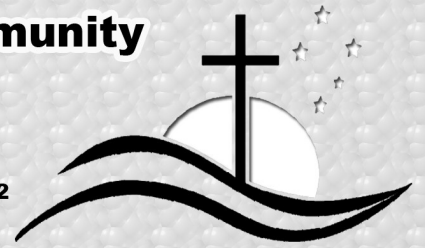




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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### 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Oct 22/23 2011

#### This Week

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

**MONDAY 24th Oct**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 25th Oct**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**WEDNESDAY 26th Oct**  
6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

**THURSDAY 27th Oct**  
9.00am Mass  
(at North School)

**FRIDAY 28th Oct**  
8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass  
9.30am Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY 29th Oct**  
Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Mass  
Baptism Welcoming

**SUNDAY 30th Oct**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism Welcoming

#### REFLECTION

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their 12 children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea.

At 4.00 am a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and travelled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise

Mah told me, 'We were lucky, we made it off the beach.' There were 29 adults in a boat built for 10. Inadequately prepared for the two week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men and raped all the women

on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey.

On sighting land, the remaining 20 people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian Navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, 'At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die.'

The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia 12 months later and is now the local doctor in an outback community that could not get a doctor for two years. Isaiah tells us today 'You shall not wrong or

oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.' Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbour.

No pressing issue in the Western World, it seems to me, invites such hysteria as does immigration. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of

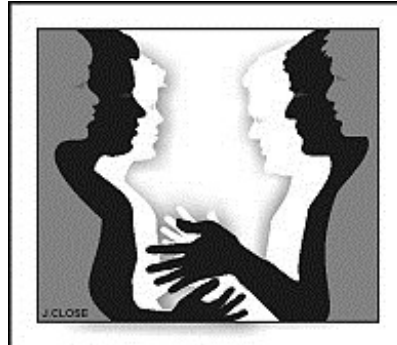
love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be required.' Sadly, many of us want the

good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days, they might be sent back to King Herod.

May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.

*Richard Leonard SJ.*



# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY DATES

<b>Oct 25th:</b>	Seniors Morning Tea
<b>Oct 25th:</b>	Reconciliation's Second Family night
<b>Oct 29-30th</b>	Blessing for Year 12 students
<b>Nov 2nd:</b>	Feast of Holy Souls –Mass at 7pm
<b>Nov 5th:</b>	St Paul Apostle Dance Night
<b>Nov 7th:</b>	St Vincent de Paul meeting 8pm
<b>Nov 8th:</b>	Reconciliation's Workshop Day
<b>Nov 11th:</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>Nov 12th:</b>	Interfaith Forum at 2pm
<b>Nov 26th</b>	Women's Retreat Day Holy Cross
<b>Nov 26th:</b>	Car Boot sale 9am—2pm
<b>Dec 11th:</b>	Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta Christmas Carols
<b>Dec 13th:</b>	Seniors Christmas Brunch 10am
<b>Dec 31st:</b>	Parish New Year's Eve Dance

**Reconciliation 2nd Family Night:** Registration at 6.45pm for 7pm start. All reconciliation candidates and one or both parents are required to attend this night.

**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



**Holy Cross Come Away Days:**

November 10th 10am-3pm BYO lunch and donation of \$15-20.

**Women's Day Retreat** Nov 26th 9.30am-4pm This day includes lunch and is \$50. It is at Holy Cross. Please contact Sr Brigid for more information. It is necessary to book for catering purposes.

**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

**Sign up for Ministries:** This weekend you will have an opportunity take away a list of the ministries with a brief description. Next weekend you will be asked to sign up for the next year. 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. Please see on the notice boards charts which give a fuller picture of the all the groups and activities in the Parish.

**All Souls Day: November 2nd Mass at 7pm**

In the lead up to November 2nd we invite you to write the names of family and friends who have and whom you want to remember on the wooden Cross. This will be in the Church near the Memorial Book over the next couple of weeks.

**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 those of you who have put your names in the book so far. Someone will be in touch with you soon.**

**Inter-Faith Forum:** This is a Multifaith forum where there will be sharing from different faiths about the connection between faith and food. It will be in the Gathering Space at 2pm on November 12th.

## Calendar 2012

The New Years Eve dance committee is producing 1,000 fridge calendars as a souvenir and for distribution to parishioners.

If anyone would like to advertise in this calendar please contact Joe Carvalho on 0419 385 441 for details.

**Wellsprings** is holding their annual fundraising Dinner on the 18th November at 7pm in the Pastels Restaurant at Sandown Regency Hotel, 477 princess Highway, Noble Park . \$50 ( Drinks at bar prices) RSVP & payment by 4th Nov.

Your support would be very much appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Wellsprings 97013740, Didi 97003781 or Helen Sanders on 97005218

## Looking for something to do?!

Wellsprings would welcome you to all of their activities at 76 Langhorne St, Dandenong (ph. 9701 3740)

**Move it Fitness Program:** Mondays 11.30am-12.30pm

**Choir:** Thursdays 11.30am-12.30pm

**Conversation English:** Fridays 10am-12 noon



## **Blessing**

At the drawing in of the day may your contemplations bring you peace.

May the soft mists of God's presence

wrap you in their gentle folds.

May the light of God's presence strengthen you.

May the warmth of God's presence restore you.

May all that God has sowed in your life flower and ripen.

May God's harvest in your life be fruitful and abundant.

## The Mission of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, what-

ever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain.

He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

*Blessed John Henry Newman*

## Sunday Readings

### **THIS WEEK:**

30th Sunday Year A

Ex 22: 20-26

1 Thess 1: 5-10

Mt 22: 34-40

### **NEXT WEEK:**

31st Sunday Year A

Malachi 1: 14-22, 8-10

1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

Mt 23: 1-12

## This weekend we pray for:

### *Those who are sick*

Lucia Celiz, Joan P Lawrie, Peter Tongi, Lashan Abeyegoonewardene, Nasrin, 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*

Dimithri R E Gray, Jane Grech, Aron Dascoli, Mercedes Arenas, Bev Cresswell, Ceceilia Noranhna, Isabel Naik, Roland Barry, Maria Bernardo, Mary C Paul, Edgardo Garcia Snr, Charlie D'Rozario, Dennis Macapogay, Crisanto Aquila, Marjorie Meade, Katherine Claire Daly, Adriano Da Silva, Joe Josephino, Carmelu Muscat, Francis Cachia, Ricardo Sy

### *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



<b>Rosters for this Weekend: October 22nd–23rd (4th Sunday of Month)</b>				
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	S Stone, A&R Gonsalves	J Bilton A Judge	A Gargana, A Costa, J Solari	D&W McMahan
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
<b>Gifts</b>	R Vaz, G Tyszka	B&E David	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe	J Callery, L Lapierre	H Greenhill, L Newman, C White	N Fernando C Bird
<b>Communion</b>	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
<b>Servers</b>	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya V Jayetileke K Dimitrakas	M O'Connor K Fernandes A Del Socorro	M McMahan

<b>Rosters for Next Weekend October 29th– 30th (5th Sunday of Month)</b>				
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	D&R Sugunasekera, A&P Garard	S De Rozairo E Kee	A Costa	J Disanayake
<b>Sacristan</b>	E Gunawan	K McArdle	Y Sherwin	Volunteers
<b>Gifts</b>	P&A Garard	J Bilton, E Gunawan	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	M Daly, B Lock	A McArdle, E Fourlze	J Jornt, R Albuquerque	L Spear, M Meerwald
<b>Communion</b>	P Miller, A Dang, H Sand- ers, B Hen- stridge, L Flood, M Rolfe, L Cresswell, S Fernandes	G Todd, D&R Sugunasekera	A Anthony, G Jornt	A Anthony
<b>Servers</b>	K Fernandes, K Maillard, N De Zilva	V Jayetileke, M Harper, S Jayasuriya	A Del Socorro, J Madeira, K Mehes	J Weerasinghe
<b>Cuppa</b>	S Stone, B&J Carvalho	A Nadarajah, B&E David, E Gunawan	A Gargana	K Jayasingha
<b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b>	<b>Roster A:</b> N Ravache	<b>Viewhills:</b> G Calixto		
	<b>Church Prep</b> Team 6 Mallac Family	<b>Flowers</b> A Costa	<b>Counting</b> O Trindade R Nadarajah A Clark	<b>Rosary</b> Rafferty Family

<b>Parish Finances</b>			<b>Sacraments:</b>
Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd	
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges )	\$ 2,400.50 (138 env)	<b>Baptisms are held</b> 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	<b>Marriages require</b> 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a CatholicCARE Course.
Cash		\$ 328.85	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> 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.
<b>Parish Total</b>		\$ 5,062.35	<b>Children's Sacraments</b> require full participation in the preparation phase.
Priests ( 2nd Collection)		\$ 1,120.20	<b>Registration forms in the Parish Centre.</b>
<b>Thank You</b>			