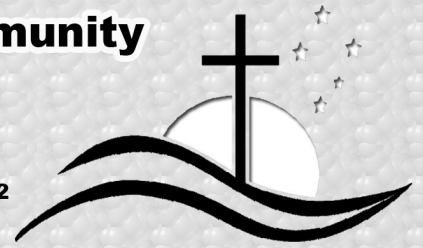




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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### Christ the King Sunday (A), Nov 19-20/ 2011

#### This Week

**SUNDAY 20th Nov**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism Prep 3.45pm

**MONDAY 21st Nov**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 22nd Nov**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**WEDNESDAY 23rd Nov**  
6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass  
7.30pm Meditation

**THURSDAY 24th Nov**  
9.00am Mass  
(at North School)

**FRIDAY 25th Nov**  
8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass  
9.30am Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY 26th Nov**  
Reconciliation 10.30am  
6pm Mass

**SUNDAY 27th Nov**  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism Welcoming

#### THE POWER OF THE POWERLESS

Dear Friends,  
We have seen in the last few weeks that people like to be in control! Be they bosses, unions or the general public. No doubt the 'shut down' of Qantas was a national emergency. But it did strike me how many people were so terribly agitated and stressed. Was it because they were not in 'control'? For a few days the media was speaking as if it was practically the end of the world ... we were powerless and we didn't like it! Yet the poet, Seamus Heaney, talks beautifully about actually nurturing such powerlessness - what he calls: 'the power of power not exercised'.

I think Heaney is calling us towards our Christian vocation of 'powerlessness'. He is asking us to see the world as full of grace and seek that above all else. For us Catholics it is the 'saints' and heroes of non violent love who embody this surrender to grace par excellence. Think Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Mum Shirl and Jean Vanier. There is a 'power' there - but it is a gentle affirming 'powerlessness' and grace that seeks the lowest place and not its own ego. Such disciples, who have turned their lives over to the Risen Lord, have somehow allowed themselves to really enter the Paschal mystery of being 'powerless'. They radiate the 'the power of power not exercised'. Their hearts are graced as they turn towards the Crucified One.

I must admit that I am as scared as anyone of really experiencing such a 'conversion' to grace! No question there is a part of me that resists it deeply. I want to be in 'control' and exercise 'power'! I want the 'planes' to be on time and flying! Yet, as baptised followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are indeed all called to a 'conversion'. No matter the life circumstances we are in - we are all called to 'let go'.

This is a journey which requires from each of us patient endurance and also great courage. But thank God it does not require instant perfection! We can indeed take heart from the example of great witnesses who have turned their lives around. But it never comes without a cost. When it

comes to human beings it always involves serious inner struggles and conflicts.

For example - many of us know of Archbishop Oscar Romero and his heroic stand for the ordinary people of El Salvador. But few of us know of his life long struggle with his obsessive compulsive personality disorder. Like many of us Oscar Romero resisted accepting God's unconditional love. Yet Romero was not a saint despite his inner agony and his neurotic character flaws. He became a saint because he was willing to 'let go' and accept grace into his life.

Like Oscar Romero, may we too surrender to conversion in our lives and radiate 'the power of power not exercised'.

May we accept the wisdom of Cardinal Carlo Martini SJ who reminds us that we are all "Full of Grace" - and that it means "you have been loved for a very long time" (see 'Food for Thought' poem below). If we (I mean me mostly) could just accept that a little bit more - it might, at the very least, help us not to 'hyperventilate' when the next strike or interruption takes place!

Sincerely,  
**Mark O'Connor FMS**  
Director



#### Full of Grace

Archbishop Carlo Maria Martini wrote that

*"full of grace" means "You have been loved for a very long time."*

*How long have you been loved?*

*Give me your age and add nine months.*

*That's how long.*

*At this very moment - now-*

*you are being loved, loved into existence, loved unto death.*

*We've all heard the common expression "*

*"He/she just doesn't get it." I'm one of those.*

*When will I get it, get the insight that I have been loved for a very long time?*

*Get the fact that all of us are full of grace, beloved and cared for? Maybe tomorrow?*

*The Color of Gratitude, Bishop Robert Morneau*

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY DATE

- Nov 21st:** Justice and Peace Meeting at 7pm  
**Nov 22nd:** Reflection for E Ministers & Lectors 7.30  
**Nov 26th** Women's Retreat Day Holy Cross  
**Nov 26th:** Car boot sale is **CANCELLED**  
**Nov 27th:** First Sunday of **ADVENT**  
**Nov 27th:** Altar Server Meeting at 3pm  
**Nov 27th:** YCS meeting at 12pm in the Annexe  
**Nov 28th:** Reflection for E Ministers & Lectors 7.30  
**Dec 5th:** Training session for new Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors 7.30pm  
**Dec 11th:** Christmas Hamper Mass and Fiesta Christmas Carols  
**Dec 13th:** Seniors Christmas Brunch 10am  
**Dec 18th:** YCS Fundraising—Cakes Stall  
**Dec 31st:** Parish New Year's Eve Dance

**Parish Car Boot Sale is CANCELLED** due to unforeseen circumstances our parish car boot sale has been **CANCELLED**. Our parish car boot sale will be back again next year around February.

**Women's Day Retreat** Nov 26th 9.30am-4pm This day includes lunch and is \$60. It is at Holy Cross. Please contact Sr Brigid by Tuesday 22nd if you are intending to come or for more information. It is necessary to book for catering purposes.

**Sign up for Ministries:** If you did not get the chance to sign up over the last two weeks 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 are still hoping that new people will come forward. If you are already on rosters now we would still invite you sign up again.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors:** There will be two sessions for reflection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors one before Advent and one in the first week. **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 as well as any people wishing to be involved in either ministry.

**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 lists is in the Gathering Space this weekend. For those who are interested in taking part, please collect the details from the posters in the Gathering Space and return hampers by Sunday December 11th in time for 6pm Mass.



**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.



**YCS group.** This group has been meeting regularly in our parish. 3 of their members are heading off to Adelaide for YCS Conference on the 8th January 2012 (not far to go!) and they are doing some activities to raise some fund to help covering some of their cost. They will be selling nice cakes at the church on the 18th Dec. Let's support this young members of ours and at the same time enjoying delicious cakes.

**Seniors Christmas Brunch** will be on Tuesday 13th December. It will begin with Mass of Anointing at 10am. From this weekend there will be sign up sheets in the gathering space and foyer for people to sign up if you wish to attend. There will also be forms for people to sign up with offers of help with finger food either to bring on the day or the evening before. Please PRINT your name and contact number on the APPROPRIATE forms.

## **From SVDP-VINNIES:**

Vinnies wish to thank you all very much for your loose change in the poor box, which is used to buy food for needy families in E. Hills. For new parishioners, the boxes are located at:

**Box 1** in the wall near the piety stall

**Boxes 2 & 3** at the back of the church in the walls, on their interior side, facing the altar. Thank you your generosity.

## APOSTLESHIP AWARDS

You are invited to nominate members of the Parish for Apostleship awards. These will be people whose ministry you have observed as giving consistent and inspirational service in our parish or in the wider community. The forms are available in the gathering space and the foyer. Nominations should be into the Parish Office by **December 4th** at the latest.

**Parish New Year's Eve Dance** on 31st December at the St Paul Community Hall from 7pm to 1am. This will be a family event. Please book in early as tickets are selling very fast. They are \$30 for adult, \$15 for child, and \$5 for Toddler (under 5yo) This includes Hot Supper. BYO Drinks & Nibbles. Contact person: Serge 0412037592, Clency 0418381943, Vianney 0438700675



## *WORLD MISSION DAY.*

*"Hear My Voice...Believe".*

*Catholic Mission works in solidarity with the powerless and exploited to empower, enable and ennoble all people.*

*"As Australians in mission we are all encourage to come together as one in the name of Christ: to share and to listen. At Catholic Mission we form Australians for mission and raise funds for mission - in Australia and around the world".*

*"Hear My Voice" is our theme for this year's world Mission Month, where we hear the voices of the world's Indigenous peoples. We celebrate their contributions with their unique cultures, languages and spiritual traditions, all enriching our universal Catholic Faith."*

The World Mission Day appeal helps to sustain parishes and their priests, and supports thousands of catechists who share their faith and lead their local village communities. It also financially supports the catechumenal training of Guatemala's laity and the supply of teaching materials.

*"We ask you to give generously for the cause of bringing about God's kingdom on Earth through the work of missionaries and local people working together in places where resources are few but great acts of faith and humanity happen every day". (M Teulan, National Director of Catholic Mission)*



## An International Prayer for Peace

*Join people of all faiths around the world who are praying this prayer at noon each day:*

Lead me from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love,  
from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our heart, our  
world, our universe.  
Peace, peace, peace.

Amen

### Sunday Readings

#### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **Christ The King**

Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28

Mt 25: 31-46

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

#### **1st Sunday of ADVENT**

Is 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

Cor 1: 3-9

Mk 13: 33-37

### This weekend we pray for:

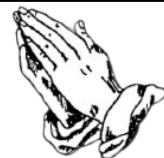
#### *Those who are sick*

Jude Peter, Bert Geileskey, Lucia Celiz, Joan P Lawrie, Peter Tongi, Nazar Rafoo, Nazanine Damini, Lashan Abeyagoonewardene, 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, Lillian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Joseph H. Padamadan, Khoshaba Zaia, Alyzée Dromart

#### *For those who have died*

Mary Direckze, Natale Portelli, Margaret Kulanaya, Annama Joseph, Clarence Joseph, Wenceslaus Joseph, Benedetto Faiola, Maria Henriques, Joseph Tran Tan, Mr and Mrs Manuel Mesquita, Titi Befacchia, Vince Marzin, Edward Burns Snr. Rose Caroline Allen, Marie Almeida, William Joseph, Krystyna Orzowski, Anastascia Aclan, Richard Johnson, Jules Balancy, Elia Marcel, Giuseppe Eggizii, Aloysius De Silva, Inocência Nunes, Luis Santos, Henry Charles Daly, Frank Whittam, Maryce Coiffic, Romana Da Costa, Jose Maria, Jose O Lontok Snr

*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 19th-20th (3rd Sunday of Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	L Phan C&S Fernandes	D&S McGuire, C Tinney	T Bugge M Longano	D&W McMahan
<b>Sacristan</b>	P Miller	S&D McGuire	A Gargano	K Jayasinha
<b>Gifts</b>	D Turner M Pereira	D Jayasuriya H Jayasuriya	O'Connor Family	Volunteer
<b>Readers &amp; Commtrs.</b>	A Rosario K Rolfe R Young	N Dimitrakas E Kee	C De Silva A Astin M Lam	M Keating K De Alwis P Mendonca
<b>Communion</b>	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 Carvalho, S Carvalho
<b>Servers</b>	J Satyagraha N De Zilva F Bensley	V Jayetileke M Harper D De Silva	M O'Connor K Mehes J Madeira	J Weerasinghe

**Rosters for Next Weekend November 26th-27th (4th Sunday of Month)**

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	S Stone, A&R Gonsalves	J Bilton A Judge	A Gargana, A Costa, J Solari	D&W Mc Mahon
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
<b>Gifts</b>	R Vaz G Tyszka	N&S Dimitrakas	Volunteers	Volunteers
<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 Herber, 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 DeSouza, 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>Cuppa</b>	V&C De Zilva, J& R Fernandes	McGuire Family D Jayasuriya	A Gargana J&M Allas	S Fernando
<b>Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass</b>	<b>Roster A:</b> N Raveche	<b>Viewhills:</b> P Shaw-Dennis J Chadwick		
	<b>Church Prep</b> Team 4 G. Velupillay	<b>Flowers</b> ** No flower **	<b>Counting</b> P Negri K Wong S Quinless	<b>Rosary</b> Murra Family

**Parish Finances**

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38 (303 pledges)	\$ 1,596.50 (118 env)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,333.04 (177 pledges)	\$ 2,333.04
Cash		\$ 334.40
<b>Parish Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,263.94</b>
Priests ( 2nd Collection)		\$ 842.10

**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.**