



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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4th Sunday of Lent- Year A 2nd—3rd April

This Week

SUNDAY 3rd

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms

MONDAY 4th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 5th

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

WEDNESDAY 6th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 7th

North School Mass

FRIDAY 8th

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

SATURDAY 9th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 10th

10th Sunday A
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Children's Liturgy

REFLECTION

I have never been able to reconcile the long faces some of us put on in Lent with the prayers of the Church that describe this as 'a joyful season'. 'On reflection the Gospel of the man born blind is a joyful one too. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law.

They cannot recognise Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

This Gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we need to keep saying this, but too readily we hear otherwise intelligent and good Christians, for example, telling us that some illnesses have been 'sent' by God as punishment for sins or they wonder what their families have 'done' to deserve disabled children. It's true

that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.



The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humour and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works or what he can or cannot do.

May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.

R. Leonard SJ

We are challenged to take off the dark glasses!



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- April 5th: 10am Bereavement Support
Drop into the Parish Office for a cuppa. All welcome
- April 5th: Lenten Reflection 7.30
- April 6th: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
in Annexe after 7pm Mass
- April 6th: Cancare meeting 7.30pm
- April 10th: Children's Liturgy of the Word
11am Mass
- April 12th: Cuppa for seniors 10am
- April 19th: Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
- April 21st: Holy Thursday Mass 7.30pm
- April 22nd: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 10am
Solemn Commemoration of the
Passion 3pm
The Seven Last Words 7pm
- April 23rd: Vigil of Easter 7.30pm
- April 27th: Passionist Companions Pilgrimage

Baptism Congratulations: Today we congratulate Amalija Dray, Skyler Sumondis, Siena Elise Matthews and Carolay Guillespie who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. We welcome them and their parents and offer them our support and prayer as they take this step on their faith journey.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: April 10th at 11am Mass.

Youth Stations of the Cross: Good Friday

Thank you to all the young people who responded to the invitation to participate in the Good Friday Stations. The next meeting to prepare is in the **Church on the 3rd April at 7pm after the Sunday Evening Mass.** Fr James CP

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-Tuesday 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.

Project Compassion Boxes:

Please return the boxes or envelopes over the Easter weekend. For information about how your contributions work please see the noticeboard in the gathering space.

Seniors Bus Trip- May 17th:

The bus trip is now booked and more details will be given after Easter. The time of departure will be after Morning Mass and returning at 3pm. Tea and Coffee is provided. A full list will be posted in the foyer after Easter for confirmation.

Volunteers Needed for National Catholic Family Gathering - Share the Dream

From Friday 15 - Sunday 17 April, the National Catholic Family Gathering ***Share the Dream*** is taking place at Xavier College in Kew. We are seeking volunteers. You may be able to offer a morning or afternoon - you may like to join us for the weekend. Tasks may include serving meals, directing traffic, setting up rooms for workshops and other general assistance. People experienced in working with children and who have a current WWC Check would be very welcome. If you would like to volunteer or would like to find out more, contact Matthew or Penny on 9287 5579.

Parish New Years Eve Dance:

We are seeking people to join our current team in planning and coordinating the Parish New Years Eve Dance. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 7.30pm in the Parish house. If you are interested or require any further information please contact either Louis Newman on 0419 008 173 or Serge Bortoli on 0412 037 592.

Youth Camp Getaway 2011:

This year we will run a full day retreat for Years 7-9 and a two day Retreat for Year 10 and above. Dates will be published after Easter. Please watch this space.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you for the nominations which were received for new members. The names will be published next weekend. There will be a meeting of the PPC on April 6th after 7pm Mass in the Annexe.

Sacramental Programmes: If you need to check dates of Sacraments please look on the newly updated website for the 2011 dates. Also each week the newsletter is put on the Parish website.

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Safe Community: We are pleased to be able to report that all the groups working with children and young people within or on behalf of the Parish as well those working with vulnerable adults have done the required Working With Children or Police Checks. Thank you to everyone with their co-operation in making this possible. This means that the Parish is now compliant with Church and State requirements. This is an area where we are always required to be vigilant so that our community is safe for everyone.

St Paul Apostle Parish Schools

Open Days

South School

Making a Difference

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 April to May

6pm 2nd & 9th May

Saturday 2pm 2nd April & 14th May

9700 6068

Prep Enrolments 2012 now

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but you don't need to be Catholic to attend.

The next weekends will be held on **8-10 April, 3-5 June and 19-21 August.**

For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

Other News & Events

Holy Cross Retreat Centre
Templestowe
Come Away Day

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

Dates for your Diary

Parish Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday July 16th

September 10th
Family Groups Shopping Trip

Events not to be missed!

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK: (4th Sun Lent)

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

NEXT WEEK: (5th Sun Lent)

Ezek. 37 :12-14.
Rom. 8:8-11;
John 11: 1-45



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:

Gertrude James, Arthur Tomlinson, Janet Barry, Gerald Lodwick, Gai O'Connor, Mary Gauci, Felomino Tabuada, John Cahill, Baden de Jonk, Frederick D'Silva, Rufina Daly, Rosa Donazzan Virginia Peterson, Roger Barallon, Patrick Burns, Dorothy Doran, Leslie Heneric, Pasquale Di Marcantonio,

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 2nd/3rd (1st Sunday of month)																					
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	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 Pegram, R Gonsalves	V Vaifale, 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 & R 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	K Mehes, J Madeira, A Del Socorro	M McMahon																		
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Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: J Rebeiro Roster B: E David	Viewhills: A Gargano & J Baskett																				
	Church Prep Team 1	Flowers (No Flowers in Lent)	Counting G Vellupillay, J Doran, F Toplak	Rosary Sequeira Family																		
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