



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

One Family

5 William Hovell Drive, Endeavour Hills, Vic 3802
T. 9700 3781 / F. 9700 6228
office@stpaulapostle.com.au
www.stpaulapostle.com.au



The Body & Blood of Christ-Year A 2011 -June 25-26th

REFLECTION

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope. 'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.'

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there - many of them devout Catholics - and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back-it belongs to the poor.' As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him.

John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass. When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ

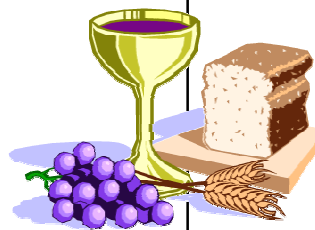
says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose. Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation.

John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to. In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness. Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.

R Leonard



This Week

SUNDAY 26th

Body & Blood of Christ
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Welcome

MONDAY 27th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 28th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 29th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 30th

9.00am Mass
North School

FRIDAY 1st July

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

SATURDAY 2nd

Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 3rd

9am Mass
11am Mass 6pm Mass
Baptisms

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

- June 27th:** Grief & Loss Week 4
June 28th: Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist & Lectors at 7.30pm-Annexe
June 28th: ASRE Mass at 4pm
June 28th: Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors at 7.30pm
July 2nd: Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at 2.30pm
July 13th: Cancare Support Group 7.30pm
July 21st: Workshop Day for Confirmation
July 22nd: Confirmation Mass 7.30pm
July 23rd: Confirmation Mass 6.00pm
July 24th: St Paul Apostle Parish Feast 11am

Farewell for Liz Spear: Liz will be finishing in the Parish Office at the end of June and to celebrate her gifts of time, dedication and commitment to our Parish Community for the past 20 years as Secretary and Bursar we will have a farewell and thank you presentation at a special gathering after **6pm Mass on July 9th.**

New Secretary & Bursar: At last we are delighted to announce that the roles of Parish Secretary and Parish Bursar have now been filled and the two new appointees will commence work in the next few weeks. Congratulations to Gillian Velupillay who has accepted the post of Bursar and to Didi Karkas who has accepted the role of Secretary. There were 15 applicants for each role and these were shortlisted to five for interview for each post. It turns out that both roles have been filled by parishioners—well done as the applicants were from different parts of Melbourne. A special thanks to all who helped in the process, Maria Kirkwood from the Archdiocese, those who helped in the daunting task of short listing, and those who represented the parish on the interview panels. We know that the Parish Community will support our two new members of staff as they settle into their roles.

Confirmation: This year Bishop Elliot will be coming to our Parish for Confirmation on **Friday July 22nd at 7.30pm** and on **Saturday July 23rd at the 6pm Mass.** People who normally attend the Saturday 6pm Mass may wish to attend a different Mass that weekend because of the additional numbers who will be present.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors: There will be two opportunities for reflection in June before the feast of Corpus Christi so please put the following dates in your diary **June 28th 7.30-8.30pm IN THE ANNEXE** and **July 2nd at 2.30pm-3.30pm IN CHURCH**

**Happy Holidays to all the School Children and the Teachers.
May all return refreshed after two weeks!**

After School Religious Education June 28th at 4pm:

End of Term Mass in Church. Parents and Families welcome. There will be food to share.

St Paul Apostle Feastday Celebration: We would welcome volunteers to help in planning a celebration for **St Paul Apostle for July 24th** Please contact the Parish office. It would be great if you can support the team with this event.

Slice Drive fundraiser for World Youth Day Madrid Killester College are supporting a SLICE DRIVE to assist Meaghan O'Connor in her fundraising efforts for Madrid in August. If you would like to support her, order forms for yummy slices and cakes are available at masses this weekend. Orders and payment can be placed this weekend or return to masses next weekend. Delivery will be 2 weeks after the orders are placed. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Orders can also be placed by email to rhondaconnor@bigpond.com or on 0408054527.

Ministry of Communion to the Sick: There are some people in our Parish who regularly take Communion to the people who are homebound, sick or in Viewhills. This is usually after **9am Mass** on Sundays and when we have sufficient people it works out about once every month or five weeks.

It is a great privilege to be able to do this and it helps people to remain connected to the Parish community. If you are already a Minister of the Eucharist and would like to have a conversation about doing this ministry please contact Sr Brigid at the Parish Office.

If you are not a Minister of the Eucharist but would be interested in finding out more of what is involved please make contact too. Thank you.

Come Away Day July 21st 10am-3pm: This is a day when people can take some time to reflect on their own lives in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Cross at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. It is only 40 minutes from here at most! The day includes Mass. BYO lunch and an offering of \$15-20 is requested.



DINNER DANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Contact:

Oswyn 0434429579;
Kath 0418 328847;
Bernie 0418 590228
Andrea 0433 300458 or
Zoe Cresswell 0411 759784

The Cyrene Centre: The manager of the Cyrene Centre, Aloysious Dacunha has sent a thank you for the warmth of your welcome and for your **generous response of \$1,030.75** to the appeal a few weeks ago. The Cyrene Centre has always had good support from the Parish over the years and they are most grateful for this and the generosity of other Parishes in the Deanery. They offer a great service to families who need support at times of need

because of issues with substance use and domestic violence. Some members of our Parish volunteer at the centre. All the counselling support is offered by professional counsellors and volunteers help with office tasks and reception duties.

Catholic Fundraising, who assist parishes with their Thanksgiving Stewardship Programs, are seeking a full time enthusiastic and committed Program Director to join the organisation. Applications are welcomed and a Position Description can be viewed at www.cam.org.au/jobs

Marriage Celebrations: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 24th July at 11.00am** by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register contact: 9287 5579

LIFE



WITHOUT BARRIERS

Carers make a difference!

Life without Barriers is seeking compassionate people willing to share their home with children and adults, who may have a disability, that require their support and care.

Carers can be single, living with a partner or have their own children.

They offer excellent training, support and financial reimbursement to assist carers in enhancing a child or adults quality of life. For more information please contact us on: **hostfamilyvic@lwb.org.au** or **03 5990 3200**
Website: www.lwb.org.au or lmf@cam.org.au.
Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations by Friday 16th July.

Other News & Events

Eastern Suburbs Filipino Community

June 26th 2011
Feast of our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady's Church
Bedford Road
Ringwood

3.20pm –5pm
Novena and Mass
Contact: Pol Arboleda 0425 704035

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre - First Saturday of the Month Prayer Day

Saturday Prayer Day is on July 2
10.00 am – 3.30 pm.

The theme of the day is "Come, Lord Jesus: **Centering Prayer / Christian Meditation**" and it will be led by Brian Gallagher msc.

These days have proved to be very popular and you are most welcome to come along.

The cost is \$50.00 and BYO lunch.

Phone: 9890 1101 to book

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:
The Body & Blood of Christ

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16;
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6: 51-58

NEXT WEEK:
14th Sunday Year A

Zech 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Ivan Velupillai, Mickee Raveche, Joan Druett, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Joyce Peters, Eklas Odisho, Ator Odisho, Lilian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Brian Brennan, Cory Brennan, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Alyzée Dromart, Maria, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died

Therese Walles, Eric Daly, Selesthina Kiriella, Rosalyn De Hoedt, Eric Anthony, Brendan Tamasi, Maria Bertone, Harry Hickey, Andri Robert, Owen Gunasekara, Gilbert Silavant, Feleicia Pereira, Edward Mesquita Varuda, Felix Cachia, Thomas Phan Dinh Hai, Valerian Noronha, Enzo Pietro, Americo Martins, George Fernando, Vernon Davis, Altino Araujo, Antonia Vella, Wilfred King, Olinda Lemos, Zita Miranda, Vicky Angeles, Jean Baptiste Son Dinh Phan, Joseph Dinh Ha Phan, Domenico Antonio Raccosta,

May they rest in peace

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration & Finance)

**Passionist
Community**

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram 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: June 25th –26th (4th Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone, A & R Gonsalves	J Bilton, A Judge	,A Gargano, A Costa, J Solari	D & W McMahan
Sacristan	M. Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts	R Vaz, G Tyszka	N & S Dimitrakis	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe	J Callery, L Lapierre	H Greenhill, C. White L .Newman	N Fernando, C Bird
Communion	S Stone, S, B & J Herbert, S Sharp, D. Arena, P Perera	B & E David, J Al-dag, F Hall, D Mari-ette, K McArdle, M Nadarajah	J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza, J Foe-nder, H Greenhill, G Calixto	K Jayasinha, R Mathias, J Cattania, N Sangalang
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	M McMahan

Rosters for Next Weekend July 2nd-3rd (1st Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton, M Nadarajah	A Gargano, 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, V Ferreira	V Vaifale, J Chadwick, C Cara-yannis	R or M O'Connor M Anthony, M Martyn	S Fernando, D Candido
Communion	G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D Trin-dade, A Petryk, J Satya Graha,	P Marion, L & R Alveyn, S & D McGuire, E & M Morales,	V & A Clark, T Bugge, L Newman, C De Silva, S Jaya-maha, C Albuquer-que, 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
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: R. Martyn Roster B: E David	Viewhills: July 3rd: A Gargano & J Baskett		
Cuppa: S Stone, B & J Carvalho A Nadarajah, B & E David, E Gunawan A Gargano K Jayasinha	Church Prep Team 6 R & B Barnfield	Flowers Dina Mariette	Counting R Young, P Sequeira, J Lucas	Rosary Herigh Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,087.30
(303 pledges)		(143received)
Credit Card &	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Direct Debit		
(177 pledges)		
Cash		\$ 351.95
Parish Total		\$ 4,772.29
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,135.55

Thank You

Sacraments:

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Prepa-ration 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 Centacare 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.