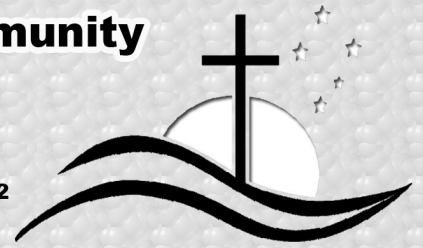




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31st Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Oct 29/30 2011

This Week

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

MONDAY 31st Oct
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 1st Nov
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 2nd
6.30pm Rosary
Feast of Holy Souls
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 3rd Nov
9.00am Mass
(at North School)

FRIDAY 4th Nov
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 5th Nov
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 6th Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism at 12.30pm

REFLECTION

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough year for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for all concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind

us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time. On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two per cent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception

may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach.

Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 per cent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this year has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world. *by Richard Leonard SJ*



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATE

- Oct 29-30th:** Blessing for Year 12 students
Oct 30th: Altar Server Meeting at 3pm
Nov 2nd: Feast of Holy Souls –Mass at 7pm
Nov 2nd: Parish Pastoral Council after Mass
Nov 5th: St Paul Apostle Dance Night
Nov 7th: St Vincent de Paul meeting 8pm
Nov 8th: Reconciliation's Workshop Day
Nov 11th: Remembrance Day
Nov 12th: Interfaith Forum at 2pm
Nov 14th: Healing Mass & Mission Retreat
Nov 26th: Women's Retreat Day Holy Cross
Nov 26th: Car Boot sale 9am—2pm
Nov 27th: First Sunday of **ADVENT**
Dec 11th: Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta
Christmas Carols
Dec 13th: Seniors Christmas Brunch 10am
Dec 31st: Parish New Year's Eve Dance

All Souls Day: November 2nd Mass at 7pm

We invite you to write the names of family and friends who have died and whom you want to remember on the wooden Cross. This is in the Church near the Memorial Book.

Dance Night on 5th Nov: HURRY!!

There are some tickets available!!

(not to be confused with the New Year Dance) at South School Hall from 7.30pm. 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.

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 Saturday, November 12th.

Healing Mass & Mission Retreat: Will be at our church on the 14th November from 7pm to 9.30pm by Fr Varghese Parackal VC

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

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.

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

ADVENT. Is coming soon and there are some preparations to be done. We invite you to contact the parish office if you are willing to be involved in the preparation and planning of our Advent Liturgy and/or preparation of the Church.



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.

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

Melbourne Cup day Holiday, Tuesday 1st November

Please note that there will be Mass as usual at 9am
However, Parish Office is closed on this day

For students and all who are in the process of change

Crossing over into the unknown,
Crossing over from a secure land
To one whose roads I have never walked.

O God, my Companion and Guide
You are my transition coach.

You say to me: 'Cross over the bridge.
Go ahead, come on over. It's sturdy enough.

Hang on. Keep going. That's what bridges are for,
To get you to the other side. Trust me to protect you.'

For all of us in transition who have bridges to cross,
Bless us, God of the journey;
Gift us with the desire to go ahead.

Help us to trust that
the bridge will be
strong
and the risk will be
worth it.

*'Out of the ordinary' Joyce
Rupp*



Events in the Deanery and around us

Dandenong Deanery will be celebrating Mass of Remembrance All Souls Day on Saturday, 5th November at 3pm at The Rocco Surace Mausoleum, Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Prices Highway, Springvale.

Thomas Mitchell PS is celebrating its 20 Year Anniversary on Friday, 18th November 2011 from 3.30pm to 8.00pm. All past students, parents and staff are invited to come and join this celebration.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

31st Sunday Year A
Malachi 1: 14-22, 8-10
1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13
Mt 23: 1-12

NEXT WEEK:

32nd Sunday Year A
Wis 6: 12-16,
1 Thess 4: 13-18,
Mt 25: 1-13

This weekend we pray for:

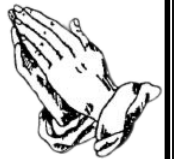
Those who are sick

Bert Geileskey, Lucia Celiz, Joan P Lawrie, Peter Tongi, Nazar Rafoo, Nazanine Damini, 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, Ross Moraes, Aron Dascoli, Mercedes Arenas, Beverley Cresswell, Paulina Vaifale, Edgar Daly, Jose Valente, Feliza Dunca, Josephine Robbins, Harold Robbins, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Dolores De Brass, Michael Adams, David Diamond, Sybert Payet, Jose Abrantes, Marisa del Prete, Gerald Lodwick, Tina Dorio, Emmanuel Buhagiar, Alejandra Aquino, Josephine Rajasingham, Emanuel Aquelina, Lauren Guillot, Anna Bernardo, Shila Hanning, Zeta Florindo, Lorenz Varney, Renato Quinio, John Gomesz, Annie Ward, Felipe Barros, Felipe Bernardino, Mata Vulic, Clarence Turner, Aurelia Concepcion, Jose T Trijo, Ante Babaric, Filomena D'Amelio.

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 29th—30th (5th Sunday of Month) | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------|
| | 6pm | 9am | 11am | 6pm |
| Welcome | D&R Sugunasekera, A&P Garard | S De Rozairo E Kee | A Costa | J Disanayake |
| Sacristan | E Gunawan | K McArdle | Y Sherwin | Volunteers |
| Gifts | P&A Garard | J Bilton, E Gunawan | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| Readers & Commrtrs. | M Daly, B Lock | A McArdle, E Fourlze | J Jornet, R Albuquerque | L Spear, M Meerwald |
| Communion | P Miller, A Dang, H Sanders, B Henstridge, L Flood, M Rolfe, L Cresswell, S Fernandes | G Todd, D&R Sugunasekera | A Anthony, G Jornet | A Anthony |
| Servers | K Fernandes, K Maillard, N De Zilva | V Jayetileke, M Harper, S Jayasuriya | A Del Socorro, J Madeira, K Mehes | J Weerasinghe |

| Rosters for Next Weekend November 5th– 6th (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 & Commrtrs. | R Gonsalves, M Pegram, L Sendapperuma | V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Carayannis | R O'Connor M Anthony, M Martyn | S Fernando, D Candido |
| Communion | G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D&N Trindade, J Satya Graha, S Dang | P Marion, L&R Alvey, S&D McGuire, E&M Morales D Mariette | V Clark, T Bugge, L Newman, S Jayamaha, A Gargano | L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wickramasinghe 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 |
| Cuppa | <i>(4th weekend of the month)</i> | | | |
| Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass | Roster A: J Rebeiro | Viewhills: S Tranquille, E Fourlze | | |
| | Church Prep Team 1 R&B Barnfield | Flowers R Alvey | Counting J.Baskett, B Daly | Rosary Baptist Family |

| Parish Finances | | | Sacraments: | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| Parish (1st) | Pledged Weekly | Rec'd | | |
| T/G Envelopes | \$3,110.38 (303 pledges) | \$ 2,231.95 (144 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 | | \$ 315.15 | 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 | | \$ 4,880.14 | Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. | |
| Priests (2nd Collection) | | \$ 1,210.15 | Registration forms in the Parish Centre. | |
| Thank You | | | | |