



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2011, August 20-21st



This Week

SUNDAY 21st August
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism preparation at
3.45pm

TUESDAY 23rd
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 24th
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 25th
9.00am Mass
(at North School)

FRIDAY 26th
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 27th
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 28th
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

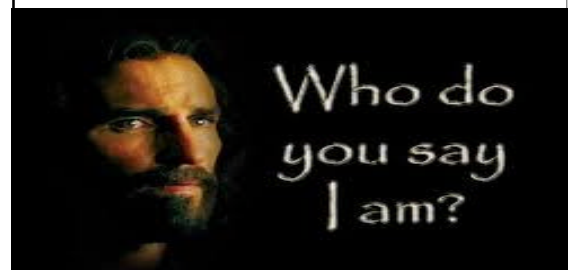
REFLECTION

At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was.

He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the *Anointed One (Messiah and Christ)* and the *only begotten Son of God*. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as *living stones* (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into *rocks* or *spiritual stones*. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: *Who do you say that I am?*

"Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your love"

Meditation by Don Schwager ©



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

- August 21st:** Baptism Preparation at 3.45pm
August 21st: Festival of Refugees from 3pm
August 23rd: Senior's Morning Tea at 10am
August 25th: SPA Tennis Club's AGM at 8.15pm
August 27th: Car Boot sale 9am-2.30pm
August 29th: YCS Meeting at 6pm
August 31st: Come Away Day at Holy Cross
Sept 10th: Shopping Tour

Senior's Morning Tea - Tuesday, 23rd August at 10am:

Please come along for cuppa and a chat and bring a small plate to share. Please note the time change from date and time last week. Come along with ideas for future events.

SPA Tennis Club is having their AGM on Thursday, 25th August at 8.15pm at the Club House

Friends of Ermera invites you to Coffee & Cake evening on **Thursday, 25th August at 8pm** at the Casey Council Meeting. At the same time you can also enjoy listening the adventure of Peter Jong who just did his Running the Five Deserts. Donation is \$15pp. Bookings: Rob Daniel (robdaniel@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au) Judith Kierce (jmkierce@hotmail.com or 0410589773) Jan Trezise on 59444676 or 0438393846

Car Boot Sale -August 27th: The church is holding its 2nd CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday 27th August, in the car park between 9am to 2pm. Come along and have a look if you can make a use of some of the things on sale that day or just have a fun day out enjoying sausage sizzle which will also be on sale.

SPA Netball Club. The Junior Twilight Season will start on 30th August. Those who are interested in playing in it must register with netball Club. Runs from 30th August to 22nd Nov (no games in School Holidays) Cost is \$45. For further enquiries please contact Nilla Biondo 0403218630 or Sarah Bennett 0411555460

YCS will be having their meeting on Monday, 29th August at 6pm at the Parish House. Come along and share your thoughts with your age group.

Come Away Day August 31st 10am-3pm: This is a day when people can take some time to reflect on their own lives in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Cross at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. The day includes Mass. BYO lunch and an offering of \$15-20 is requested. There is also a shorter evening session to accommodate people who are working which runs from 7.30-9.30pm.

Shopping Tour- Saturday, September 10th : Kindly note that the date is different from the one we indicated in our previous newsletter. This is a Parish Family group Fundraising event. The cost is \$50pp which includes drinks on the bus and Lunch at La Notte in Lygon St, Carlton. Bus will pick up and return from and to the church car park. No pressure to buy, just fun day with great company. \$20pp deposit is required upon booking (this is non refundable). For further inquiries please contact Margaret on 9706 1375

Parish Trivia Night A big thank you to the many parishioners who attended and supported the Parish Trivia Night run by the SPA Men's Club. Your generosity has helped to raise the magnificent sum of \$5695, which will be used to upgrade parish facilities.

Work Wanted A Family man looking for work—urgent. Any type of process work. All jobs considered. Please contact parish office.

Parish Office Official Opening Times: Mondays 9am to 4pm; Tuesdays 9am-5pm; Wednesday & Thursdays 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-2pm. Please note: The Parish Clergy are not normally available on Mondays except in an emergency.

CYRENE CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Cyrene Centre will be held on Thursday, 25th August 2011. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in St Anthony's Small Hall, 90 Buckley Street. Noble Park

Parishioners from the Dandenong Deanery are welcome to attend. The support of the Parish Priests & the Parishioners for our alcohol and drug counselling services is greatly appreciated.

Don't Forget!

FESTIVAL OF REFUGEES

Sunday, 21 August: 3.00-5.00p.m,
St.Kilda Town Hall, 99A, Carlisle St. St Kilda.

A Celebration of the Contributions Refugees to Australia.
Tickets: \$15 pp (incl: Middle Eastern and West African dinner).

Contact: Visier Sanyu (Act for peace Refugee Coordinator):
(03) 9650 6811. E-mail: vsanyu@ncca.org.au.

**97th World Day of Migrants & Refugees –
Sunday 28th August
Theme “One Human Family”**

*“All peoples are one community and have one origin
Because God called the whole human race to dwell
on the Face of the earth.”*

In preparation for the celebration of the 97th World Day of Refugees and Migrants, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugees Office has prepared a resource booklet for reflection on themes related to migrants and refugees.

We hope you will find the shortened version enclosed in the Newsletter helpful, and that you will use it with your family during the week to reflect on the themes and pray the final prayer daily.



Holding up a Mirror

There are people who have a steady flame
Shining from deep inside them.
This flame is not extinguished
When others criticise or ignore them for
It is not dependent on what others think of them;
It is what they think of themselves with
a quiet certainty.
Each of us can behave in either of two ways:
We can behave like a sinner or a saint.
We help people more by giving them
a favourable image of themselves
than by constantly harping on their faults.
The saints hold up a mirror before us.
In this mirror we get a most favourable
image of ourselves.
We see what we are capable of.
All we need is the will to walk
in the light of what we have seen.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB

Other News & Events

Deanery News:

Marriage Encounter weekend will be on the 11-13 November. For further information & bookings please contact Peter & Erika Smith on (03) 98990824

Volunteer Tutors Needed:

The Homework Support Programme for migrants and refugees runs at 7 different locations at AMES Dandenong High School,

Noble Park Secondary College, Hampton Park, Cranbourne, Gleneagles, & Fountain Gate Secondary Colleges. If you are interested in making a difference and can help students in Maths, English, Humanities, Science or other subjects then why not get involved. **Contact 97068933 or E-mail patriciak@semrc.org.au**

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

21st Sunday Year A
Is 22: 9-23
Rom 11: 33-36;
Mt. 16: 13-20.

NEXT WEEK:

22nd Sunday Year A
Jer 20: 7-9
Rom 12: 1-2
Mt 16: 21-27

This weekend we pray for:

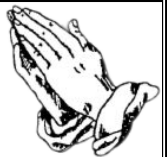
Those who are sick

Patricia Nicholas, Cherie Anderson, Robert Perera, Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O’Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Joan Druett, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Joyce Peters, Eklas Odisho, Ator Odisho, Lillian 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, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died

Bertram Francis Jamie, David Geileskey, Fr. K. Sweeney, Bill Hawkins, Sonia Teresa Dilinger, Phylis Wickramaratne, Mario Salinas Hernandez, Fr Mark Nugent CP, Yvonne Rasquinho, Mico Teljega, Cotheo Marteens, Albert Batson, Shamini Alfred, Jardel Fraga, Victor Manuel Costa, Manolito Antaran, Alfred Hili, Harold Chapman, Walter San Georgio, Egbert Lespior, Francesca Guaclianono, Harold Chapman, Elizabeth Hartley, Andrew Borg, Harold Robbins, Olga Robert, Azulina Figueiredo, Marie-Ange Jeantou Thomas, Shelton Tillerkeratne, Gregory Wickremasinghe, Consey Perera, John Michael Ayling

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:

Bursar: Gillian Velupillay
Secretary: Didi Karkas

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: August 20th— 21st (3rd Sunday of Month) | | | | |
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| | 6pm | 9am | 11am | 6pm |
| Welcome | L Phan, C & S Fernandes | D & S McGuire, C Tinney | T Bugge, M Longano | D & W McMahon |
| Sacristan | P Miller | S & D McGuire | A Gargano | K Jayasinha |
| Gifts | D Turner, M Pereira | D & H Jayasuriya | O'Connor Family | Volunteer |
| Readers & Commtrs. | A Rosario, K Rolfe, R Young | N Dimitrakis, E Kee | C De Silva, A Astin, M Lam | M Keating, K d Alwis, P Mendonca |
| Communion | P Negri, I&M Whiteman, M Boissezon, C Emmanuel, L Phan, K De Zilva | E&W San Giorgio, M La Blache, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara | G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Fourlze, Z Carlow | M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Hasset, P Carvalho |
| Servers | J Satyagraha, N De Zilva, F Bensley | V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva | M O'Connor, K Mehes, J Madeira | J Weerasinghe |

| Rosters for Next Weekend August 27th - 28th (4th Sunday of Month) | | | | |
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| | 6pm | 9am | 11am | 6pm |
| Welcome | S. Stone, A & R Gonsalves | J Bilton, A. Judge | A Gargana, A Costa, J Solari | D & W McMahon |
| Sacristan | M Maillard | N Raveche | L Forkgen | S Jayamah |
| Gifts | R Vaz, G Tyszka | N & S Dimitrakas, B & E David | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| Readers & Commtrs. | L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe | J Callery, L Lapierre | H Greenhill, L Newman, C White | N Fernando, C Bird |
| Communion | S Stone, S/B/J Herbert, S Sharp, P Louden, D Arena, P Perera | B & E David, J Aldag, F Hall, D Marietta, K McArdle, M Nadarajah | F Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza, J Foenander, H Greenhill, G Calixto | K Jayasinha, R Mathias, J Catania, N Sangalang |
| Servers | J D'Souza | S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis | M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro | M McMahon |
| Cuppa | R&F Martyn, S Dimitrakas | E&W San Giorgio, E Kee, M Loh | A Gargana, M Lam | J Rebeiro |
| Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass | Roster A: R Martyn | Viewhills: August 28th S Tranquille, E Fourlze | | |
| | Church Prep Team 3 | Flowers L Phan | Counting R Young, P Sequeira, J Lucas | Rosary Carlow Family |

| Parish Finances | | | Sacraments: |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Parish (1st) | Pledged Weekly | Rec'd | |
| T/G Envelopes | \$3,110.38 (303 pledges) | \$ 2,478.20 (129 received) | Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. |
| Credit Card & Direct Debit | \$2,333.04 (177 pledges) | \$ 2,333.04 | Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a CatholicCARE Course. |
| Cash | | \$ 223.35 | 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. |
| Parish Total | | \$ 5,034.59 | Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. |
| Priests (2nd Collection) | | \$ 1,029.20 | Registration forms in the Parish Centre. |
| Thank You | | | |