



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Passion Sunday Year A 16th -17th April

Passion Sunday

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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This Week

SUNDAY 17th

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation

MONDAY 18th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 19th

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration
7.30pm Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY 20th

7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 21st

Holy Thursday
Mass 7.30pm

FRIDAY 22nd

10am Stations
3pm Service of the Passion
7pm Seven Last Words

SATURDAY 23rd

Reconciliation 10.30am
7.30 pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY 24th

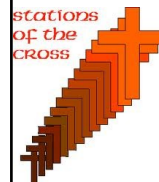
Easter Sunday
9am Mass
11am Mass
NB No 6.00pm Mass
Baptism Welcome

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE



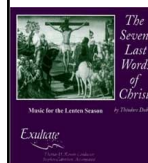
**TUESDAY
APRIL 19TH 7.30pm
RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

**HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 21ST
7.30PM
MASS OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER**



**GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 22ND
10AM
STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**

**3PM
CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S
PASSION**



**7PM
SEVEN LAST WORDS**

**SATURDAY APRIL
23RD 7.30PM
THE EASTER VIGIL**



**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 24TH
MASS 9AM & 11AM**

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 17th:	Baptism Preparation 3.45
April 19th:	Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
April 21st:	Holy Thursday Mass 7.30pm
April 22nd:	Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am Solemn Commemoration of the Passion 3pm The Seven Last Words 7pm
April 22nd:	International Mother Earth Day
April 23rd:	Vigil of Easter 7.30pm
April 24th:	Easter Sunday 9am and 11am
April 25th:	Mass 10am Anzac Day
April 26th:	Mass 9am
April 27th:	Passionist Companions Pilgrimage
April 27th:	Schools Re-open
May 17th:	Senior's Bus Trip
May 18th:	City of Casey Consultation 7.30pm
May 30th:	Bereavement Course starts

Sign up Sheets for Holy Week and Easter: We invite people who put their names down to look at the lists in the gathering space and see service for which your offer of help has been accepted. We are trying to get as many people as possible involved so we are suggesting involvement in **one ministry** only over the three days. **We would really appreciate it if all those taking part in the liturgy are in the Church at least 20 minutes before the Liturgy.** This enables us to begin our liturgies knowing that all participants are present and prepared. Please note that the roster for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday is made up from week 4 and also people who have signed up to help.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) CANDIDATES NEAR THE END OF THEIR JOURNEY

This year at our Easter vigil service there is a real mixture of people completing their initiation into our Catholic Community. A special thanks must go to Sr Joan, cp for the caring and committed way she has walked their journey with them.

Initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil:

**Sai Dilinger,
Justine Surace, & her three children:
Caterina, Jacinta, Dante
Cane Thompson**

Completion of Initiation:

Tania & Karlos Jeronimo.

Congratulations to each of them. As a community we welcome them and support them and their families in prayer.

Farewell: Though some of you are already aware, I take this opportunity to formally announce that Liz Spear, who has worked for 20 years as our Parish Bursar/Secretary will be reluctantly leaving her position in the Parish Team at the end of June to work in the

family business. Liz remains a member of the Parish but her commitment, experience and complete dedication to her role as Parish Bursar/Bookkeeper/Secretary will be greatly missed by us all. We thank Liz for her dedication over the years and we wish her well in the future. There will be an opportunity to say more about Liz closer to finishing in her position at the end of June.

The Parish will begin advertising for the position of *Parish Secretary* and *Parish Bursar/Bookkeeper* from next week.

Project Compassion Boxes:

Please return the boxes or envelopes over the Easter weekend. For information about how your contributions work please see the noticeboard in the gathering space.

Parish Passionist Companions Pilgrimage and Website

On 27th April, a group from the Parish comprising of Passionist Companions and other parishioners will be travelling on a Pilgrimage to Italy to visit the significant sites of St Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Order.

The group would like to invite Parishioners and friends to follow their journey and experiences through their website: stpaulapostlecompanions.wordpress.com The website is live now and will be updated every day during the pilgrimage, so have a look it. The group would also welcome you to write comments back to them through the website.

We wish all the pilgrims a safe journey and a fruitful time and we look forward to hearing their stories on their return. Through the generosity of the parish Men's Club, Fr Tim will be accompanying them as chaplain. During this time Fr James cp will be acting Parish Priest and Fr John as Assistant. Please don't hesitate to call them and keep them busy!

Parish Pastoral Council:

The Parish Pastoral Council met on **April 6th** when retiring members Kath Rowden, Greg Doran, Joseph Elias, Peter Van Helmond and Florence Madeira were thanked for their commitment and farewelled and new members Kitty Jayasinha, Royce Gonsalves, Rosa Mitchell, My Tien Lam, Michael O'Connor, Prabodh Pereira and youth members Cane Thompson, Shaddy and Gabriel Sadaka were welcomed.

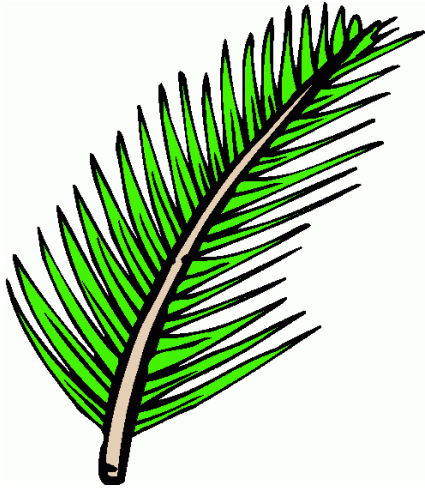
The names of the full Parish Pastoral Council are:

Carl Albuquerque Co-Chair, Rosa Mitchell Co-Chair, Jigi Lucas, Sandra Stone, Patricia Kimtia, Marianne Bartuccelli, Michael O'Connor, Kitty Jayasinha, Royce Gonsalves, Prabodh Pereira, My Tien Lam, Alice Dang, Zoe Cresswell, Leah Rolfe, Cane Thompson, Shaddy and Gabriel Sadaka.

Apologies to Sandra Stone who was omitted from the PPC membership in last week's newsletter.

Seniors' Bus Trip: The names of all those who have signed up is on the table in the Foyer. The cost of the trip is \$ 12.50. All the places are now booked if everyone who signed up comes along. Please check the names.

The cost and the size of the bus are based on the numbers who signed up so we hope that everyone can come along. The money will be collected after 6pm, 9am and 11am Masses on May 7th and 8th.



Centacare Catholic Family Services changes name to CatholicCare

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, Centacare Catholic Family Services is marking a new beginning by officially changing their name to **Catholic-Care**. The main reason behind this change is to better publicly convey that the programs and services they offer the community are an expression of the mission of the Catholic Church to care for all those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and in pain.

While their name will change, CatholicCare will remain true to their enduring vision. They will continue to offer inclusive high quality services to families and individuals who are in need – without discrimination as to people’s nationality, religion, gender or sexuality. CatholicCare looks forward to the Catholic community’s continued support. For further information, go to www.ccam.org.au or phone 9287 5555.

Other News & Events

Dates for your diary
The Helder Camara Lectures
Newman House, Swanston St.

Wednesday June 1st 6pm
Searching for God in a time of doubt
Msgr Tomas Halik with Fr Frank Brennan

Friday June 24th 6pm
The Power of Boundless Compassion
Fr Greg Boyle SJ

Wednesday June 29th 6pm
Challenges facing Church & Society in
Myanmar Today
Archbishop Charles Bo SDB

Thursday July 21st 6pm
Freedom, Personal Identity and the Possibility of Happiness
Dr Stephen Wang

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:
(Passion Sunday)

Entrance Mt 21 1-11
Isaiah 50 : 4-11.
Phil 2 : 6-11 8:
Mt. 26:14-27, 66.

NEXT WEEK:
(Easter Sunday)

Acts 10: 34 37-43
Col 3: 1-4
Jn 20: 1-9



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

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, Pat D’Cunha, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Sepulveda, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died:

Tonilio Dos Santos, Antoni Czaja, Angelita De Cardenas, Gertrude James, Arthur Ernie Tomlinson, Patrick Coghlan, Stella Collins, Hilda Leitan, Douglas Pereira, Diane Brooker, Loreta Tabuada, Rita Micallef, Robert Radoc, Pamela D’Silva, Nelson Cornista, Pam D’Silva, Paul Parascandalo Edna Daly, Maria Mesaros, Henry Mathiza, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alex and Margaret Stewart, Rosa Silva, Br. Keiran O’Grady, Marina Bruna, Carlos Aquino, Gioconda Tropeano, Maree Hallett, Olivia Horne.

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: April 16th & 17th (3rd Sunday of month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	L Phan	D & S McGuire	T Bugge	D & W McMahon
Sacristan	P Miller	S & D McGuire	A Gargano	K Jayasinha
Gifts	J Sementh D Turner	D & H Jayasuriya	O' Connor Family	Volunteers
Readers & Commtr.	A Rosario, K Rolfe, R Young	N. Dimitrakis E. Kee	C De Silva, A Astin, M Lam	M Keating K de Alwis,
Communion	P Negri, I & M Whiteman, M Bois- sezon, C Em- manuel, L Phan, K De Zilva	E & W San Giorgio M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Daw- son, R O'Connor, E Fourlze, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Re- beiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, P Carvalho
Servers	J Satya Graha 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 April 23rd and 24th (Easter Sunday)

	Easter Vigil 7.30pm	9am	11am	No evening Mass
Welcome	Sandra Stone	J Bilton & A Judge	A Gargano & A Costa & J Solari	N/A
Sacristan	M Maillard	A Nadarajah & N Raveche	L Forkgen	N/A
Gifts	Newly Baptised	N & S Dimitrakis or B & E David	Volunteers	N/A
Readers & Commtr.	See List in Gathering Space	J Callery & L Lapierre	L Newman + Volunteer	N/A
Communion	A Clark, V Clark, T Shaw Dennis P Perera J Satya Graha K De Zilva,	A Nadarajah E & W San Giorgio B & E David D Mariette, J Aldag	D. Farrell K Jayasinha J Foenander, Y Sherwin, Z Carlow, T Bugge	N/A
Servers	J Satya Graha	M. Harper, S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	A Del Socorro M O'Connor, K Fernandes,	N/A
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: R Martyn Roster B: E David	Viewhills: G Calixto R Martyn		
Cuppa: 23/24 4th Week: L Flood, D&S De Rozairo & A Gargano & teams	Church Prep Team 3	Flowers R Alveyn & All Flower Team arrange to work together	Counting K Jayasinha N Rudan, M De Perindorge	Rosary Teljega Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes (303 pledges)	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,221.25 (148received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit (177 pledges)	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Cash		\$ 523.15
Total		\$ 5,077.44
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,1097.80

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 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.

Registration forms in the Parish Centre.