



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

#### This Week

#### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism Welcome

#### MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>.

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass

#### TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup>

Feast of the Chair of  
St. Peter.  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

#### WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

7.00pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

#### THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass with  
After Mass-  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday A  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptisms

### REFLECTION



What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes

apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust.

Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.

by Dianne Bergant CSA

#### Parish Fundraising

I wish to thank you for the various responses to possible fund raising events for the year. 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 airconditioning for the church. Many thanks, Fr Tim, cp and Parish Team

# DISCIPLESHIP



# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 27th	Baptism Welcome
February 27th	Altar Servers at 3pm
February 27th	Cancare Breakfast after Mass
March 6th	Baptisms
March 8th	Justice & Peace Meeting 7.30
March 9th	Ash Wednesday 9am & 7.30
March 10th	Cuppa for Bereaved 10.30am
March 11th	Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
March 13th	Children's Liturgy of the Word
March 15th	Lenten Reflection Group 7.30
March 16th	Little Rock Scripture Study
March 27th	Walk with Mary—St Patrick's

## Meetings for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and

Sacristans: Thank you to all who attended the meetings so far. If you were not present for the quick meeting for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans on 19th/20th please stay back in the Prayer Room **after** the Mass you attend next weekend.

6pm Mass - March 5th

9am Mass - March 6th

11am Mass-March 6th

6pm Mass- March 6th

We have found this makes it easier for everyone involved to take **5 minutes** for the practical issues and it will also build connections between each Mass group.

## Cancare –Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an annual fund-raising event for Cancer Research which many from our Parish support. This year Cancare, our local cancer support group is dedicating the Relay for Life primarily to the memory of Bev Cresswell who was one of our founding members of Cancare. The relay will be held at Acoonah Park in Berwick from 6pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to 6pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome to come along and walk with us at any stage during the 24 hours. All enquiries phone Jen 0418105401 or Marie 0407317515.

**March 10th at 10.30 am: Cuppa** - for people widowed or recently bereaved: In October 2010 we had a Mass for all those who had been widowed in recent years and many expressed an interest in continuing to meet occasionally. So please come along to the Parish centre and meet with others who have had a loss experience, share a cuppa and a chat.

**Lenten Reflection Group:** This reflection group will take place on Tuesday evenings at **7.30pm beginning March 15th**. As we need to purchase resources please sign up so that we have time to get the orders through. Sign up sheets in both the Foyer and Gathering Space.

**Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 7.30pm.

**Project Compassion Boxes:** This is a Lenten project for Caritas Australia's work overseas. The boxes will be available over the next few weeks. You are invited to take one and return towards the end of Lent.

**Bereavement Course:** The course will now begin in May 30th and run for **five** Mondays at 7.30pm to 9pm in the Parish Centre. It would be helpful to sign up now! The course is geared towards those who work with people experiencing loss and so it would be useful for teachers, nurses and care workers as well those who take communion to the sick at home on in care homes

**Cyrene Centre Bunnings BBQ** will be on March 5th from 8am to 4pm at Sandown Bunnings. The Cyrene Centre are looking for volunteers who can give a hour to assist on the day. So if you have some time please call the Cyrene Centre on 9574 6355 or simply go along an support the event for a centre which provides vital support in the community.

**Little Rock Scripture Study:** This well known programme of Scripture Study will take place over 10 weeks from Wed 16th March to Wed 18th May at St Mary's Community Centre, New St, Dandenong. Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am and 7.20 to 9pm. Pease contact the Parish office for more details and registration forms.

**Hallam Fire Brigade** recommend that when clocks are changed from daylight saving that people should also change batteries in smoke alarms. If any Seniors would like help with this task please contact the Duty Officer at Hallam 8795 7513 and make a booking.

**Meat Free Day:** This is an inter-faith initiative to promote a meat free day each week as a response to the climate change issue. This is considered to be one of the best ways of reducing our impact on the environment as animal farming accounts for a fifth of our greenhouse gas emissions worldwide and animal products make up one third of Australia's ecological footprint.

## Switch Off for Earth Hour.

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change is encouraging faith communities to express their commitment to action on climate change by participating in Earth Hour on Saturday 26th March 2011 from 8.30 pm– 9.30pm joining with the hundreds of millions of people all over the world who will serve Earth Hour.

**Foundations in Faith:** 2-30 March: The Archdiocesan office for Youth is hosting a free lecture series for young adults interested in learning more about their faith. Explore the foundations of Catholicism –from what we believe, to why we believe, and how we are called to live out our mission in the world. Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy (enter via Young St) Registrations and details: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9412 3300 by February 28th.

## Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

### An Invitation

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

Justice and Peace has always been part of Catholic Social teaching and since Vatican II there have been Justice and Peace groups working in many parishes responding to the issues of the time and place. Today the theme 'Integrity of Creation' has been incorporated into Justice and Peace Issues to convey the Church's concern for our environment as it also is an issue of Justice.

A great many issues come under these headings and we all respond as best we can as individuals, to whatever issues speak to us most strongly. Our call to be people of justice, peace and care for creation will be highlighted in the readings and prayers of the approaching Season of Lent. It is a good time for us to revisit where, and with whom we stand and recommit

ourselves to bringing about a better world for all God's creation.

.....**And so you are invited**, if you wish and are interested, to join in a brief conversation around these issues, with the possibility of forming a group to increase our awareness, and explore how we can fulfil the mission of the church "keep its eyes open, its heart sensitive, and its hand ready to work for the care which the world is calling for." – *Pope Paul VI*



Tuesday 8th March at 7.30  
in the Parish Centre.

## Other News & Events

### The Battle for the Bible

What the Church actually teaches  
about reading the Bible

**Fr Chris Monaghan**

**Tuesday, 8 March 2011**

**7.30pm-9pm Bistro Room,**

The Notting Hill Hotel,

260 Ferntree Gully Road, Clayton

Melway ref 70E8

### **Relic of St John Bosco**

**The Principal and Staff of  
Salesian College, Chadstone**

Invite Parishoners to join them for a

Prayer Service on March 8th at 7.30pm

or

Celebration of the Eucharist

Thursday March 10th at 7.30pm

when the Relic of St John Bosco is present

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **THIS WEEK: (Sunday 8A)**

Is. 49: 14-15F:1

1 Cor 4 : 1-5

Mt. 6: 25-34

#### **NEXT WEEK:(Sunday 9A)**

Deut 11:18, 26-28,32

Rom. 3: 21-25, 28

Matthew 7:21-27



### **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, Tony Packeer, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Nellie Icaro, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Pat D'Cunha, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Sepulveda, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

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

Ludvina Barba, Angelica Ashby Cardenas, Lilian Akom, Shane Lapierre, Joyce Ann Clifford Bensley, Jean Baptiste Son Dinh Phan, Serafina Tusa, Diogo Anthony D'Souza, Noela Bambridge, Amalia Gangemi, Oscar Baretto, Rubin Daly, Denis Waller, Rudolf Quinless, Maxime Lan Yan On, Carmelo Incatasciato, Jane Njane, Tertuliano Espinoza, Rosario Bungaroo, Younan Issaak, John Skinner, Madalena Soares, Clotilde Martins, Palmira Santos, Mateus Augusta Roberto Larché, Margaret Hill, Joe Shembri, Eliza Bungaroo, Antonio Savian, Marie Gartland, Felizarda Aquilar

**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**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	S Stone A & R Gonsalves	J Bilton & A Judge	A Gargano A Costa,	D & W McMahon
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
<b>Gifts</b>	R Vaz G Tyszka	N & S Dimitrakis	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	L Flood, M Ryan & M Rolfe	J Callery L Lapierre	H Greenhill, L Newman	N Fernando, C Bird
<b>Communion</b>	S Stone S, B & J Herbert, S Sharp, P Louden, D Arena, P Perera,	B & E David J Aldag, F Hall, D Mariette, K McArdle, M Nadarajah	F Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza, J Foenander, G Calixto, H Greenhill	K Jayasinha, R Mathias, J Cattania, N Sangalang
<b>Servers</b>	J D'Souza,	S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	M Mc Mahon

**Rosters for Next Weekend March ( 1st Sunday)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton M Nadarajah	A Gargano Y Sherwin, D Kearney	J Disanayake
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Rolfe	L Lapierre, D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
<b>Gifts</b>	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton M Magee	O'Connor family	M Meerwald
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	R Gonsalves, M Pegram, J Sementhy	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis	R or M O'Connor M Anthony, M Martyn	S Fernando, D Candido
<b>Communion</b>	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
<b>Servers</b>	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
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		A. N Raveche C: S Tranquille		
	<b>Church Prep</b> Team 2	<b>Flowers</b> R Alveyn ( no flowers after 8th)	<b>Counting</b> L Cresswell, I Heneric, C Quinless	<b>Rosary</b> Woods Family

**Parish Finances**

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (296 pledges)	\$3,057.47	\$ 2,589.45 ( 158 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (170 pledges)	\$2,291.36	\$2,291.36
Cash		\$ 584.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,465.01</b>
Priests ( 2nd Collection)		\$ 1,094.10

**Thank You**

**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 FOCCUS 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.

