Fowler, Lorenzo Roussetty, Nonie Wilson.

**May they rest in peace**

<b>St Paul Apostle Catholic Community</b>  <b>Priests:</b> Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP) Fr James Fernandez CP Fr John Auram CP  <b>Pastoral Associates</b> Sr Joan Smith CP Sr Brigid Murphy CP  <b>Parish Staff</b> Mrs Liz Spear (Administration & Finance)  <b>Passionist Community</b> Fr Peter Addicoat CP Fr Brian Gleeson CP Fr Tim O'Toole CP Fr James Fernandez CP Fr John Auram CP  <b>Sisters of Cross and Passion</b> Sr Anne Cunningham CP Sr Brigid Murphy CP Sr Joan Smith CP  <b>St Paul Apostle North Primary School - 9700 6068</b> Principal Mrs Christine White  <b>St Paul Apostle South Primary School - 9700 3663</b> Principal Mrs Helen Greenhill  <b>St John's Regional College - 9791 3366</b> Principal Mr Andrew Walsh	Rosters for this Weekend: 2nd Sunday of Month –1st Sun Lent																								
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	<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	V Hassett																				
	<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	D Rodgers, P Louden, J Sementy,	M Vaifale, D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G Johnson, M Quirin	P Leitan, A. Tanner																				
	<b>Communion</b>	M.C. Maillard, M 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 Hallet																				
<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																					
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<b>Sacristan</b>	P Miller	S & D McGuire	A Gargano	K Jayasinha																					
<b>Gifts</b>	J Sementy & D Turner	D & H Jayasuriya	O' Connor family	Catania family																					
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	A Rosario, K Rolfe & R Young	N Dimitrakis, E Kee	C De Silva, A Astin & M Lam	M Keating, K de Alwis, P Mendonca																					
<b>Communion</b>	P Negri, I & M Whiteman, M Boissezon, C Emmanuel, L. Phan, K De Silva	E & W San Giorgio, M La Blache, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, E Fourlze, Z Carlow, G Mutthumani	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Reneiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, P Carvalho,																					
<b>Servers</b>	J Satyagraha, N De Zilva, F Bensley,	V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva	M O'Connor, K Mehes, J Madeira	J Weerasinghe																					
<b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b>	<b>Roster A:</b> C De Silva <b>Roster B:</b> E. David	<b>Viewhills:</b> G Calixto & R Martyn																							
	<b>Church Prep</b>  Team 4	<b>Flowers</b> (No Flowers during Lent)	<b>Counting</b> O Trindade, R Nadarajah, A Clark	<b>Rosary</b> Cartwright Family																					
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