



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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9th Sunday—Ordinary Time Year A 5th-6th March

This Week

SUNDAY 6th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms

MONDAY 7th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 8th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 9th

Ash Wednesday
9am Mass
7.30pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 10th

FRIDAY 11th
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass with
After Mass-
Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY 12th
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 13th
9th Sunday A
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

REFLECTION

Lent, which begins on Wednesday **March 9th**, is a season which invites us to give closer attention to how we live our Christian life. We are challenged by the Word of God and encouraged to pray, fast and consider doing something that will make a difference.

Each Lent Caritas invites Australians to join Project Compassion, this country's largest aid and development fundraising appeal. Project compassion presents a unique opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the world's most vulnerable communities, to give selflessly in the name of social justice. In 2011, the theme of the Appeal is,

'Partner with us to make a difference'.

'From March, Project Compassion will be underway in schools, parishes and communities across Australia and we will bear witness to a powerful display of solidarity with the poorest of the poor. In 2010, the appeal raised in excess of \$9million; this year I ask your parish to dig deep to help Project Compassion 2011 soar to even greater heights.

As we continue to extend our solidarity to those marginalized by enduring poverty, we also offer our prayers of support for all those affected by natural disasters on our own and neighbouring shores this year.

Ash Wednesday's Gospel reminds us of the three ways in which we can renew and enrich our lives during the season of Lent. Pray. Fast. Give alms. Jesus re

minds us, however, *"Do not make a big show of it"*. This is a call to move our focus beyond ourselves.

We can move from superficial **prayer** to prayer that arises out of our awareness and love of others. Prayer connects us with God and the whole human family. We can expand the notion of **fasting** by acting in solidarity with those who have less and by becoming more aware of their needs as opposed to our own wants and desires.

We can bring a greater dimension to **almsgiving** by giving, without thought for recognition, to the "other" whom we cannot see. We can go further, by giving of ourselves in actions for justice.

This gospel passage focuses on the move away from self-absorption towards a selfless love and compassion.

Project Compassion invites us into a partnership of prayer, selflessness and generosity.

We are being invited to work towards hope, dignity and life for all. We are being invited to be partners making a difference in the whole community.

The final line of today's reading leads us to reflection: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also".

And so we ask ourselves, what is it that we treasure and where is it therefore, that our heart resides?

Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21

'Partner with us this Lent and you will make a difference.'

Caritas Australia



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
March 16th	Little Rock Scripture Study
March 27th	Walk with Mary—St Patrick's

Lenten Pastoral Letter: Please pick up a copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter in the gathering space and foyer.

Lenten Reflection Group: This reflection group will take place on Tuesday evenings at **7.30pm beginning March 15th.**

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

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 in February please stay back in the Prayer Room for 5 minutes **after** the Mass you attend this weekend.

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation: Anyone interested in issues of justice, peace and integrity of creation is welcome to join in a conversation about how we as a Parish could be involved in the issues that most concern us at home or abroad. Come to the Parish Office on **Tuesday March 8th at 7.30pm**

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.

Cancare –Relay for Life

Cancare would like to thank everyone for their very generous support for the bacon and egg fundraising breakfast last Sunday. We raised \$955 which will be donated to Relay for Life fundraising effort for cancer research for the Cancer Council. Thank you too to all who by their presence and donations supported the Relay for Life in Akoonah Park in Berwick.

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. Registration forms in Parish Office.

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.

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)

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 air-conditioning for the church. Many thanks, Fr Tim, cp and Parish Team

Come away day at Holy Cross Retreat Centre Templestowe: March 16th 10am-3pm or 7.30pm-

9.30pm - This is an opportunity for anyone who would like some reflective time in quiet surroundings and the shorter version in the evening is to suit people who are working. All welcome.

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.

Caritas Australia Earthquake Appeal: The situation in Christchurch is still critical. Caritas Australia are accepting donations to support the people in need in New Zealand. Donations can be made online at www.caritas.org.au and follow the links or by cheque to CARITAS AUSTRALIA—Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

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.

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

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, 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:

Hartley Anderson, Hyacinth Anderson, Oswin Leitan, Francesco Di Mascolo, Sally Godilano, Rosario Indovino, Saw Keow Tan, Francis De Silva, Vincent Mauro, Graciano D'Silva, Rosita Vilante, Crisanto Aguila, Tony Borg, Giovanni Bellio, Joesph Lih Nang Nguyen, Gloria Leong, Adris Junkeg, Peter Scanlon

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: 1st Sunday

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton M Nadarajah	A Gargano Y Sherwin, 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.	R Gonsalves, M Pegram, J Sementy	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis	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 Wick- ramasinghe 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

Rosters for Next Weekend March 12th -13th (2nd Sunday)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	B. Carvalho, S Sharp, C Vaz	S De Rozairo, J Aldag	C Boissezon, G. Jornet	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 Sementy,	M Vaifale, D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G Johnson, M Quirin	P Leitan, A. Tanner
Communion	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
Servers	K. Maillard, R Vaz, A D'Souza	K Dimitrakis, V Jayetileke, M Harper	A Del Socorro, M O'Connor, K Fernandes	M McMahan
Communion to the Sick	A: J Rebeiro	C: J Chadwick P Shaw-Dennis		
	Church Prep Team 3	Flowers No Flowers during Lent	Counting R Young, P Sequeira J Lucas	Rosary O'Donovan

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (296 pledges)	\$3,057.47	\$ 2,193.05 (136 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (170 pledges)	\$2,291.36	\$2,291.36
Cash		\$ 482.25
Total		\$ 4966.66
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,014.05

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.

