



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A 2011, Sept 3rd-4th

#### This Week

**SUNDAY 4th Sept**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
12.30pm Baptism

**MONDAY 5th Sept**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 6th Sept**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**WEDNESDAY 7th Sept**  
6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

**THURSDAY 8th Sept**  
9.00am Mass  
(at North School)

**FRIDAY 9th Sept**  
8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass  
9.30am Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY 10th Sept**  
Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Mass

**SUNDAY 11th Sept**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

#### **THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**

*Of all of the works of mercy, to forgive offences willingly often seems impossible to me. Blessed with a very good memory, I easily (too easily, to be truthful) recall hurts from the past and struggle to let them go.*

*In short, I have had trouble with forgiveness, forgiving myself and forgiving others; saying I am sorry and truly meaning it. To truly repent, I have to learn how to forgive.*

*Rabbi Harold Kushner has helped me to understand forgiveness with his teaching: "Forgiveness is not a favour we do for the person who offended us. It is a favour we do for ourselves, cleansing our souls of thoughts and memories that lead us to see ourselves as victims and make our lives less enjoyable. Once we understand we have little choice as to what other people do but we can always choose how we will respond to what they do, we can let go of those embittering memories."*

*Forgiveness requires what Aristotle called 'a great soul' – what we call magnanimity. The Greek philosopher said that this power lies between the extremes of vanity and timidity. That is exactly where I think forgiveness is to be found – that place uncovered when we get over our 'too big' sense of self and grow out of our smallness of mind and spirit.*

*The Greek word for forgiveness actually means release. When we forgive, we release ourselves as well as the other person. We allow life to go on, to bypass our exaggerated sense of virtue and our worry about being offended.*

*We cannot manufacture forgiveness. It rises up from deep within a soul that allows life to flow. If we are afraid of life and hold ourselves and others to a timid, limited view of what is possible, forgiveness will remain locked up. But the haunting question still remains for me at times: is it really possible for a sinner like me?*

*The liberating Good News of the Gospel is this: it is Christ who gives us the power to forgive – as a free gift. For only Christ can give us this gift of forgiveness that reaches deep down into our wounds and heals them.*



*Part of the beauty of the Catholic tradition is that this power of the forgiveness of Christ is superabundantly accessible. As one Church Father commented, the sacramental act of Reconciliation is simply the 'unbinding' of the already risen Lazarus! Our God is so full of magnanimity that, amazingly, we are forgiven before we even ask! That is solid*

*id Catholic doctrine. In contrast, certain types of Protestantism that have deeply influenced Western culture portray God as a miserly judge unwilling or reluctant to forgive. Nothing could be further from the truth!*

*Cardinal Basil Hume OSB once noted that God's judgement at our death simply means this: at that decisive moment, we are each finally able to whisper into the heart of a loving Father the whole story of our life, a story that we could tell no one else except him.*

*God graces us with the power 'to forgive offences willingly'. If we accept that gift, as the Hasidic tale assures us, "it is no surprise that God performs miracles on a daily basis".* Br Mark O'Connor

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY DATES

- Sept 5th:** Baptism Group Meeting 7.30pm  
**Sept 5th:** Vinnies Meeting 8pm  
**Sept 6th :** First Communion Workshop Day  
**Sept 7th:** Parish Pastoral Council after Mass  
**Sept 10th:** Shopping Tour  
**Sept 10th:** First Communion (6pm)  
**Sept 11th:** First Communion (11am)  
**Sept 14th:** Come Away Day –Holy Cross 10am  
**Sept 14th:** Cancare at 7.30pm  
**Sept 15th:** Casey Multifaith Gathering at 7pm  
**Sept 17th:** First Communion (6pm)  
**Sept 18th:** First Communion (11am)

**Congratulations** to Leteasha Teao, Indiana Teao, Makaila Teao, Destiny Teao, Nandira Xavier, Raiden Xavier, Brandon Halmai, and Alessa Halmai who are being baptised this weekend. We offer them and their families the support of our prayer as they take this step in faith.

**First Communion Workshop Day**, Tuesday September 6th from 9am to 3pm. Please note parents are to drop of their children at the church at 8.45am and pick them up from the church at 3pm.

**Shopping Tour, Saturday 10th Sep.** Full bus, all seats are taken and bus will leave the church at 7.30am sharp. **Shoppers**, Please be ready at the church by 7.15am

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

**Name Badges:** Many members of the parish have name badges which help us to be aware of one another's names when we gather as a community for events and for Mass. We encourage parishioners to have a name badge so that we can get to know each other by name. There are forms at the entrance to the Church. Please consider ordering over the next two weeks.

**Father's Day Priest Retirement Appeal** This weekend there will be 3rd collection, in all masses, for the Annual Diocesan Priest Retirement appeal.

**Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** These are important lay ministries which help us to have dignified liturgy and thank you to all of you who

participate in them. Thank you most especially to those people who have agreed to act as coordinators for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass time. This will help with communication with those on the Rosters and also with preparing Rosters for each Mass time for next year. Some will help with preparing the reflections that we have for those involved in these ministries.

**The coordinators are as follows:**

### **Saturday 6pm:**

**Lectors: Marie Ryan and Rodney Gonsalves**

**E. Ministers: Karen Rolfe and Jenny Satya Graha**

### **Sunday 9am**

**Lectors: Nick Dimitrakis**

**E. Ministers: Dharshi Alwis**

### **Sunday 11am**

**Lectors: Yvonne Sherwin and My Tien Lam**

**E. Ministers: Antoinette Gargano and Esme Furlze**

### **Sunday 6pm**

**Lectors: Premani Leitan**

**E Ministers: Mignonne Meerwald and Kitty Jayasinha**

In the lead up to the Ministry Sign –Up weekend in October the coordinator for the Mass time you are rostered for will endeavour to get in touch with you to find out if you are happy to continue in the Ministry and with the Mass time for which you are rostered and to encourage those who wish to sign up again. This will help the Parish to have correct information including telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.

If for any reason you are no longer able to be on the Roster please let us know. Each week we put the names in the Newsletter for the current week and a week ahead. Rosters only work when people who are rostered are present or ask someone to fill in for them.

### **Young people:**

The Church encourages the involvement of young people in the ministries of Lector and Communion Ministers and we are very blessed that in our Parish we have a number of young people who are willing to participate in these ministries. We will be having a commissioning of some young people at Sat 6pm Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass this weekend.

### **Casey Multifaith Network is having their Annual**

**Gathering on Thursday, 15th September** at 6.45pm for 7pm start. There will be entertainment by Sikh, Buddhist & Christian faith as well as vegetarian supper. RSVP by 5th September and if you have any queries please contact 03 9707 2077 or email to: cmfn09@yahoo.com.au

**Don Bosco Mother & Daughter**

**Camp 26th—28 September at Don Bosco Camp Safety Beach:**

Calling all mothers and daughters! If you are looking for something fun & interesting to do for a few days over the coming school holidays, look no further, the annual Don Bosco Mother & Daughter camp is on again. There will be time for relaxation, time for activity, for fun and most of all time to spend together in cosy and welcoming environment. The camp is open to all daughters aged 8-16 and their mothers/ grandmothers/ aunts. It's only less than a month away, so you better get in quick.

**A Hasidic Tale**

*Rabbi Abba (the scribe of the Zohar) once sat at the gateway of the Town of Lud. He saw a traveller sit down on a pile of rocks at the edge of a mountain overlooking a cliff. The man was exhausted from his journey and immediately fell asleep. Rabbi Abba watched this innocuous scene for a bit until to his dismay he watched as a deadly snake slithered out of the rocks making its way towards to the sleeping man. Rabbi Abba (who for some reason was immobilised and transfixed by this unfolding drama), watched as suddenly a new turn of events happened. A giant lizard jumped out from between the rocks and killed the serpent.*

*Rabbi Abba continued watching and saw that the man stood up and was perplexed to see a beheaded snake lying in front of him. He quickly gathered his possessions and rose to continue his journey. At that instant the pile of rocks he was sitting on collapsed and fell into the ravine below. The man was about to wander off when R Abba ran after him and recounted everything he had witnessed. R Abba asked the man: "My friend, to what do you attribute all these miracles that just transpired?"*

*The traveller at first did not want to be bothered but felt the sincerity of Rabbi Abba's question and confided in him. "Throughout my life I have never let a person harm me, and where I did not pacify him. Never have I gone to sleep without forgiving someone for hurting me in any way. Anyone who would hurt me would I endeavour, with all my heart, to resolve whatever animosity was between us. And lastly, I would turn the hateful situation to doing acts of kindness for the person involved in the misunderstanding."*

*When Rabbi Abba heard this he burst into tears. This person's actions were greater than Joseph. For Joseph had to deal with his brothers; of course he was going to forgive his brothers. But this man forgives anyone and everyone who has harmed him. It is no surprise that God performs miracles on a daily basis for this blessed man.*

**Other News & Events**

**Come Away Days at Holy Cross:**

**September 14th:** 10-3pm and 7.30-9.30pm

**October 20th:** 10-3pm only

**November 10th:** 10-3pm and 7.30-9.30pm

BYO lunch and cost is donation of \$15-20

**Parish Office Official Opening Times:**

**Mondays 9am to 4pm; Tuesdays 9am-5pm;**

**Wednesday & Thursdays 9am-3pm;**

**Friday 9am-2pm.**

**Please note:**

**The Priests are not normally available on Mondays except in an emergency**

**Sunday Readings**

**THIS WEEK:**

**23rd Sunday Year A**

Is 35: 4-7

James 2: 1-5

Mk 7: 31-37

**NEXT WEEK:**

**24th Sunday Year A**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14: 7-9

Mt 18: 21-35

**This weekend we pray for:**

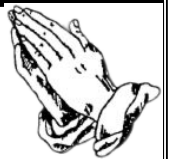
***Those who are sick***

Pete Jaminola, 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, 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, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

***For those who have died***

Philip Yun, Theresa Chin, Wilfred Kitto, Marie Kitto, Theresa De Sousa, Breezalea Arce, Sebastiano Silveira, Nicanor R Deliva, Olive David, Edmea Tirant, Daya Tillerkeratne, Fernando Martins, Maria Bellio, Alido Dalzotto, A W Moraes, Prisca Jeronimo, Sam Parascandalo, Angelo Cardamone, Frangesco Guiliano, Carlos Jeronimo, Charles Joseph Rodrigues, Yousif Sanna, Dinka Sana, Serefino Alberti, Rebeca Tirant, Arnold Moses, Edward Burns Jnr.

***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: 3rd—4th September (1st Sunday of Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	V&C De Silva, J Tarranto	J Bilton M Nadarajah	A Gargana, Y Sherwin, D Kearney	J Disanayake
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Rolfe	L Lapierre, D De Rozario	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
<b>Gifts</b>	V&C De Silva	J Bilton, M Magee	O'Connor Family	M Meerwald
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	R Gonsalves, M Pegram, V Ferreira	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis	R/M O'Connor, M Anthony, M Martyn	S Fernando, D Candido
<b>Communion</b>	G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D&N Trindade, A Pet- ryk, J Satya Graha	P Marion, L&R Al- veyn, S&D McGuire, E&M Mo- rales	V & A Clark, T Bugge, L New- man, C De Silva, S Jayamaha, C Albuquerque, A Gargano	L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wick- ramasinghe, 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

**Rosters for Next Weekend September 10-11th ( 2nd Sunday of Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	B Carvalho, S Sharp, C Vaz	S De Rozairo, J Aldag	C Boissezon, G Jornet	B Bonett
<b>Sacristan</b>	J Carvalho	A Nadarajah	L Forkgen	N Sangalang
<b>Gifts</b>	B Barnfield, A Gonsalves	S De Rozairo, D De Rozairo	Volunteers	V Hassett
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	D Rodgers, P Louden	M Vaifale, D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G John- son, M Quirin	P Leitan, A Tanner
<b>Communion</b>	M & 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 Hallett
<b>Servers</b>	K Maillard, R Vaz, A D'Souza	K Dimitrakas, V Jayetileke, M Harper	A Del Socorro, M O'Connor K Fernandes	M McMahon
<b>Cuppa</b>	<i>Last Sunday of the month</i>			
<b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b>	<b>Roster A:</b>  Joyce	<b>Viewhills:</b>  D Alwis, A Gargano		
	<b>Church Prep</b> Albuquerque Family	<b>Flowers</b> A Costa	<b>Counting</b> O Trindade, R Nadarajah, A Clark	<b>Rosary</b> Sandsodden Family

**Parish Finances**

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges )	\$ 2,046.00
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 428.15
<b>Parish Total</b>		\$ 4,807.19
Priests ( 2nd Collection)		\$ 1,193.25

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 CatholicCARE 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.