



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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5th Sunday of Lent- Year A 9th—10th April

This Week

SUNDAY 10th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Children's Liturgy 11am

MONDAY 11th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 12th

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

WEDNESDAY 13th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 14th

North School Mass

FRIDAY 15th

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

SATURDAY 16th

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 17th

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

REFLECTION

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. When we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.

The word Lent, from the old English word *Lencten* meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad

spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'. These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.

R Leonard SJ



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 10th:	Children's Liturgy of the Word 11am
April 12th:	Cuppa for seniors 10am Lenten Reflection 7.30pm
April 17th:	Baptism Preparation 3.45
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 22nd:	International Mother Earth Day
April 23rd:	Vigil of Easter 7.30pm
April 27th:	Passionist Companions Pilgrimage
April 27th:	Schools Re-open
May 17th:	Senior's Bus Trip

Holy Week and Easter Services: Please see sign up sheets in the gathering space for volunteers where needed. Please sign up this weekend so that all ministry sheets are prepared for next weekend.

Youth Stations of the Cross:

Meeting on **Sunday April 10th** after 6pm Mass

Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you for the nominations which were received for new members. The Parish Pastoral Council met on **April 6th** when retiring members Kath Rowden, Greg Doran, Joseph Elias, Peter Van Helmond and Florence Madeira were thanked for their commitment and farewelled and new members Kitty Jayasinha, Royce Gonsalves, Rosa Mitchell, My Tien Lam, Michael O'Connor, Prabodh Pereira and youth members Cane Thompson, Shaddy and Gabriel Sadaka were welcomed. The names of the full Parish Pastoral Council are as follows:

Carl Albuquerque Co-Chair, Rosa Mitchell Co-Chair, Jigi Lucas, Patricia Kimtia, Marianne Bartuccelli, Michael O'Connor, Kitty Jayasinha, Royce Gonsalves, Prabodh Pereira, My Tien Lam, Alice Dang, Zoe Cresswell, Leah Rolfe, Cane Thompson, Shaddy and Gabriel Sadaka.

Thank you to all who are willing to serve the Parish on the Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month.

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 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.

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.

St Paul Apostle South Primary School:

Vacation Care Program for children aged 5-12 beginning Monday April 11th to Friday 22nd April. \$50 a day Contact Dharshi 0424 814140 or e-mail: oshc@spsendeavourhills.catholic.edu.au

WYD Opportunity for Youth!

The Salesians are taking a group of 60 young people to World Youth Day in August. We have just had two young people drop out of the Pilgrimage and before we cancel the tickets we thought we would ask around in case you know someone in your Parish who would like to attend WYD. We depart on August 4 arrive home August 28. Cost \$5500 - includes EVERYTHING!! This is extremely good value for money for a 25 day Pilgrimage. Must be over 18. We are travelling to Thailand to visit Salesian works, then to Rome, Turin: home of Don Bosco and the Salesian family, Madrid for WYD then home via a Retreat in Thailand. A trip of a Lifetime.

For more info please contact Lauren Hichaaba at: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au or 03 9377 6000

City of Casey Community Consultation Invitation:

Wednesday 18 May 2011, 7.30 pm, Annexe

The Council is inviting community groups into a discussion with regard to participation in services and programs. The information provided will help Council to improve its services. While the City of Casey delivers a wide range of services in the community, there are many other organisations providing services as well. Your comments on your experience of these services and community activities would also be useful to Council. Council also wants to know about the community's understanding of feeling included in the life of the community of Casey. The discussion will be facilitated by Kathleen McAleer, Access and Equity Officer and Joyce Rebeiro, Project Worker. Further information from Kathleen (9705 5334) or Joyce (9705 5595).

Thank you from Jean to Fr Tim and our Church family for 'their prayers and loving kindness last Sunday at 9am Mass and a special thank you to all the dear people who came to my aid.' Jean

Thank you to Juliette and the Grade 6 Liturgy Captains in North School for creating a feature of Jesus and the Blind man for our Liturgy setting last weekend.

St Paul Apostle South and North Schools: Our two Parish Primary Schools along with all schools are now closed for holidays. We wish the teachers and children a happy and refreshing holiday time. We will publish the dates of open days for next term again and we really encourage you to go and see the schools, see the facilities and hear about their achievements.

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 weekends will be held **3-5 June & 19-21 August**. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au. See the website for more information www.wwme.org.au

A Global Day of Action on Military Spending:

The Commission for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation of the Secretariat of the Unions of Superiors General of Women and Men (USG/UISG), located in Rome, is making an effort to bring a matter of grave concern to our attention. **April 12, 2011 is the date** and was selected to coincide with the release of the [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's annual report](#).

On this day, people from all over the world will engage in action to focus public, political and media attention on the crying need for new global priorities. [Global Issues web site](#)

Centacare Catholic Family Services changes name to CatholicCare

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, Centacare Catholic Family Services is marking a new beginning by officially changing their name to **CatholicCare**. The main reason behind this change is to better publicly convey that the programs and services they offer the community are an expression of the mission of the Catholic Church to care for all those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and in pain.

While their name will change, CatholicCare will remain true to their enduring vision. They will continue to offer inclusive high quality services to families and individuals who are in need – without discrimination as to people's nationality, religion, gender or sexuality. CatholicCare looks forward to the Catholic community's continued support. For further information, go to www.ccam.org.au or phone 9287 5555.

Other News & Events

**Holy Cross Retreat Centre
Templestowe
Come Away Day**

**April 14th
10am-3pm
or 7.30pm-9.30pm
BYO Lunch Cost \$15- \$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:
(5th Sun Lent)**

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Romans 8: 8-11
John 11: 1-45

**NEXT WEEK:
(Passion Sunday)**

Entrance Mt 21 1-11
Isaiah 50 : 4-11.
Phil 2 : 6-11 8:
Mt. 26:14-27, 66.



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

For those who have died:

Gertrude James, Arthur Ernie Tomlinson, Janet Barry, Elena Balagot, Enrigue Lagos, Baden de Jonk, Anthony Tuyen Nang Nguyen, Michelina Di Marcantonio, Paolo Laria, Serge Adam, Antonio Longano, Marcelina Tambalgue, Alfred Dinger, Felix Edmonds, Magdalene Adams, Idalina Ribeiro, John Felix Edmonds, Fr. Tim Tolan, Maria Bartolo, Denise Batten, Kevin Smith, Yvonne Clark, Dorothy Caruano,

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 9th & 10th (2nd Sunday of month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	B Carvalho	S De Rozairo	C Boissezon	B Bonett
Sacristan	J Carvalho	A Nadarajah	L Forkgen	N Sangalang
Gifts	B Barnfield & A Gonsalves	S & D De Rozairo	Volunteers	V Hassett
Readers & Commtrs.	D Rodgers, P Loudon, J Sementhly	M & D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G Johnson, M Quirin	P. Leitan, A Tanner
Communion	M.C & M Maillard, C Quinless, C Fernandes, D Rice, G Lock, G Tyszka	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, S & D 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
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	M Mc Mahon

Rosters for Next Weekend April 16th -17th (3rd Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	L Phan	D & S McGuire	T Bugge	D & W McMahon
Sacristan	P Miller	S & D McGuire	A Gargano	K Jayasinha
Gifts	J Sementhly, D Turner	D & H Jayasuriya	O "Connor Family	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	A Rosario, K Rolfe, R Young	N Dimitrakis, E Kee	C De Silva, A Astin, M. Lam	M Keating, K de Alwis, P Mendonca
Communion	P Negri, I & M Whiteman, M Boissezon, C Emmanuel, L Phan, K De Zilva	E & W San Giorgio, M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Foulze, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, P Carvalho,
Servers	J Satya Graha, N De Zilva, F Bensley,	V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva	M O Connor, K Mehes, J Madeira	J Weerasinghe
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: C De Silva Roster B: E David	Viewhills: P Shaw Dennis, J Chadwick		
Cuppa: Easter Sunday is 4th Week: L Flood, D&S De Rozairo & A Gargano & teams	Church Prep Team 2	Flowers (No Flowers in Lent)	Counting P Negri, K Wong S Quinless	Rosary Herft Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,723.80 (163 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 468.25
Total		\$ 5,525.09
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,213.50

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 FOCUS 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.