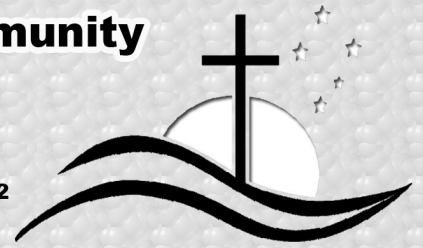




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This Week

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

MONDAY 10th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 11th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 12th Oct
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 13th Oct
No mass

FRIDAY 14th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 15th Oct
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 16th Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptisms Preparation
at 3.45pm

28th Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Oct 8/9 2011

REFLECTION

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift

and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about

being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

by Richard Leonard SJ

"Lord, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."

(from Words of Life)



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

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	Passionist Companion's T/stowe
Oct 25th:	Reconciliation's Second Family night
Oct 29-30th	Blessing for Year 12 students
Nov 2nd:	Mass for the deceased at 7pm
Nov 5th:	St Paul Apostle Dance Night
Nov 8th:	Reconciliation's Workshop Day
Nov 12th:	Interfaith Forum at 2pm
Nov 26th:	Car Boot sale 9am—2pm
Dec 11th:	Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta
Dec 31st	Parish New Year's Eve Dance

Reconciliation's candidates, first family night:

Tuesday, 11th October. Registration at 6.45pm for 7pm start. Reconciliation is celebrated here for those in years 3 or above. This is also the last day of the registration for this year's reconciliation.

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

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: (not to be confused with the New Year Dance) 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

Parish Car Boot Sale on 26th November, 9am to 2pm

Those who missed out the car boot sale. This may be the time you can join us. All of you who has been, I know you will come back and see if you can find anything to fill up your Christmas socks

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.

Name Badges: If you have previously ordered one, you will be able to pick it up, either from the office (during the week) or from the church (before/after masses on the weekend

Sick List. We have omitted a few names from the list that have been in for a long long time. Should you know anyone who has been omitted and still needs to be on the list, please inform the office.



Office Cleaner: We are looking for someone who could clean the Parish Office and Annexe on a weekly basis. If you are interested please contact the Office for details. Remuneration will be discussed

Another useful website:

www.pray-as-you-go

You will be able to download from there onto your MP3

NEW PARISHONERS

If you are new to the Parish we invite you to put your NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO in the **Green Book** in the Gathering Space. There are also census forms in the Gathering Space that you can complete and pass to the office. Our hope is that we will be able to make personal contact with new parishioners.

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 the PPC E-mail
pastoral.council@stpaulapostle.com.au

SMILE *(from the Mentone Newsletter)*

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner.

It's the shampoo we use in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY" No wonder I have been gaining weight!

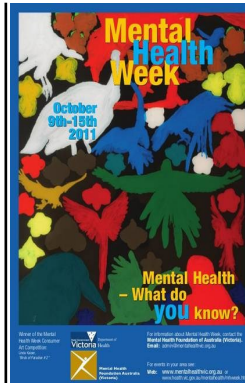
I am getting rid of the shampoo and am going to use dishwashing liquid instead. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE" Problem solved!



Other News & Events

St Vincent de Paul Society

Dandenong Regional Council Festival Mass
On Wednesday, 12 October 2011 at 7pm
at St Joseph Parish Church
Corner Buckingham Ave & St. James Ave
RSVP: by 7th Oct to Gerry Allen
(on 9546 2600 or gerrybernie@telstra.com)



We pray for all those who struggle with Mental Health issues within their families. Give them all the strength they need to cope with life. We pray that they may seek and receive the support and help they need within family and community.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

28th Sunday Year A

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

NEXT WEEK:

29th Sunday Year A

Is 45: 1, 4-6
1 Thess 1: 1-5
Mt 22: 15-21

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Joan P Lawrie, 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, Lilian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Joseph H. Padamadan, Khoshaba Zaia, Mary Dirckze, Alyzée Dromart.

For those who have died

Gerard McGee, Sai Kumar, Basil Fernandez, Ramu, Florence de Sylva, Ritchy Sultana, Serafino Aberti, France Muscat, Lita Belmes, Jack Cahill, Vincenzo Costanzo, Liam Bourke, Cyril D'Oliveiro, Daphne Gieslesky, Max McCallum, Brian O'Sullivan, Teresa DeSousa, Percy Jones, Cyril Turner, Keitha Young, Palma Cardamone, Herbert de Zilva, Raoul Larue, Mary Bryant, Carmel Adeline, Milton Collins, Jonathan Valles, Joe Borg, Paul Gauci Barbara de Brass

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 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 Phil- lips, A Costa, M O'Connor, A Petryk	G Canales, B Bonett, J Hallett, N Sendapperuma, N Fernandes
Servers	K Maillard, R Vaz, A D'Souza	K Dimitrakas, V Jayetileke, M Harper	A Del Socorro, M O'Connor, K Fernandes	M McMahon

Rosters for Next Weekend October 15th– 16th (3rd Sunday of Month)

	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 Dimitrakas E Kee	C De Silva, A Astin, M Lam	M Keating, K De Alwis, P Mendonca
Communion	P Negri, I&M Whiteman, M Boissezon, LPhan, K DeZil- va, M Rodgers, N Guinan	E&W San Giorgio, M La Blanche, D Vaifa- le, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Con- nor, E Fournalze, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Has- sett, P&S Car- valho
Servers	J Satyagraha, N De Zilva, F Bensley	V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva	M O'Connor, K Mehes, J Madeira	J Weerasinghe
Cuppa	<i>(last weekend of the month)</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: C De Silva	Viewhills: D Alwis, A Gargano		
	Church Prep Team 4 G Velupillay	Flowers L Phan	Counting L Cresswell, I Heneric, C Quinless	Rosary Mallac Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 2,190.25 (130 env)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 340.60
Parish Total		\$ 4,863.89
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 895.20

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.