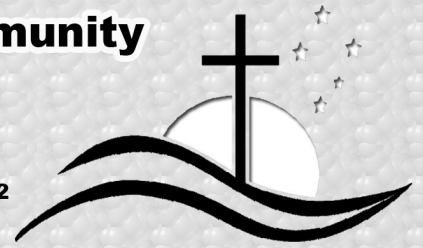




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27th Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Oct 1/2 2011

This Week

SUNDAY 2nd Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms

MONDAY 3rd Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 4th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 5th Oct
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 6th Oct
No mass

FRIDAY 7th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 8th Oct
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 9th Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms 12.30pm

LIVING IN GOD'S GRACE

Dear Friends,

Sometimes people fool themselves into believing that they will one day find the perfect partner or church or friend! Disappointment inevitably follows. Some of us learn that lesson quickly - it takes others (like me) years to realise that 'self-fulfilment' leads nowhere!

It's actually 'normal' to feel unfulfilled! And very good for our souls....

Psychiatrist and teacher Gerald May writes, "*(There is a) cultural myth that says, 'If you are well adjusted, and if you are living your life properly, you will feel fulfilled, satisfied...' Stated conversely, the myth says, 'If you are not satisfied and fulfilled, there is something wrong with you.'*" Not wanting to be "wrong" or maladjusted, we often fill our days with activities, silent spaces with talking and busyness, homes with stuff, "barren" landscapes with "development," and the spacious parts of our souls with data and distractions.

Given this myth - and what May calls our culture's "addiction to fulfilment" - a Crucified Jesus as Our Lord raises some interesting questions for us all on the journey of faith.

Was there something maladjusted about Jesus when he - the One who had ready access to all fulfilment, power, everything! - chose to empty himself? Was there something "wrong" with Jesus when he chose the "emptiest" of all roles: a servant and slave to all? Was Paul serious when he suggested that we, the Church, be of the "same mind" as Jesus, the empty One? If Paul was serious, then what should we empty ourselves of ...and why should we do so?

This last question - the 'what's and 'whys' of Christ-like emptiness - is of great con-

cern to us as pilgrim's over the next year or so in our Australian Church's 'Year of Grace'.

May the Spirit of the Crucified Servant - Jesus of Nazareth - guide as we tend the 'empty spaces' in our lives. So that we find in them greater spaciousness to receive and share God's Grace. May John Kavanaugh SJ's prayer (*see below*) be ours... God Bless.

Mark O'Connor FMS

A PRAYER FOR GRACE

*That I live
That I breathe
That I see and hear, even a little.
That I have a heart to feel
A mind to know and remember by,
I thank you most bountiful and close God.
Made one with us in Jesus Christ
And present to us.
Even in the million ways I forget*
John Kavanaugh, SJ

SUDDEN DEPARTURE

During the week we received the sad news that Fr John Auram cp has been recalled to our parish in Port Moresby. This is needed as the present parish priest Fr Tom McDonough cp is out of action due to an illness and will be away for 6-8 weeks.

St Joseph's is one of the largest and busiest parishes in PNG and we need to be able to care for the people there. Fr John will be greatly missed by us all, but we wish him every blessing as he returns to minister to his own people. John leaves this Tuesday to take over as Parish Priest, Community Leader and Director of Students.

We hope to have a farewell for him late January.

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

Oct 2nd:	Baptism at 11am Mass & 12.30pm
Oct 6th	Parish Pastoral Council
Oct 9 –15th	Mental Health Week
Oct 9th:	Children's liturgy of the Word at 11am
Oct 11th:	Reconciliation's First Family night
Oct 16th	World Food Day
Oct 19th	Feast of Paul of the Cross
Oct 20th	Passionists Companion's T/stowe
Oct 25th:	Reconciliation's Second Family night
Oct 29-30th	Blessing for Year 12 students
Nov 5th:	St Paul Apostle Dance Night
Nov 8th:	Reconciliation's Workshop Day
Nov 12th:	Interfaith Forum at 2pm
Dec 11th:	Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta
Dec 31st	Parish New Year's Eve Dance

Baptisms: Welcome and congratulations to all our Baptism Families for this weekend and we pray for them as they take this significant step in faith for the following children: Maya Victoria Lipski, Alyanah Louise Markobasic, Zoe Grace Molinaro, Lynx Nguyen Ratnagopal, Emma Katherine Corfee, Jazmin Cecilia Ashby Cardenas and Shiloh Aroha Brown.

Caritas East Africa Appeal: Thank you for your generous support for the East Africa Caritas collection which came to the fantastic sum of \$2,315.90

First Reconciliation: Our Parish Sacramental Program continues next term with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is celebrated here for those in years 3 or above. The Family nights commence on the 11th and 25th October. Please register at 6.45pm.

Holy Cross Come Away Days:

October 20th and November 10th 10am-3pm BYO lunch and donation of \$15-20. The next Women's Day Retreat is November 26th 9.30am-4pm

Seniors Morning Tea at Saffron Grove Community Centre at **10.30am on October 25th**

Please let the office know if you are attending and then we will let Betty Evans have the numbers. There will be an opportunity to look around the retirement estate.

Rerum Novarum Oration on 11th October at 7pm

This year marks the 120th anniversary of the great encyclical of Pope Leo X111. This document has

formed the basis of, and defined Catholic Social Teaching in the modern world. Originally it promulgated the Church's response to the social evils flowing from the industrial revolution.

At present our Australian society is being polarised by public discussion on the issue of asylum seekers attempting to arrive in Australia by boat. Formulation of a just, humane and compassionate policy around this issue is a major priority for the Australian parliament.

This year's Rerum Novarum Talk, will be given by Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen who arrived on our shores as an asylum seeker, living here in Springvale as a student and Priest.

The Official Response to the talk will be given by the former Prime Minister of Australia Mr Malcolm Fraser. This promises to be an interesting night. Limited spaces available. Venue: Central Hall, Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Please contact the office by the 7th October.

Parish Improvements Concreters Needed Urgently

Over the next two months we plan to cover in the underneath area of the Gathering Space. The men's Club have offered to do this for the parish. Not only will this be more aesthetically pleasing but we will be also be able to productively use this area for other things, eg storage, Vinnies, Gardening gear etc. In turn this will also free up the unused garage space for possible Annexe renovation. If you are **a concreter** or know of someone in the parish who may be able to help—please contact Fr Tim or the Parish office on 97003781 asap. Thank you.

October 29th—30th: On this weekend there will be a Special Blessing at all Masses for our Year 12 Students, as they prepare for their upcoming exams. It is a chance also for us to acknowledge their contribution to our Parish life but also to encourage their participation in our community as they move on to their next stage in life..

Lectors: We have tried a couple of different ways of letting lectors have readings in advance of the weekend but there are issues of copyright with using some methods. However there is a website which is very useful: It is **www.universalis.com** where you can read the readings in the translation that is used in the Lectionary. It is simple to follow. When you open it up click on readings at Mass and this will open up the reading of the day. If you scroll down you will find a calendar for the week and just click on the date and the reading for that date will come up.

Dance Night on 5th Nov: at South School Hall from 7.30pm. Please keep this date free for a night of fun with family & friends. Good music, plenty of opportunity to dance. Tickets are \$15pp (BYO food & drinks) This activity is part of our Fundraising program. For more information please contact Nina 0425 280124, Vel 0413921794

Working Bee: Volunteers needed to help do a clean up in the kitchens in the church. Time: after morning Mass on Friday, October 14th, for about 1 hour. Morning Tea will be provided. Your time will be very much appreciated.

Parish Office 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

There is a postbox on the Office door which is checked daily for post and forms etc.

To contact Parish Pastoral Council

E-mail: pastoral.council@stpaulapostle.com.au

FIVE FINGER PRAYER

Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You can pray too much for them.

5. And lastly our little finger - the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.'

Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

27th Sunday Year A

Is 5: 1-7
Phil 4: 6-9
Mt 21: 33-43

NEXT WEEK:

28th Sunday Year A

Is 25: 6-10
Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20
Mt 22: 1-14

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Peter Tongi, Lashan Abeyegoonewardene, Nasrin, Anne Ephraums, 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

Elena Balagot, Blanche Rasquinha, Kathleen Rosario, Olive De Sousa, Joyce Bensley, Eric Daly, Rezan Nabati, Marie Jayawardena, Noel Lawrence Smith, Anastasia Santucci, Denis Hall, Frederick De Hoodt, Morgianna De Silva,, Mabel Cano, George Finette, Carmelo Esposito, Marie Fernandes, Francesco Beltrano

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: October 1st–2nd (1st Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V&C De Zilva J Tarranto	J Bilton M Nadarajah	A Gargana, 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, V Ferreira	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 Alvey, S&D McGuire, E&M Morales	V&A Clark, T Bugge, L New- man, C De Silva, S Jayamaha, C Albuquerque, A Gargano	L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wicramasinghe, 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 October 8th–9th (2nd Sunday of Month)

	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, S Dang	M Vaifale, D Vaifale	Y Sherwin, G Johnson, M Quirin	P Leitan, A Tanner
Communion	MC&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, A Petryk	G Canales, B Bonett, J Hallett, N Sendap- peruma, N Fernandes
Servers	K Maillard, R az, A D'Souza	K Dimitrakas, V Jayetileke, M Harper	A Del Socorro, M O'Connor, K Fernandes	M McMahon
Cuppa	<i>(last weekend of the month)</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: J Rebeiro	Viewhills: P Mallac, C Kennedy		
	Church Prep Team 3 O & M Trindade	Flowers D Mariette	Counting K Jayasinha, E Gunawan, D Karkas	Rosary M Goualovic Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 2,239.00 (139 env)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 400.90
Parish Total		\$ 4,972.94
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,045.05

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 FOCCUS 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.