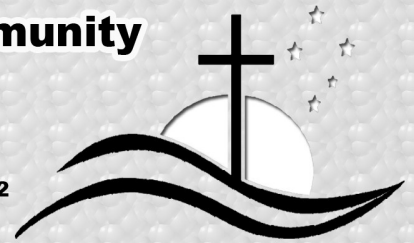




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### 5th Sunday Ordinary Time (B), Feb 4/5, 2012

#### Reflection

I recall that when Romania was liberated from Communist rule, the television showed heart-breaking scenes of malnourished children and young adolescents in orphanages. Generally, they lay listless on their beds or simply rocked backwards and forwards: isolated, solitary in a crowded dormitory. It soon emerged that these youngsters were suffering from what we might call 'touch deprivation'. No-one had ever cuddled them, placed a comforting hand on their shoulder, caressed them. It was only when these things were done that they began to be healed, made human, brought to life because somebody said: *'Your body is precious, let me hug you'*.

Such persons were imitating Jesus in a profound and contemporary manner. What was the situation in today's Gospel?

Jesus had just recruited Simon and his brother, Andrew, to follow him as an itinerant preacher roaming around the countryside and towns of Galilee. They had abandoned the family business of fishing. When they paid a visit to Simon's home, they found Simon's mother-in-law sick in bed with such a fever she could be given up for dead. We read that Jesus, learning about her distressed state, went to her and 'took her by the hand'. 'Took her by the hand' – our Lord broke the taboo which forbade physical contact between a woman and a male who is not an immediate relative. Why? Because he knew what she needed. Not 'an aspirin and a good lie down', but she needed to be reassured that she was not quarantined, isolated from family and friends. In reaching out and taking her by the hand and lifting her up, Jesus not so much cured a pathology, but healed a dis-ease. She was ill at ease, feeling cut off from human society. Once healed, she got back to bustling around the house.

How can Jesus carry out that healing dimension of his ministry today? Through the companions of those orphans in Romania. Through you, Through me.

He has no other way. You and I have to offer him our hands to reach out and heal.

We practise it symbolically at Mass at the greeting of Peace – and sometimes more than symbolically! There has been a bit of a fight in the family, some silly dispute which could fester. With a peck on the cheek or a half-embarrassed handshake along with 'Peace be with you', the isolating distance is overcome.



We need to take that symbolic action out into the world. Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel has as its centrepiece the act of the creation of humanity. It depicts two great hovering figures. God is stretching out his hand and just touching the outstretched hand of Adam. The Divine touch brings the earth-creature, 'Adam' in the Hebrew, into a sociable relationship with God. Jesus, the Divine person in the midst of the mess of human history, stretched out his hand and took Peter's mother-in-law by her hand, restoring her to a fully human sociable life. How is the Divine touch to be made real today? Through your outstretched hand. Extending your hand can make someone more fully human. You know who needs that

healing touch. You know who is within your reach. Do it, and it may be the most touching thing you ever do. In that person's life, it may be the touch of Heaven. *by Fr. Michael Tate*

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do  
good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses  
all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

*St Teresa of Avila*

#### This Week

**SUNDAY 5th Feb**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

**MONDAY 6th Feb**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 7th Feb**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**WEDNESDAY 8th Feb**  
6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

**THURSDAY 9th Feb**  
No Mass

**FRIDAY 10th Feb**  
8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass  
9.30am Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY 11th Feb**  
Feast of Our Lady of  
Lourdes  
Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Mass

**SUNDAY 12th Feb**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism at 12.30pm

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY DATES

- 7th Feb:** Registration for **ASRE**  
**8th Feb:** Cancare Group 7.30pm  
**11th Feb:** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—day of the sick  
**14th Feb:** 1st day of the ASRE, 4pm  
**17-18th Feb:** Passionist Companions Retreat  
**21st Feb:** Lenten Reflection night at 7.30pm  
**3rd Mar:** Station of the Cross at 7.30pm  
**6th Mar:** Registration for **Sacraments**  
**7th Mar:** Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.30pm

## Congratulations:

To Annelle Magee, Jazlyn Rominger, Joshua Corera, Charmaine Phillips, Bailey Simaris, Jaspar Simaris, Keona Heloise and Olivia DellAtte who are being Baptised this weekend. We offer them and their families the support of our prayers as they take this step in faith.

## AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

**Registration** is on 7th February from 9am to 4.15pm or 7 to 7.30pm in the Parish Office. First Session will be on the 14th February from 4pm to 5pm. Children attending state schools who wish to prepare for sacraments must enroll for After School Religious Education.

## Please read this item. You might be able to help!

For many years, the Parish has run a programme of After School Religious Education known briefly as A.S.R.E.

This programme is an aid to parents in their children's faith development and is geared towards children who attend State Schools at Primary level grades 1 to 6.

We have been fortunate over the years to have volunteers who have taught groups of young people for an hour each Tuesday afternoon after school. The Parish Team is most appreciative of all our helpers. These range from young people in senior classes in High School, or who have recently graduated from high school, to parents who have journeyed with their own children through their faith development and are now willing to share their expertise, to experienced teachers who give extra time outside their already busy schedule.

We badly need extra helpers for this year. You may be interested but have doubts about your skill level, or you are not available for the full period of the programme. Why not come and have a chat about it? There will be no obligations attached!

I am available at the Parish Centre (Sr. Joan)

**Lenten Reflection:** Lent will soon be upon us!! We are planning to have a Lenten reflection evening on Tuesdays

during Lent beginning on **Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm** and then each Tuesday. The programme we would like to use is called '**Living Faith**' a six week Lenten Program calling us to a living faith through action. Published by the Diocese of Wollongong., it offers Gospel reflections by Dr Michele Connolly rsj accompanied by a lay person's reflection on their own faith story

as well as suggested practical action. The stunning artwork is by the indigenous artist, Sally Harrison. We recognise that not everyone can come to the group reflection but may still wish to follow the program with family or friends. To facilitate this are two sign- up sheets in the gathering space and foyer.

- 1. For those of you who would like to come to the group reflection**
- 2. For anyone who would like to buy a copy of the program for their own use.**  
**Costs depends on the quantity we order but it will be about \$5.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND AS WE NEED TO ORDER BOOKS IMMEDIATELY SO THAT THEY COME IN TIME**

## Stations of the Cross:

Each year during Lent we offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Usually the Parish Team have led the stations with some participation from the people who attend. We are keen to hear from any families and/ or individuals who would like to help with preparing the Stations of the Cross this year. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are interested.



**Viewhills Communion:** Each week two people take Communion from **9am Mass** to Viewhills High and Low Care. We would like to hear from any of you who are Eucharistic Ministers if you would be willing to be involved in this ministry. It would mean being on a Roster every 4-5 weeks. Please contact Sr Brigid at the Parish Office if you think you could commit to this ministry.

## **Come Away Day Feb 16th 10am-3pm:**

Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Serpells Road, Templestowe. BYO lunch and \$20 donation. There is also an evening session on the same day to facilitate people who are working. It begins at 7.30pm and ends at 9.30pm.

LIVING FAITH



A six week Lenten Program calling us to a living faith through action

Year 8 2012

### Parish Sacramental Programme 2012

Begins on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Church. This session is for parent(s)/ guardian(s) of children preparing for **any** of the Sacraments. We will explain and discuss the process planned and the parental role in the sacramental preparation. It is essential all parents (no children) attend this meeting. Registration forms will be available to complete before close of the meeting.

Information re. dates for Family nights, Presentation Sundays and Celebration of Sacraments are available at Parish office or on parish webpage

### 2012 Parish Fund Raising

As the new year gets well underway I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many ways you've supported the parish. For the first time in quite a few years over **\$22,000** was raised in the past 12 months.

This is a fantastic achievement, and it was raised in a variety of ways and by a variety of parishioners. The last fund raiser – the New Year's Dance raised over \$6000. Thanks must go to the organizers: Serge, Louis, Clency, Joe and Bridgette, Alex and Vianney, Ivor and Myrtle for the tireless way in which they planned and brought to fruition a great night out.

With the plan to renovate the Parish Annexe in 2012, it would be great if we can keep up such fun/fund raising activities for this year. Maybe you have a suggestion for a fund raising activity, maybe you'd like to organize an event. What would be a help is that you come forward soon with your proposals as we need to co ordinate the dates throughout the year. Please contact the parish team of your suggestions or willingness to co ordinate an activity.

*Fr Tim CP*

### **Prayer for the day**

I desire neither earthly kingdom,  
nor even freedom from birth and death.  
I desire only the deliverance from grief  
of all those afflicted by misery.  
Oh Lord, lead us from the unreal to the real;  
from darkness to light;  
from death to immortality.  
May there be peace in celestial regions.  
May there be peace on earth.  
May the waters be appeasing.  
May herbs be wholesome and  
may trees and plants bring peace to all.  
May all beneficent beings bring peace to us.  
May thy wisdom spread peace all through the world.  
May all things be a source of peace to all and to me  
*(Mahatma Gandhi)*

### St John's Regional College

St John's Regional College is having Year 7, 2013 Information Evening on:  
Tuesday February 14, 2012  
at 7:30pm – 8:30pm  
in the Br Leo Scollen Stadium  
at the College,  
(5-11 Caroline St, Dandenong)



For any enquiries please contact 9791 3366

### Sunday Readings

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7;  
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23;  
Mk 1: 29-39

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46;  
1 Cor 10: 31, 11: 1;  
Mk 1: 40-45

### This weekend we pray for:

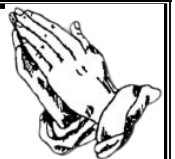
#### **Those who are sick**

Anthony Sylvester, Derek Ryder, Francesca Lucette, Anton Lodwick, Fr Stephano Phan, Demetria Reyes, John P Lawrie, Jude Peter, Bert Geileskey, Lucia Celiz, Peter Tongi, Nazar Rafoo, Nazanine Damini, Lashan Abeyegoonewardene, Nasrin, Pete Jaminola, Patricia Nicholas, Cherie Anderson, Indira Devi, Steven Klepac, Mark Pereira, Carla Jeronimo, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Joan Druett, , Joyce Peters, Lilian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Joseph H. Padamadan, Khoshaba Zaia, Alyzée Dromart

#### **For those who have died**

Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Maria Vu Thi On, Dominic Parascandal, Jeannette de Jonk, Alex De Silva, Hyacinth Anderson, Gordon Gebbie, Adam Mitchener, Richard Petrus Wirian, Sylvia Knight, Ludivina Barba, Sebastiano Raccosta, John Almeida, Teresa Almeida, Christopher Wijesekera, Roslyn Bortignon, Marie Junkeer, Henny Budiman, Leslie Michael (Snr), Grace Dhakul, Sylvester Baretto, Lionel Heaton, Virginia Bernardes

**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: February 4th-5th (1st Sunday of the month)**

|                             | 6pm                                                                                       | 9am                                                                    | 11am                                                                                        | 6pm                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Welcome</b>              | V&C De Zilva<br>J Tarranto                                                                | J Bilton<br>M Nadarajah                                                | A Gargano<br>Y Sherwin<br>D Kearney                                                         | J Disanayake                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sacristan</b>            | M Rolfe                                                                                   | L Lapierre<br>D De Rozairo                                             | Y Sherwin                                                                                   | K Jayasinha                                                                                                    |
| <b>Readers &amp; Commtr</b> | R Gonsalves,<br>M Pegram,<br>L Sendapperuma                                               | V Vaifale,<br>J Chadwick,<br>C Carayannis                              | R or M O'Connor,<br>M Anthony,<br>M Martyn                                                  | S Fernando,<br>D Candido,<br>C Bird                                                                            |
| <b>Gifts</b>                | V&C De Zilva,<br>J Sequeira                                                               | J Bilton,<br>M Magee                                                   | O'Connor Family                                                                             | M Meerwald                                                                                                     |
| <b>Communion</b>            | G Akom,<br>J Stewart,<br>D Turner,<br>D Trindade,<br>J Satyagraha,<br>S Dang,<br>L Folino | P Marion,<br>L&R Alveyn,<br>S&D McGuire,<br>E&M Morales,<br>D Mariette | V&A Clark,<br>T Bugge,<br>L Newman,<br>S Jayamaha,<br>A Gargano,<br>C Boissezon,<br>J Allen | M Dawson,<br>S D'Roza,<br>C Wick-<br>ramasinghe,<br>P Mendonca,<br>M Keating,<br>S Sembukutti,<br>S Disanayake |
| <b>Servers</b>              | Volunteers                                                                                | Volunteers                                                             | Volunteers                                                                                  | Volunteers                                                                                                     |

**Rosters for Next Weekend February 11th- 12th (2nd Sunday of Month)**

|                                             | 6pm                                                                          | 9am                                                                          | 11am                                                                                    | 6pm                                                                                           |
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| <b>Welcome</b>                              | B Carvalho<br>S Sharp<br>A Martyn                                            | S De Rozairo<br>A Bates                                                      | C Boissezon<br>G Jornet                                                                 | B Bonett                                                                                      |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                            | J Carvalho                                                                   | A Nadarajah                                                                  | L Forkgen                                                                               | N Sangalang                                                                                   |
| <b>Readers &amp; Commtr</b>                 | D Rodgers<br>P Louden<br>S Dang                                              | M Vaifale<br>D Vaifale                                                       | Y Sherwin<br>G Johnson<br>B Dunlop                                                      | P Leitan<br>A Tanner                                                                          |
| <b>Gifts</b>                                | B Barnfield<br>H Sanders                                                     | S & D De Rozairo                                                             | Y Chaperon                                                                              | Volunteers                                                                                    |
| <b>Communion</b>                            | MC & M Maillard<br>C Quinless<br>C Fernandes<br>D Rice<br>G Lock<br>G Tyszka | V Vaifale<br>J Chadwick<br>S&D De Rozairo<br>D Alwis<br>A Perera<br>A Mallac | S Tranquille<br>A Costa<br>M O'Connor<br>A Petryk<br>S Dilinger<br>J Allas<br>J Koshaba | G Canales<br>B Bonett<br>N Sendap-<br>peruma<br>N Fernandes<br>K Rowden<br>H Leitan<br>C Bird |
| <b>Servers</b>                              | Volunteers                                                                   | Volunteers                                                                   | Volunteers                                                                              | Volunteers                                                                                    |
| <b>Cuppa (After Mass)</b>                   | <i>Every 4th Sunday of the month</i>                                         |                                                                              |                                                                                         |                                                                                               |
| <b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b> | <b>Roster A:</b><br>Vel Vaifale                                              | <b>Viewhills:</b><br>G Calixto<br>R Martyn                                   |                                                                                         |                                                                                               |
|                                             | <b>Church Prep</b><br>Team 1<br>R & B Barnfield                              | <b>Flowers</b><br>Lien Phan &<br>A Garard                                    | <b>Counting</b><br>P Sequeira<br>R Nadarajah<br>K Jayasinha                             | <b>Rosary</b><br>Dennis Family                                                                |

**Parish Finances**

| Parish (1st)              | Pledged Weekly              | Rec'd                    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| T/G Envelopes             | \$3,110.38<br>(303 pledges) | \$ 1,969.00<br>(134 env) |
| Credit Card &             | \$2,333.04                  | \$ 2,333.04              |
| Direct Debit              | (177 pledges)               |                          |
| Cash                      |                             | \$ 929.40                |
| <b>Parish Total</b>       |                             | <b>\$ 5,231.44</b>       |
| Priests ( 2nd Collection) |                             | \$ 1,076.20              |

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.