



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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3rd Sunday of Easter Year B, 14th-15th April, 2018

This Week

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

MONDAY 16th Apr
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 17th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

WEDNESDAY 18th Apr
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass

THURSDAY 19th Apr
9am Mass

FRIDAY 20th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 21st Apr
10.30am Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22nd Apr
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass



the gift of peace....

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community,

the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came

down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

by Richard Leonard SJ



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY

- 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

YOUTH MUSIC: Practices resume on Friday 20th at 4.30pm in Church. If any young person would like to join the group please feel welcome to come along.

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.

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 to join in. 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 DANCE—WINTER DANCE

is on Saturday, 23rd June from 7.30pm at St Paul Apostle Community Hall. Tickets is \$35/adult and \$20/child (4Yr to 10Yr) Children under 4Yr old is Free (no seat) Please contact Vianney 0438 700 675, Louis 0419 008 173, Denver 0403 315 443, Valentine 0411 590 082 or Joe 0419 385 441



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.

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 jandschmidt@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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA Invites you to the **Palms Info Session on Saturday 5 May at 10:30am**. Will be held at **Ross House, Jenny Florence Room (247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE)** Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on **02 9560 5333**

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



APRIL 22ND 2018
EARTH DAY
END PLASTIC POLLUTION

PLASTIC POLLUTION
Plastic pollution is clogging our waterways, killing and injuring wildlife, and endangering our health and safety. Stand up to plastics in 2018 and we can be the generation to end plastic pollution once and for all.

PROTECT OUR OCEANS
By 2050, it is estimated that there will be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish. Every human being on earth depends on the oceans. We have the responsibility to protect the oceans and their inhabitants so they remain for future generations.

STAY HEALTHY
From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastics in our food to disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases the exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival.

FAITH LEADERS
Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

Human beings create plastic waste at an astounding rate, as of 2015 the total was estimated to be around 6300 million metric tons. Of that, a staggering 79% accumulates in landfills and the environment.

START SMALL
REDUCE YOUR DEPENDENCE ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC. THINK ABOUT HOW YOU BUY YOUR FOOD AND BE PLASTIC FREE. CAMPAIGN

Fr Kevin's corner

It's already two weeks since we celebrated the Easter miracle. As we tell the Story again it links our lives with the faith of the men and women who have, for two thousand years, also believed in the wonderful gift of God's love and hope.

Today we see the disciples struggling to believe. They need time to let Jesus' Resurrection become real and start to really sink in. They need time, and we need time, to let it sink in. That is why we have the season of Easter - those fifty days to get used to the idea that He is still with us. Having lost him once through his shocking death on Calvary, they need time to get ready for when they will not see him. But they will *know he's with them* because the same Spirit that breathed and spoke and touched people through him, now lives on in them.

Through the whole Easter season we hear Gospel stories of the Risen Jesus appearing to his disciples. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, shows the disciples talking about what happened when Jesus came and walked with them on the road to Emmaus.

In his appearances after the Resurrection Jesus greets his disciples with the words, *"Peace be with you."* This is a most appropriate greeting. After what they have seen they need peace more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness.

But, even as they hear Jesus' words of peace, the disciples are still scared stiff and struggle to believe what is before their eyes. They mistake Jesus for a ghost. But he's no ghost; Ghosts can't eat! Jesus asks *Do you have anything to eat?*

Most of the important things the disciples saw and heard Jesus do, happened during the meals he shared with them. By eating with his disciples Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Having shared a meal with them, Jesus now commissions his disciples to be witnesses who can announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness. And the story of God's love goes on and on and he needs us to keep the story alive. That's how Easter keeps on happening in people's lives.

Kevin Daniel CP

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;

1 Jn 2: 1-5

Jn 20: 19-31

NEXT WEEK

4th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 4: 8-12;

1 Jn 3: 1-2

Jn 10: 11-18

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This weekend we pray for:

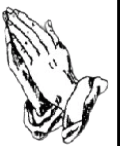
Those who are sick

Annie Owen, 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

Patricia Forkgen, Lance Forkgen, Alice Quinless, Frederick Quinless, Vincent Bugeja, Edna Daly, Lance Forkgen, Felix Edmonds, Magdalene Adams, Idalina Ribeiro, John Felix Edmonds, Fr. Tim Tolan, Maria Bartolo, Denise Batten, Kevin Smith, Yvonne Clark, Dorothy Caruano, Loretta Tabuada, Rita Micallef, Massimo Di Marcantonio, Raymond Borg, Douglas Pereira, Diane Brooker, Robert Radoc, Pamela D'Silva, Nelson Cornista, Elizabeth D'Silva, Cesar Balatbat, Maryse Louise, Paul Parascandolo, Richard Kankanige, Maria Mesaros, Henry Mathiza, Jeanette Dalzotto, Alex Stewart, Margaret Stewart, Bert Gieleskey

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

St Paul Apostle
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 14-15 Apr (3rd Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Lien Phan, Carlos & Sylvia Fer- nandes	David & Sandra McGuire, Carolyn Tinney	Marie Allas Jean Jansz	Volunteers
Sacristan	Peter Miller	Sandra & David McGuire	Volunteers	Mignonne Meerwald
Readers & Commtrs	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
Roster for next weekend 21-22 Apr (4th Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Carmeline Don Paul Denise Richie, Trevor Saldanha	Anne Peters, Danny & Danny & Rose Sugunasekera	Anabela Costa Yvonne Sherwin	Julian Disanayake with volunteers
Sacristan	Lien Phan	Ernie San Giorgio	Yvonne Sherwin	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs	Mark Rolfe Liz Flood, Nick Dimitrakas	Milroy Martyn, Patricia Shaw- Dennis	Florence Madeira Meagan O'Connor	Marg Keating Max Quirin
Gifts	Christine Cachia Inez Caruana	Glenn & Romaine Todd, Sharni Denham	Dilinger Family	
Communion	Steven Herbert Bridgette Herbert, Lien Phan Dominica Arena, Karen Rolfe	Fred Hall Marina Nadarajah Anne Peters Elaine Gillett Glenn Todd Ayomi Fernandez	Yvonne Sherwin Christine White Geraldine Mutthumani, Ging Calixto, George Jornet, Shaniah Pereira, Maretta Dunlop	Aidan Del Socorro Roland Mathias Nona Sangalang Gabby Catania Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Volunteer
Servers	Jocelyn, Christopher, Avinda, Brodie	Mark Harper Joyen	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian
Cuppa	Nora Robinson	Denver & Siro de Rozairo, Bernard & Edna David	Antoinette Gargano Cheryl Anthony	
Flowers	Church Prep Carlo O&M Trindade	Communion to the sick (after 9am Mass) Ralph Martyn	View Hills: Friday, 27th April Mass at Heatherton Rd wing Marie Nelson	



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