



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Week

SUNDAY 26th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Welcome

MONDAY 27th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 28th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 29th

7.30pm Meditation
7pm Mass

THURSDAY 30th

9am Mass

FRIDAY 31st

9pm Mass

SATURDAY 1st

6pm Mass
New Year's Day

SUNDAY 2nd

Epiphany of the Lord
Mass 9am, 11am & 6pm
Baptisms



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2011

Masses during the week

Wednesday: 7pm

Friday: 9am

Feast of Mary Mother of God

1st January: 10am Mass

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday January 1st 6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday January 2nd: Mass 9, 11 & 6pm

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9am, Wednesday: 7pm Friday: 9am

12th January: Cancare -7.30

14th January: Viewhills Mass 10.30am

16th January: Baptism Preparation 3.45pm

25th January: School Uniform Shop at
North School

26th January: Australia Day -Mass 7pm

28th January: Viewhills Mass 10.30am

8th February: ASRE Registration 7pm

CHRISTMAS

J.R.R. Tolkien says somewhere that the Gospel both begins and ends with joy: the joy of Christ's birth and the joy of the resurrection - and it embraces all that is human between those two events. The Incarnation contains the whole Gospel, from the wood of the manger to the wood of the Cross. The condescension of Jesus' birth as a vulnerable Child and the power of the resurrection and the hope of His return in Glory. Christmas celebrates God's free choice to share the lot of humanity, to enter into the experience of human life with all its vulnerability, its risks, its poverty, its mortality. We are not alone. The one who is Joy, shares and makes possible the joy of human life. Christian joy is not dependent on outer circumstances of prosperity or even good health and long life, but is an inner reality that shines forth. Christ is in our midst and we are not alone.

Our Church then finds its truest home at the manger, a scene fraught with human messiness and hardly engaging at first glance. Yet this is the dawn of the church: transcendence indwelling the most ordinary of human events; a birth; a love-struck God going to great ends to get in on life with us in the most intimate way possible; a family driven to a shabby stable by the demand of

emerging life; a newborn's wail; mystery in the night sky; wise people looking beyond their wealth, power, and knowledge for something more. This is our Joy. May it be in your hearts this holy season.

Mark O'Connor FMS

Reflection of 2010:

It's not until you stop and reflect that the past comes back, as we come to the end of another year its been good to reflect on the many highlights of the year. all that has been achieved and experienced. **2010** has been a busy one for our Parish and we give thanks for all the highlights of the year in addition to the day to day parish activities. In February a group from the Parish went to PNG for **Fr John's Ordination** & we are blessed that John joined us after Easter. In April we had a celebration for the **Year of the Priest** which was an affirmation of the priests past and present and also a real celebration of the 30 years of the Parish. community. The Parish hosted an **Parish Inter-Faith Dinner** and reached out to our neighbours of otherfaiths and made them welcome. Later in the year the Parish also hosted an **Inter-Faith Art Exhibition** which was another opportunity to build bridges. The **Two Parish Schools completed extensive building programmes** which enhance the learning environment for the children of the Parish and both schools contributed to the life of the Parish through liturgy, school productions and participation in events. On the social side we had a great parish **Dinner Dance**, and **Christmas in Many Lands** was a wonderful way to celebrate the diversity and talent in the Parish. In August we had the **Stewardship Programme** and many participated in making it a success for drawing out the gifts of the community in many ways. Every good Parish reaches beyond its own community and this year a group of 17 from the Parish had the life changing experience of going to Vietnam under the **Pasionist Immersion Experience** where they helped in various orphanages and places of care sharing time and resources with those in need. They will have many stories to share. Our parish youth experienced the first retreat experience in many years. The **Youth Get Away** was well attended and a positive experience for all. The parish **Christmas Hampers** also express the care and concern of the Parish for those who struggle. The year was not without sadness and many families had bereavements through the year or struggled with illness. They are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. The sad loss of **Bev Cresswell** from the Parish team touched the whole community of the Parish but also brought out the goodness of the community and the Parish team appreciate the support received from so many. A highlight for me is that many of these events were organised and run by you. Many thanks. Fr Timcp and Parish Team

Thank you: A big thank you to all who work behind the scenes to care for the Church environment, the gardens and grounds, flowers, sacristy, altar linen and to all who have helped out with all the many Parish functions, working bees, office tasks, the stewardship programme, collectors and counters and all who share in the Liturgical ministries as

Lectors, Choirs, Altar Servers, Eucharistic ministers, as well as all who take Communion to the sick. Your support is very much appreciated and all helps to keep the Parish running smoothly.

Baptism Welcome: We welcome the following children who are being presented to the community this weekend. Lucy Elise Vazzana, Charlie Anthony Vazzana, Aydin Antonio Ucar, Sienna Bridget Smith, William Jack Johnson. We pray for them and their families as they set out on their faith journey.

Congratulations to the families of Sienna Bridget Smith, William Jack Johnson, Lucy Elise Vazzana, Charlie Anthony Vazzana and Aydin Antonio Ucar who are being baptised on January 2nd. We pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey as part of our community.

After School Religious Education: February

8th at 7pm: Registration for After School Religious Education will take place in the Parish. The first session for the children will take place on February 15th at 4pm.

Rosters for Ministries 2011:

The Rosters for all the regular Ministries for next year will be ready for collecting during January in the gathering space. The Envelopes will be in alphabetical order and all the rosters are in one envelope even if you are involved in a number of ministries. Any new people who have offered to be involved are being put on the rosters or are available for back up. Please look for your name when the rosters are placed in the Gathering Space from the beginning of January.

Please note: During January there will be no newsletter for a couple of weeks so please step up and volunteer for the ministries at the Mass you attend.

Other News & Events

Prayer for Peace in Sudan

*We are being encouraged by the Catholic Bishops of Australia and Caritas to keep praying for the Sudan at this time and especially as they have the referendum on **January 9th 2011**. We hope and pray that a new and better future will open up for the people of Southern Sudan.*

Look upon your sisters and brothers in Sudan as they face this moment of referendum. Send us your Spirit to guide us. Give them the wisdom they need to choose a future where they will know your true peace. Help them to work together for the good of all. Amen

Christian Traditions

Many people around us come from other faith traditions within the Christian context: Orthodox, Baptist, Anglican, Lutheran, Pentecostal, etc. How did these traditions arise and how do their beliefs and practices differ from those of the Catholic Church? This topic provides a unique opportunity to explore the beliefs of others with whom we come in contact in the classroom, at work or in everyday life.

16 hours of interactive lecture/discussion Mondays in 1st Term 2011 commencing February **7th 6.30-8.30 pm:** For more information contact

David Schütz 03 9926 5708 or email david.schutz@cam.org.au

Sunday Readings

Dec 26th:

Feast of the Holy Family

Eccles 3: 2-6

Col 3: 12-21

Matt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Jan 2nd:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matt 2: 1-12

Jan 9th:

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7;

Acts 10: 34-38;

Matt 3: 13-17



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Lilian Akom, Janet Barry, Jackie Van Helmond, Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Brian Brennan, Cory Brennan, Tony Packeer, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Nellie Icaro, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Pat D'Cunha, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Sepulveda, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar.

May they have the support they need.

Those who have died

Joseph Nagamany, Josephine Giosserano, Joseph Le Dinh Thung, Renato Neria, Rhys Montes, Irene Michael, Dominador Mamaril, Gerard Dias, Remig Sacco, Hector Perera, James Patrick Helm, Terence Adeline, Rose Banfield, Michael White, Margerita Camilleri, Lilian Tobias, Lilian Strentz, Juliet & Lewis Hettiaratchi, John Arulappah, Terry Watson

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: 4th Sunday December 26th

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone	J Bilton	A Gargano	Euch Mins
Sacristan	M Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts	R Vaz	M Magee	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs	L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe	J Callery L Lapierre	H Greenhill L Newman	N Fernando C Bird
Communion	S Stone, S, B & J Herbert, S Sharp, P Louden, D Arena,	B & E David, J Aldag, F Hall, D Mariette, K McArdle and M Nadarajah	F. Lucette, J Solari, Y Sherwin, J Foenander, G Calixto, Z Carlow, M Dawson	K Jayasinha R Mathias, J Catania, N Sangalang
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya, V.Jayetileke,	K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe

Rosters for Next Weekend January 2nd - 1st Sunday January

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton	A Gargano	Euch Mins
Sacristan	M Rolfe	L Lapierre & D De Rozairo	Y Sherwin	K Jayasinha
Gifts	V & C De Zilva	J Bilton	O' Connors	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	R Gonsalves, M Pegram	V Vaifale & J Chadwick	M Martyn Volunteer	S Fernando & D Candido
Communion	G Akom, J Stewart, D Turner, D & N Trindade, A Petryk, +Volunteer	P Marion, L and R Alveyn, S & D McGuire, E & M Morales,	V & A Clark, T Bugge, L Newman, C De Silva, S Jayamaha, C Albuquerque, A Gargano	L Rolfe, S D'Roza, C Wickramasinghe, P Mendonca
Servers	K Fernandes L Mendonca, K Stewart	M Harper, S Jayasuriya, D De Silva	K Mehes, J Madeira, A Del Socorro	J Weerasinghe
Communion to the Sick		A: C De Silva C: P Mallac & C Kennedy		
	Church Prep K Jayasinha, S Stone, V Vaifale, B Amaral, M Magee	Flowers D Mariette	Counting L Cresswell, I Heneric C Quinless	Rosary: Dennis Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,100.66	\$ 2,540.00 (144 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (173 pledges)	\$2,345.58	\$2,345.50
Cash		\$ 331.50
Total		\$ 5,217.50
Priests (2nd) Collection)		\$ 1,069.00

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

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 at the Parish Office