



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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This Week

SUNDAY 8th Apr
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass

MONDAY 9th Apr
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 10th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

WEDNESDAY 11th Apr
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass

THURSDAY 12th Apr
9am Mass

FRIDAY 13th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 14th Apr
10.30am Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15th Apr
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass
Baptism Prep at 3.45pm



2nd Sunday of Easter Year B, 7th-8th April, 2018

Resurrection Thinking.....

Recently a friend had a bruising experience of professional life. An unwritten line in the sand had been crossed and, after much thought, he decided to say something. It didn't go well: at the meeting of the senior team the colleague who had supported speaking up was suddenly not so supportive. And afterwards the boss gave him one of those 'the problem with you' talks – the problem being that my friend, in the boss's view, just expected too much of people. Another friend has been journeying with an asylum seeker for many months. This week she found out that the request for re-settlement had been denied. 'I don't understand how my country can do this', she laments.

Many of us will have had an experience of betrayal – a time when we look at the person we thought we knew and we can't recognise them. When we lie awake at night wondering how they can be sleeping after what they have done, how they have acted or what they have said. The hurt of disappointment and betrayal can crush the spirit and leave a little, small cry of 'I just don't understand'. Our hearts can hold on to these 'little' death stories for a long time.

Over these past days we have been invited to once again enter into the two-thousand-year-old sacred story of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. I suspect it is easier for many of us to relate to the passion and death part: this is a story with which we are familiar from our own life experience. We know only too well what it means to be bruised and beaten by life, to be let down by those around us and to experience loss and disappointment. This is the story of suffering, this is the story of life, we may think. This is the story of Good Friday as we move to venerate and recognise the cross with bowed heads, a touch, a kiss, sometimes a solemn nod. We all have our sorrows to place on the bowed shoulders of the Christ figure.

We identify with the disciples – the surprise of being served by one who leads; losing our nerve when put to the test; the feeling of absolute loss in the face of the death of the beloved. And yet.

This is a sacred story that ends with us moving on. This is a story of an empty tomb, a story that tells us

not to remain with the death and darkness but to look toward life. And so, on Easter night, we lit our candles from the Paschal candle and gradually filled our darkened church with light; where we had brought our lives to the cross, we now brought our lives to the font of blessed water and we moved back into life as Easter people.

And yes, it does seem incredible that someone can rise from the dead. It is indeed one of the great mysteries of our faith. But is it really? We know, also from our own lives, that just as great suffering is possible, so is great joy. That from the darkest of

times in life there are glimpses of light that gradually become stronger. That the broken relationship can heal, perhaps not always in the way we had imagined. That the dream we thought was lost can be brought back to life in a

new way. That the seed that in the dark earth was sown can do its sacred work and bring forth life. That our cries of abandonment are answered when our eyes are open and our hearts are ready. This, too, is the lived experience upon which generations of Christians have based their lives. This is the world of resurrection thinking.

In April 2017, Pope Francis observed the following: "Yes, because each of us has a small tomb, some area that is a little bit dead inside the heart: a wound, an injury suffered or done (to us), a bitterness that does not let up, remorse that returns, a sin that you cannot overcome. ... We identify these today, our little tombs we have inside and invite Jesus there."

So perhaps this is something we can take into our hearts as we once again enter into this paschal mystery – that the stone is always rolled away – that our little tombs can be opened to enable us to live in hope. That Christian thinking is Resurrection thinking. It's about rebirth, renewal, reawakening, it's about a quiet confidence that even in the midst of the suffering times God is with us and that hope will dawn.

And that this is why we can proclaim, and at times just hold onto, the Good News that Jesus, who once was dead, is alive. Alleluia!

by *Cathy Jenkins*
(Director, Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne)



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY

- 13th Apr:** Parish Bingo at 7.30pm
19th Apr: Workshop day for First Reconciliation children
22nd Apr: Children Liturgy at 11am Mass
24th Apr: First Reconciliation for children at 7.30pm
8th May: First Family Night for FIRST COMMUNION

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: The Bishops of Australia have set up an independent company called Catholic Professional Standards. This is focussed on safeguarding the vulnerable in our community. They will over the next few months be establishing standards for safeguarding practices.

Here at St Paul Apostle Parish we now have a Parish Child and Vulnerable Persons' Safety Committee representing some of the groups in the Parish which work with children including after school religious education, children's liturgy, Baptism prep, Tennis Club and Netball club and those who take Communion to the homes of the housebound and sick.

As a Parish we have a growing awareness of the need to welcome all and promote a safe and friendly environment. This is the responsibility of all of us but we know from the media that there are risks and we so we also need to be alert and look out for one another. As one family we care about one another.

CONGRATULATIONS Levy Nam Baltazar, Easton Wulf, Amany Christine Nanyakkara, Sienna Grace Nicholls and Amelia Marie Giampiccolo who are being welcomed into the Catholic Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We offer them and their families the support of our prayers as they take this important step in faith

WORKSHOP for children First Reconciliation is on **THURSDAY, 19th Apr** in the church. All Registered First Reconciliation Children must attend this Workshop Day.

These children will have their First Reconciliation service on 24th April at 7.30pm in the church. May we keep them in our prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This is a special time we organize for the children to listen to the word of God at their own level. All children (Prep to grade 6) are welcome. We will have this on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month (during school term) at 11am Mass. Our first one for this year will be on 22 April.

PARISH'S BINGO NIGHT

Next Parish Bingo is on **FRIDAY, 13th April** from 7.30pm in the **ANNEXE**. You may come on your own or in a group. BYO Drinks & Snacks. All, who are 18YO or older, are welcome. Contacts are: Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675, Denver 0403 315 443 or Joe 0419 385 441

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

You may return your project compassion box so that we can send them to the Caritas.

Please indicate your details if you wish to have a receipt for your donation.

THE PARISH ANNEXE

When Fr Tim moved to Marrickville, a suggestion was made that we name our annexe after him, in recognition of his contribution to our parish and the driving force he was in the renovation of the annexe.

The idea was enthusiastically received and after consultation with some of our parish groups and parishioners, we would like to call our annexe the 'Tim O'Toole Annexe'

It is proposed to have a blessing and dedication of the annexe on a date to be advised.

COME AWAY DAY: Our next reflection day at Holy Cross is on April 26th 10am-3pm. If anyone would like more information about the day, please contact Sr Brigid

WELLSPRINGS For Women is holding a fundraising event 'AN AFGHAN EXPERIENCE' on **TUESDAY, 24th April 2018** at **RAHIMI RESTAURANT** (23-29 Walker St, Dandenong) Cost is \$55pp—BYO Alcohol from 7pm to 10.30pm. Places are limited, please book by 10th April, either by email 'fundraiser@wellspringsforwomen.com' or call 9701 3740. Booking forms are also available in the Foyer or Gathering Space.

Special Collection on Holy Thursday and Good Friday are distributed in order to aid churches at Holy Place and the Passionist Mission. This year we generated \$2,662.60. Thank you so much for your ever generous support

Binnap Partners Fundraiser For The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry For Victoria is showing **GURRUMUL** at Cinema Nova, 380 Lygon St, Carlton. Ph 03 9347 5331 on **Sunday the 29th April 2018 at 2.00pm**. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Contact for booking is Pat on 03 9878 7939 or email jandpschmidt@bigpond.com. *Bookings are to be made by **MONDAY 23 April 2018.***

Please PAY ON THE DAY (with the correct amount). Parking is available underneath Lygon Court. If you park there please keep your movie ticket because you will get the first 2 hours of parking free. Otherwise there is street parking and public transport

This movie is Directed by Paul Damien Willams. Cast are Mark Grose, Michael Hohnen, Sting, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. This movie is about:

The life of the late Indigenous musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, who died in Darwin last year, aged 46. Yunupingu was a multiaward-winning, internationally recognised artist from Galiwin'ku, in remote north-east Arnhem Land who started in the band Yothu Yindi before his solo career. The documentary is a snapshot of an artist on the brink of global reverence. Celebrated by audiences at home and abroad, the late Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was one of the most important and acclaimed voices to come out of Australia.

Opportunity for Awareness Raising & Education

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: STORIES OF STRUGGLE, STORIES OF HOPE



A three part weekly series focusing on stories of struggle and hope emerging from the work of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans) on Tuesdays, 8, 15, 22 May at 2.00 – 4.00pm. At Kildara Centre, Rear 39 Stanhope St., MALVERN. Facilitator of the event is CLAIRE GRIFFIN csb. Cost: Suggested donation: \$10pp/session. Bookings: Catriona – Kildara Centre, 9509 7906 or 9509 6624 or Email: kildara@netspace.net.au
Website: www.kildaracentre.org

Fr Kevin's corner

Thank God for the wonderful signs of life we have witnessed on the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. It was inspiring to see and feel the devotion with which you celebrated these days of Easter. It helps us all to understand what the promise of Jesus to be with us always means in our day to day lives. I could see from your faces that it was a sacred time. There were so many wonderful moments during all the ceremonies – the music, the devotion and the love. One of these happened during the adoration of the Cross. A little boy of no more than 5 or 6 came with his mother and, with great reverence kissed the figure of Jesus. As he stepped away he smiled up at me and gave a thumbs up of victory! Easter continues right through the year. We are told how the first followers of Jesus crucified and risen, grew to be a community that learned how to share life and to carry each other's burdens and worries. **They were one in mind and heart.** That's what we are invited to grow to be here in this community of faith. Today, the Gospel tells the story of Jesus Risen, coming to calm the fears of his disciples and share his Easter gift of peace. As he gave us his peace, "he showed them his hands and his side" This reminds us that peace sometimes costs a lot of hard work and effort. But peace is his first gift, so much needed by our world right now. Today is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Of course every day is a day of divine mercy, but we pause to remember that as Jesus stretched out his hands on the cross, God reached out to embrace the whole world. God hugs us all in Jesus! We celebrate the tenderness of God's love for each one of us. Easter is a time for coming home. So many people found their way back to the mercy of God over these days. Let's pray it will continue. The great gift of Easter is that Jesus is no longer limited, like we are, to be only in one place at a time. Now He can be present to each of us all the time. That's why his name is Emmanuel – **God is with us!!**

It took the disciples – our first brothers and sisters in the faith – time to believe that Jesus had kept his promise that he would come back to them. Let's carry the certainty into our lives that he is risen and is with us. May this certainty give confidence to our words and hope to our actions.

Thank you to each one of you for sharing your faith during these most sacred days.

The Lord is truly risen Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Kevin Rance cp.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 4: 32-35;
1 Jn 5: 1-6
Jn 20: 19-31

NEXT WEEK

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;
1 Jn 2: 1-5
Jn 20: 19-31

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Jeffrey Hall, Donald MacLeod, Elizabeth O'Toole, Brenda Solari, Maud Quirin, Sienna Hyland, Ponciano Cabrera, Devika, Jayanthi. Clifford Lemillour; Li Tsu Lay, Emma Segovia, Lambert D'Silva, Marie Martin, Emily Martin, Pat Garrard, All who need our prayers

For those who have died

Lance Forkgen, Raoul Fernandes, Wendy de Santos, Claude Herbert, Rosa Donazzan, Tonilio Dos Santos, Doyne Jayatileke, Virginia Peterson, Roger Barallon, Patrick Burns, Dorothy Doran, Adelaide Micallef, Salvu Micallef, Raoul Fernandes, Leslie Heneric, Pasquale Di Marcantonio, Elena Balagot, Baden de Jonk, Anthony Tuyen Nang Nguyen, Michelina Di Marcantonio, Sunil De Silva, Paolo Laria, Serge Adam, Vincent Bugeja, Antonio Longano, Marcelina Tambalgue, Alfred Ding-er, George Perera, Teresa Cardoso, Emmanuel Rapinett, Catherine Gauci

May they rest in peace



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

Priests:

Fr Kevin Dance CP (PP)
Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

Pastoral Associates:

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff:

Bursar: Gillian Velupillay
Secretary: Didi Karkas

Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP (*leader*)
Fr Kevin Dance CP
Fr Chris Mithen CP
Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

Sisters of Cross and Passion

Sr Brigid Murphy CP
Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr. Karen Englebretsen CP

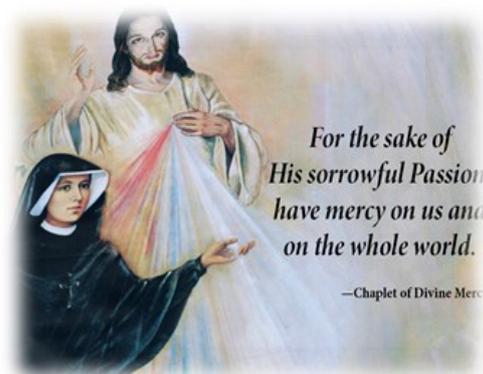
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North Primary
School - 9700 6068
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle
South Primary
School - 9700 3663
Principal
Mr. Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan



Roster for next weekend 7-8 Apr (2nd Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Sue Sharp Peter Miller Anne Peters	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Cecile Boissezon Tanis & Sharon Normington	Volunteers
Sacristan	Lien Phan	Anton Nadarajah	Volunteer	Nona Sangalang
Readers & Commtr	Natasha Noronha Denise Rodgers Reg Young	Medgee Gontram Marina Nadarajah	Yvonne Sherwin, Glen Johnson, Rinku Arora	Mignonne Meerwald Maureen Dawson
Gifts	Sujeeva & Tania Wickramaratne	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Divine Mercy	
Communion	Marie-Claire Maillard Celine Quinless Denis Rice Grace Tyszka Neluka Sendapperuma Helen Sanders Kathleen Stewart	Siro & Denver De Rozairo Dharshi Alwis Aloma Perera Edna & Bernard David Anton Nadarajah	Anabela Costa Michael O'Connor Sai Dlinger Joseph Allas Josephine Khoshaba Daniella Thevanesan Binitha Mathews	Swineetha Disanayake Daniel & Marie Masset
Servers	Jocelyn, Avinda Brodie, Christopher	Joyen, Mark Harper	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian
Roster for next weekend 14-15 Apr (3rd Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Lien Phan, Carlos & Sylvia Fernandes	David & Sandra McGuire, Carolyn Tinney	Marie Allas Jean Jansz	Volunteers
Sacristan	Peter Miller	Sandra & David McGuire	Volunteers	Mignonne Meerwald
Readers & Commtr	Jessica Satya Graha Karen Rolfe Liseby Lapierre	Rosa Mitchell Bernie O'Hara (Comm only)	Dianne Allegany Anne Astin Jerry Sementhy	William Roncon
Gifts	Gertrude Akom Emmanuel Jeganathan	Lionel & Dharshi Alwis Sabina Chitaranjan	Marie Nelson Hanan Matty	
Communion	Paul Negri Michelle Boissezon, Lionel & Riona Alvey Naisha Pande Nina Pande, Mark Rolfe	Paul Smith Danny O'Hara, Mary Moore, Peter van Helmond Ernie & Wilma San Giorgio	Glen Johnson Damian Kearney Rhonda O'Connor Christine Gaiardo Meagan O'Connor Shaniah Pereira Sharon Normington	Mignonne Meerwald Eugene Rebeiro Swineetha Disanayake Margaret Keating Daniel Masset Volunteer
Servers	Jocelyn, Christopher Ananya, Avinda,	Mark Harper, Joyen	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian, Schron
Cuppa	4th Sunday of the month			
Flowers	Church Prep	Communion to the sick (after 9am Mass)	View Hills: Friday, 13th April Mass at Heatherton Rd wing	
Crissy Beech	Team 2 S. Stone	Patricia Shaw Dennis		



Sacraments:

Baptism are held on the **1st & 2nd Sundays** of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **Parish Office**

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCUS 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