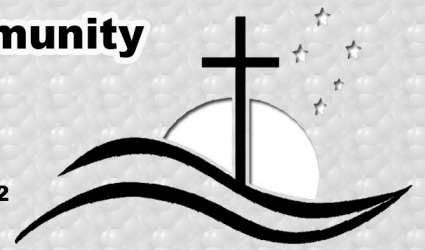




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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time (A), Nov 5-6/ 2011

This Week

SUNDAY 6th Nov
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism 12.30pm

MONDAY 7th Nov
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 8th Nov
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 9th
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 10th Nov
9.00am Mass
(at North School)

FRIDAY 11th Nov
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Divine Mercy

SATURDAY 12th Nov
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 13th Oct
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

REFLECTION

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly person at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, 'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.' Now that's a modern take on a wise virgin!

In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without

living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.



St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.

Richard Leonard

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATE

Nov 7th:	St Vincent de Paul meeting 8pm
Nov 8th:	Reconciliation's Workshop Day
Nov 9th:	Advent Liturgy Planning Meeting
Nov 9th:	Cancare Meeting 7.30pm
Nov 11th:	Remembrance Day
Nov 12-13th	National Church Life Survey
Nov 12th:	Interfaith Forum at 2pm– 5pm
Nov 13th:	Children's Liturgy 11am Mass
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

Reconciliation Workshop Day, Tuesday 8th November
All Reconciliation candidates are to attend this workshop. Please arrive at 8.45am for 9am start. All children are to be dropped off and picked up from the church. Workshop will be finished at 3pm

Inter-Faith Forum: **Food and Faith**

Our parish Inter faith and Ecumenical Committee have been active in promoting dialogue and understanding among all faiths in our local community for a number of years. To further promote dialogue we are hosting a ***Multi Faith Forum*** in our Church Gathering Space on **Saturday 12th November between 2pm and 5pm.** You are invited to come along and support this parish **outreach event.** The forum will discuss how different religious groups understand the connection between ***food and faith.*** We will be hearing from Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and our own Catholic perspective. If you are interested in attending this event please speak to a committee member at the end of Mass today.

National Church Life Survey: Every five years since 1991 thousands of churches have taken part in the National Church life Survey. This year alongside the National Census some 20 plus denominations have again agreed to take part in the 2011 survey. The Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council agreed that our parish would benefit from taking part again. Next weekend 12th/13th November all those aged 15 and above will be able to complete the survey sheet during Mass. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be around to help.

Church Building

A word of thanks to those who have contributed so far in our 'making secure' of the area underneath the Gathering Space. To the Spear family for their **Bobcating,** to Eddie Valeri and helpers for the **concreting.** Hopefully with the help of other parishioners this will be completed by the end of the month.

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
For those who missed out on our previous the car boot sales you have another chance to join in. This may be just the chance for you to have a tidy up before Christmas and sell your treasures for thousands.!!! Please take a flyer from the Newsletter with you for more details.

Sign up for Ministries: If you did not get the chance to sign up last week there are forms in the Gathering space and Foyer for you to pick. When completed please drop them into the Parish Office or sacristy. We welcome new people to come forward. If you are already on rosters now we would still invite you sign up again.

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. The planning meeting will take place after Mass at 7.30pm on **Wednesday November 9th.**

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: There will be two sessions for reflection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors before Advent. **November 22nd at 7.30pm and November 28th at 7.30pm.** It would be great if as many as possible could attend these sessions. There will be a session for new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on **Monday December 5th at 7.30pm.** This includes the younger members of the Parish who were recently commissioned in September.

Christmas Hampers. Every year we have this special event to share with others who are in need, so that they will also enjoy the festive season. The list will be soon out in the foyer. You may be able to start your budget plan from now.

Christmas Carols, One World, One Family on Sunday 11th December. Any soloist or groups interested in performing at this year's Christmas carols, as well as people who are willing to help organizing the Carols please contact Joe Carvalho on 0419385441 or Serge Bortoli on 0412037592 ASAP.

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

From A Young Parishioner

On November 13th 2011 I will be climbing all the way up the Eureka Tower to level 88 in other words 1,642 steps!! The purpose of this event is not only to test my fitness

levels but also to raise money for the events charity partners Whitelion and Interplast.

I would like to raise money for these charities that do such great work. Any support which you could offer me today with my fundraising efforts would go towards making a positive difference in disadvantaged life tomorrow. (all donations over \$2 are tax deductible).

If you would like to sponsor me by way of a donation (it will only take a few minutes of your time), simply follow these steps:Go to:

<http://www.eurekaclimb-interplast.com/fundraiser-cristina-emmanuel> (This will take you to my sponsorship page)

Click on the '**Sponsor Cristina Emmanuel**' button and then simply fill out your sponsorship details.

All donations are tax deductible.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of myself, Whitelion and Interplast Australia & New Zealand. —Thank you

Cristina, we wish you well and hope you get to take the lift back down!!!. It's great that you are wanting to support these two worthwhile charities.

Good News for Wellsprings and all associated with Sr Ann Halpin: The Greater Dandenong Council accepted a suggestion from Veronica Hassett, the Wellsprings Manager, to name a street after Sr Ann. The street which runs east to west between Thomas and Rudduck Streets is new and will be called '**Halpin Way**'. This is a great tribute to Ann and also to the

great work done by Wellsprings, a project started by Sr Ann Halpin. Inspired by her many members of our Parish are involved with Wellsprings in a paid or voluntary capacity.

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:

32nd Sunday Year A

Wis 6: 12-16,

1 Thess 4: 13-18,

Mt 25: 1-13

NEXT WEEK:

33rd Sunday Year A

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thess 5: 1-6,

Mt 25: 14-30

This weekend we pray for:

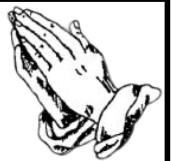
Those who are sick

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, 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

Robert Perera, Tony Desousa, Blanche Rasquinha, Katty De Rosario, Teresa Desousa, Coral Desousa, Joyce Bensley, Paulina Vaifale, Edgar Daly, Patrick Johnson, Maureen Pearce, Maria Krypciak, Fred Herrich, Ljuba, Pasquale Lamanna, Jose T Trijo, Irene Gonsalves, Placido Artienda, Percival Rafferty, Anthony Dinh V Pham, Ana Lorence, Clement Savannah, Anthony Refalo, Edwin Leebin, Alex Fonseka, Andrea Farrugia, Felix McCaw

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: 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 & Commtrs.	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 Alveyn, 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

Rosters for Next Weekend November 12th-13th (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 Louden 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 A Costa M O'Connor A Petryk S Dilinger	G Canales, B Bonett, J Hal- lett, N Sendap- peruma, N Fernandes, K Rowden
Servers	K Maillard R Vaz A D'Souza	K Dimitrakas V Jayetileke M Harper	A Del Socorro M O'Connor K Fernandes	M McMahan
Cuppa	<i>(4th weekend of the month)</i>			
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: C De Silva	Viewhills: P Mallac C Kennedy		
	Church Prep Team 2 K Jayasinha	Flowers R Mutthumani	Counting G Velupillay J Doran F Toplak	Rosary

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 1,813.40 (123 env)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 512.80
Parish Total		\$ 4,659.24
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,138.75

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.