



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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3rd Sunday of Lent- Year A 26th –27th March

This Week

SUNDAY 27th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Welcome

MONDAY 28th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 29th

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

WEDNESDAY 30th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 31st

North School Mass

FRIDAY 1st

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

SATURDAY 2nd

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 3rd

10th Sunday A
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms

REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need?

Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for this Sunday very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the believing community. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life.

He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is

placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge sinfulness and recognise the grace that is being offered to us so that we too can make the right choices?

At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus gives her the greatest gift of all: **personal dignity**. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel. This is a Gospel full of hope for each one of us.



There are wells hidden in the hearts of all the thirsty strangers we meet along the way. Sometimes, our honest search for living water can lead us to these wells, and exchanges can be made that quench our thirst.



Image of a well from Samaria

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 27th: PPC nominations

March 27th: Altar Servers Meeting 3pm

March 29th: Lenten Reflection Groups 7.30pm

April 1st Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

April 3rd: Baptisms

April 5th: 10am Bereavement Support
Drop into the Parish Office for a cuppa. All welcome

April 6th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

April 6th Cancare meeting 7.30pm

April 12th Cuppa for seniors 10am

Baptism Welcome: Today we welcome Amalija Dray, Skyler Sumondis, Siena Elise Matthews and Carolay Gillespie who will be baptised next Sunday. We welcome them and their parents and offer them our support and prayer as they take this step on their faith journey.

World Youth Day: We are aware that some younger members of the Parish Community will be attending World Youth Day in Madrid with their schools and other organisations. If you are travelling to Madrid will you please let Father Tim know your intentions as soon as possible as you may wish to join with each other in some fundraising activities to help you with expenses.

WYD MADRID 2011 COMES TO DANDENONG??

At present arrangements are in progress between St John's College, Dandenong and our neighboring parishes to organise a Local Celebration for our Youth. The Weekend WYD experience will be held at St John's College Dandenong. There is the hope that there will be various workshops, Sleepover, and Closing Mass. Not only will the youth of the parish have a chance to join in but we will also as a parish have the opportunity to help run this event—e.g help with catering etc.... Please stay tuned!!!! Fr Tim,cp

Youth Stations of the Cross: Good Friday

An invitation to the Youth of St Paul to participate in the Good Friday Stations. A meeting to kickstart will be held in the **Church on the 27th March after the Sunday Evening Mass**. Do post your ideas and comments on Facebook at SPA Youth Group as we plan ahead. Cheers !! Fr James,cp

Youth Camp Getaway 2011

Following on from the successful retreat/camp/getaway of last year planning is underway to run a similar experience this year. One change though is that we are thinking of running a full day experience for Years 7-9 and a 2 day opportunity for Year 10 and above. Let's know what you think.

Tuesday April 5th: Cuppa for Recently Bereaved:

Please join us for a cuppa at 10am if you are coping with a recent loss and meet others and members of the Parish team. Feel free to bring a friend. For those who work we will do an evening group soon.

Seniors Cuppa-April 12th 10am: Come and join this lively conversation and have a cuppa with other seniors. If you can bring a plate to share. There will be some final planning for the trip out.

Seniors Bus Trip- May 17th: A bus trip will be organised for seniors on Tuesday May 17th. If you are interested **please sign up**. 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. This is the last weekend for signing up so don't miss out!!

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you to those of you who have offered your services to coordinate a Mass group. We still need people for 9am, 11am and 6pm on Sunday. Please contact Sr Brigid by **March 27th at the latest** via a note to the Parish office.

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**

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Please remember to do nominations this weekend and drop them into the Parish letterbox on the door of the office by 7pm on Sunday night. Forms at both entrances to the Church.

Dates for your Diary

Parish Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday July 16th
Save the date

September 10th
Family Groups Shopping Trip
Keep this date free!



St Paul Apostle Parish Schools

Open Days

South School

Making a Difference

Wednesday 30th March 9am-11am

Friday 29th April 4pm-5pm

Wednesday 4th May 9am-11am

Or by appointment 9700 3663

North School

Igniting the Mind

Tuesday and Friday

9am-10 March to May

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

Saturday 2pm 2nd April & 14th May

9700 6068

Prep Enrolments 2012 now

Caritas Project Compassion

Tuesday 29th March 7.30pm

**St Brigid's Church,
520 Main Street, Mordialloc**

Wednesday 30th March 7.30pm

**Resurrection Parish
402 Corrigan Road,
Keysborough,**

**Fr George Sigamoney
Director of Caritas Sri Lanka**

**Discussion of the current situation facing the
people of Sri Lanka**

Other News & Events

Holy Cross Retreat Centre Templestowe Come Away Day

**April 14th
10am-3pm
or 7.30pm-9.30pm
BYO Lunch Cost \$20**

HEART OF LIFE - SATURDAY PRAYER DAY

Taking God Seriously: The Contemplative Way

Sue Richardson: Saturday 2nd April

10.30am – 3.30pm

BYO lunch - Cost \$50.00

For all details and bookings contact:

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre

96 Albion Rd. Box Hill 3128

Phone: 9890 1101

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK: (3rd Sun Lent)

Exodus 17: 3-7
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
John 4: 4-42

NEXT WEEK: (4th Sun Lent)

1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Eph 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-14



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

Those who have died:

Charlie Debrincat, Denzil Marcus, Jermain Bagnoux, Mary Gherxi, Efren Godilano, Antonio Santucci, Gerald Rolfe, Ignacious Espinoza, Margaet Fernando, Parick Fernando, Saverio Labatta, Joseph Valles, Maria Laria, Katie Zerafa, Felizardo Bitanga, John Duong Xijan Nguyen, Francesca Sercia, Doreen McLeod, Germaine Quriin,

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: 4th Sunday of Month (3rd Sun Lent)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone, A & R Gonsalves	J Bilton A Judge	A Gargano A Costa, J Solari	D & W McMahon
Sacristan	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts	R Vaz, G Tyszka	N & S Dimitrakas	Albuquerque	Keating family
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe	J Callery, L Lapierre	H Greehill, C White, L Newman	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 Nadas- rajah	F Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza J Foenander H Greenhill, G Calixto	K Jayasinha R Mathias, N. Sangalang
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya V Jayetileke K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	M McMahon

Rosters for Next Weekend April 2nd & 3rd (1st Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Nadarajah	A Gargano, D Kearney	J Disanayake
Sacristan	M Rolfe	L.Lapierre & D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Gifts	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Magee	O' Connor Family	M. Meerwald
Readers & Commtrs.	V Ferreira, M Pe- gram, R Gonsalves	V Vaifale, C Carayannis, J Chadwick	R or M O'Con- nor 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 & R 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
Servers	K Fernandes, L Mendonca, K Stewart, D & A Gonsalves	M Harper, S Jayasuriya, D De Silva	K Mehes, J Madeira, A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: J Rebeiro Roster B: E David	Viewhills: P Mallac & C Kennedy		
	Church Prep Team 6	Flowers (No Flowers during Lent)	Counting G Velupillay, J Doran, F Toplak	Rosary Thornton family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,465.00 (159 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 716.90
Total		\$ 5,514.94
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,149.05

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 FOCUS 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.

