



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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This Week

SUNDAY 16th Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Prep at 3.45pm

MONDAY 17th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 18th Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 19th Oct
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Communion Service
(no Mass)

THURSDAY 20th Oct
No mass

FRIDAY 21st Oct
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 22nd Oct
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 23rd Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

29th Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Oct 15/16 2011

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

It shocks non-Catholics attending a Catholic Mass to see people leaving the church before Mass is over.

Perhaps most Catholics don't take much notice of people leaving early because they're accustomed to it, but visitors and new Catholics find it very disconcerting because it simply doesn't happen in other Churches (except perhaps with the Orthodox where the liturgy lasts around three hours!). I'm sure for some people this behaviour confirms their perception of Catholics as insincere rule-followers rather than committed Christians.

The practice is probably a hangover from pre-Vatican II days when one's Mass obligation was met as long as one was present for the Offertory, the Consecration and the Priest's Communion. Hopefully we have grown out of such legalistic behaviour and have a better understanding of why and how we gather for worship as a community of faith.

Let's be honest. Walking out before Mass has ended is just plain bad manners, the same as it would be if someone were to get up and leave a dinner party as soon as they had finished eating without any thank-you's or farewells. Also there are jobs to be done when Mass is over - simple things like closing windows and tidying up. Those who leave early shirk their responsibility as members of the parish community like inconsiderate family members who don't pull their weight.

Besides being socially unacceptable, the practice of not staying for all of the Mass is theological inappropriate.

The fact that the term "Mass" is derived from the dismissal (the Latin *ite Missa est*) suggests that this part of the Mass is very important. The dismissal is not just a way to end the celebration or to say farewell to those who have gathered,

although both of these are included. As the "General Instruction" puts it, the dismissal of the assembly "sends each member back to doing good works, while praising and blessing the Lord" (GI 2000 #90).

The Concluding Rites of the Mass, though brief, remind us that we are all expected to do our part in carrying on the mission of Christ, a mission of proclaiming God's word and of serving others. The announcements which follow the Prayer after Communion offer the assembly opportunities for living out the commitment which Eucharist entails during the coming week, for example, assisting at the food pantry for the needy, gathering for evening prayer on Wednesday, offering transport for the elderly, visiting the sick and housebound. Those who leave early walk away from all of this.

A quick genuflection towards the tabernacle as a gesture of respect to the presence of Christ in the reserved sacrament doesn't mean much if one's back is then turned on Christ present in the person of the priest presiding at the celebration and on Christ present in the community which is continuing its worship.

If this behaviour is unacceptable in other Churches, in other social situations and from a theological viewpoint, why does it continue and why don't we challenge it?

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I found this article during the week when trying to find information on early leavers or the "bolters"— for it seems to me there is an increasing number of parishioners leaving early from Mass. Perhaps we could also make an effort to arrive before Mass begins.

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

Oct 16th	World Food Day
Oct 16th	Baptism Prep 3.45pm
Oct 19th	Feast of Paul of the Cross
Oct 20th	Passionist Companion's T/stowe
Oct 25th:	Seniors Morning Tea
Oct 25th:	Reconciliation's Second Family night
Oct 29-30th	Blessing for Year 12 students
Nov 2nd:	Feast of Holy Souls –Mass at 7pm
Nov 5th:	St Paul Apostle Dance Night
Nov 7th:	St Vincent de Paul meeting
Nov 8th:	Reconciliation's Workshop Day
Nov 11th:	Remembrance Day
Nov 12th:	Interfaith Forum at 2pm
Nov 26th:	Car Boot sale 9am—2pm
Dec 11th:	Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta Christmas Carols
Dec 13th:	Seniors Christmas Brunch 10am
Dec 31st:	Parish New Year's Eve Dance

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.



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..

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, Didi 0433587767

Parish Car Boot Sale, 26th November, 9am -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

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: Anyone interested in 2 hours a week paid work please contact the office. The job entails a once a week clean of the parish office and Annexe, please contact parish office during the week. NB This does not include the church area.

Sign up for Ministries: Next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign up for ministries during all Masses. We recommend that all those of you who are currently involved will consider offering your gifts again and that any people who have not been involved previously will consider how you can use your gifts for the service and life of the Parish.

A 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.

THANK YOU to all the women who helped clean and tidy the two Church kitchens on Friday morning. Your help was much appreciated.



ANTI POVERTY WEEK 16th-22nd October

“While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human.” Pope Benedict” in “Caritas in Veritate”

MILLENNIUM GOAL 1:

Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

TARGET: Halve, between 1990 and **2015**, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to:
strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia;

encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organizations and governments.

5 THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP TACKLE POVERTY

Educate yourself

Visit www.acoss.org.au for some thought provoking stats on the state of poverty in or visit www.vaccho.org.au/programs/media-policy-unit/close-the-gap/ to find out about activities being implemented across Victoria.

Ask questions

Make some noise about an issue that concerns you. . By discussing and debating issues we create the momentum for change

Donate thoughtfully

Visit www.ato.gov.au for more info

Shop ethically

Shop at recycle shops. And donate your pre-loved quality goods, as they’ll be perfect for someone else. Ask people to buy you a charity gift this Christmas – and buy some for others.

Volunteer your time –perhaps Vinnies or some outreach

To get involved in Anti-Poverty Week events happening around the Archdiocese visit www.cam.org.au

WORLD FOOD DAY – 16 OCTOBER 2011 **Food Prices: from Crisis to Stability**

In the Lord’s Prayer we ask:

“Give us today our daily bread”



**GIVE - not take,
US - not just me,
OUR - as we depend on each other,
DAILY - renewable,
BREAD – that nourishes our world.**

When you sit in council, think not of yourselves or even of your generation. Think of those yet unborn even unto the seventh generation, making all decisions with those generations in mind. The Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, Circa 1000 AD

A few Facts: Every year 15 million children die of hunger. One in twelve people worldwide is malnourished including 160 million children under the age of 5. Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger.

Actions we can take: Prayer, Solidarity (Fast or eat a simple meal) Share with someone in need.

Hunger may have spiked in 2009, one of the many dire consequences of the global food and financial crises. Progress to end hunger has been stymied in most regions. Despite some progress, one in four children in the developing world are still underweight. Children in rural areas are nearly twice as likely to be underweight as those in urban areas. In some regions, the prevalence of underweight children is dramatically higher among the poor. Over 42 million people have been uprooted by conflict or persecution.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

29th Sunday Year A

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

NEXT WEEK:

30th Sunday Year A

Ex 22: 20-26
1 Thess 1: 5-10
Mt 22: 34-40

This weekend we pray for:

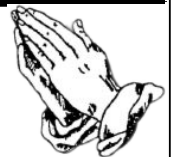
Those who are sick

Lucia Celiz, Joan P Lawrie, Peter Tongi, Lashan Abeyegoonewardene, Nas-rin, Anne Ephraums, Pete Jaminola, Patricia Nicholas, Cherie Anderson, Indira Devi, Steven Klepac, Robert Perera, Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Albert Salindeho, 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

Mercedes Arenas, Gerard McGee, Panfilo Celiz, Gerald Lodwick, Therese Walles, Thomas D’Souza, Roy Gregory, Sylvia Buggia, Nazaria Cruz, Millicent Reneaux, Jose Ponce Pires, Morgi De Silva, Felice Tamasi, Reggie Magee, Clifford Nugawela, Mona Tillerkeratne, Josephine Roche, Rezan Nabati, Lorenz Varney, Mario Indovino, John Sauer, Desmond Rodrigues, Louiswyn D’Souza, Beverley Cresswell, Francesco Lai, Consuelo Manzanilla, James Bagnoux

May they rest in peace



**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:
Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez 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

**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 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, L Phan, K De Zilva, M Rodgers, N Guinan	E&W San Giorgio, M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Foulze, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, P&S Carvalho
Servers	J Satyagraha, N De Zilva, F Bensley	V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva	M O'Connor, J Madeira	J Weerasinghe

Rosters for Next Weekend October 22nd– 23rd (4th Sunday of Month)				
	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	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, D Arena, P Perera, F Dunlop, C Emmanuel	B&E David, J Aldag, F Hall, K McArdle. M Nadarajah	J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza, J Foenander, H Greenhill, G Calixto	K Jayasinha, R Mathias, N Sangalang, G Catania, J Catania
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya V Jayetileke K Dimitrakas	M O'Connor K Fernandes A Del Socorro	M McMahon
Cuppa	<i>(last weekend of the month)</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: R Martyn	Viewhills: G Calixto R Martyn		
	Church Prep Team No.5 Albuquerque Family	Flowers S Lou	Counting R Young P Sequeira J Lucas	Rosary Shumacher family

Parish Finances			Sacraments:	
Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd		
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 2,552.00 (130 env)	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		\$ 315.95	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		\$ 5,200.99	Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase.	
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,109.20	Registration forms in the Parish Centre.	
Thank You				