



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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4th Sunday of Easter Year B, 21st-22nd April, 2018

This Week

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

MONDAY 23rd Apr
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 24th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

WEDNESDAY 25th Apr
ANZAC DAY
10.00am Mass

THURSDAY 26th Apr
9am Mass

FRIDAY 27th Apr
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 28th Apr
10.30am Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 29th Apr
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass
Baptism Welcome



The Voice

Have you got one of those friends who can hear the first few bars of a piece of music and immediately tell you what it is? It could be a great movie theme, or classical, or pop – instant recognition and usually they want to hum the rest of it. The friend immediately reacts to that sound.

This Gospel story is about reacting to sound – the sound of a voice.

In Jesus' time, sheep were kept in large communal sheepfolds at night. One might have three or four flocks kept together for safety. Then, in the morning, the shepherds would come. Each would call out to the sheep of his flock and those sheep, attuned to that voice which they knew would lead them to good pasture, would follow.

Instant recognition amongst the clamour of noise. And they would never come out to a stranger's voice. In that way they avoided danger.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention, bombarded by messages day and night.

No-one here is naive enough to think that the loudest and most attractive is necessarily the wisest and most likely to be beneficial. We know enough about advertising manipulation and political propaganda. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the sound of *it* – so distinctive – so that, even if it is faintly heard, we immediately turn towards it and it will lead us in life-giving directions.

How do we get attuned to that voice?
By reading the Gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese for gospel is 'happy sounds'. Over the last few decades, Catholics have re-discovered the reading of the gospels

and in them they find that the voice of Jesus is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in distinctive ways:

Telling the story of the Good Samaritan or of the Prodigal Son with terrific punchlines
Berating and denouncing greedy and oppressive religious leaders

Soothing the woman who had had a haemorrhage for twelve years

Sadly telling Peter he will betray him

Magisterially proclaiming 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'

Telling us how to pray

We have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice amongst the hundreds of others so that we can echo it in our own lives, so that we become reverberations of Christ's voice in different situations.

I greatly love a passage in the gospels where Jesus' voice was definitely life-giving. Despite the agony of the Cross, he turned to the criminal crucified with him and said 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise'.

Imagine, amongst all the tumult and jeering of the crowd, the 'good thief' heard the one voice he needed to hear.

It is said of the dying that the last faculty to go is hearing, which is why it is so important to keep talking to a loved one who is apparently unconscious and slipping out of

this life.

There may be many sounds surrounding one at death. In that cacophony, the one voice we need to hear, and should pray to hear, is that of Our Lord saying:

'Today I will shepherd you through the peril and trauma of death. Today I will welcome you into the pastures of abundant life. Today you will be with me in Paradise.'

by Fr. Michael Tate



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY

22nd Apr: EARTH DAY
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: Practice is on Fridays at 4.30pm in Church. If any young person would like to join the group please feel welcome to come along.

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 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.

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 ACRAH (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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Peter and Astrid Miller for the service they have given over several years in cutting the lawns and nature-strips around the grounds of the Church at very little cost to the Parish. We really appreciate the generosity and consistency with which Peter and Astrid carried out this task ensuring that our grounds were well cared for. They continue to be supportive members of our community.

THE PARISH SEWING GROUP will have their next meeting on Friday 27 April, in the Parish Annexe, between 10.30am – 1pm. Any new Sewers who would be interested in helping sew Church linen and NEW PROJECTS for the Church are most welcome to come along. For Inquiries ring Elaine - 0407 868 768 or Sr Brigid in the Office 9700 3781

Many Thanks to Christine Kennedy for organizing an inspiring Craft Sewing Day last Sunday with the Berwick Craft Sewing Group in the Parish Annexe.

WORLD EARTH DAY 2018 PRAYER

May we use the world's resources we need with love, humility, and thoughtfulness, without guilt, without fear, without waste.



May we live together with animals with which we share this planet, being careful not to harm them or their habitats.

May we respect the life in our lakes, rivers and oceans, using them with care and being mindful in our efforts not to pollute them. May we learn to live within our means, by reducing our waste and continuing to reuse and recycle all that we can.

May we plan to leave the world in a state that all future generations will be able to enjoy, ensuring that it is filled with resources, life, and kept healthy and clean.

Lord, Creator of all living things, Help guide our daily actions and thoughts to become better stewards of the earth. Guide us to act responsibly, care for the earth you gave us, and make wise choices in our everyday living. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. 'Don't ever forget that you are a citizen of this world, and there are things you can do to life the human spirit, things that are easy, things that are free, things that you can do every day. Civility, respect, kindness, character.' Aaron Sorokin

BE PLASTIC FREE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE

ANZAC DAY
MASS
at 10am



Fr Kevin's corner

The main part of the Holy Land was a large central plateau about 35 miles long which was rough and rocky. Sheep couldn't stay in one area for grazing. A flock needed a shepherd to lead his flock to where the sheep could eat.

A shepherd's life was a hard one. The sheep had to travel to find grass to eat, and they could get lost, be attacked by wolves or stolen. Sheep in the Holy Land were valued for their wool. So, the shepherd was with his sheep for a long time. He gave each a name, and they all knew his voice.

The shepherd protected his sheep through the night. They stayed in an open area with a low rock wall. During the night, the shepherd stretched out across the empty space so sheep could only get out by crossing over his body. A wolf or a robber could only get in by crossing over his body. Jesus described himself as "the gate of the sheepfold". He laid down his life for his sheep.

Jesus is the **Good Shepherd**. He has given his life for each of us. Easter season is a continual celebration that Jesus gave his life for us. When we apply it to ourselves the message is clear. Whatever we do, we are all called to shepherd the people entrusted to our care. This is true for parents, grandparents, priests, teachers, friends, and on and on through all our choices in life.

Shepherding is demanding, whether it's a parish or a family! Just like Jesus, the **Good Shepherd**, we 'shepherds' are meant to love generously and unselfishly the people we care for.

True shepherds give their lives to those who have been entrusted to them. They do not live for themselves. Marriage and consecrated life are both vocations or "calls" to shepherd others.

Happy homes, good communities and strong parishes are found where there is plenty of love. True shepherding is a life of self-giving. A true shepherd needs to spend time daily with Jesus, the Chief shepherd. He will give us strength.

If we are want to be true disciples of the Good Shepherd, we must learn to forget ourselves. Jesus calls us to love one another unconditionally.

Kevin D'Amico cp.

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK:

4th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 4: 8-12;
1 Jn 3: 1-2
Jn 10: 11-18

NEXT WEEK

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 9: 26-31;
1 Jn 3: 18-24
Jn 15: 1-8

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This weekend we pray for:

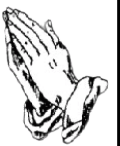
Those who are sick

Marcello, 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

Anil Jayasuriya, Shaun Michael Kelly, Blossom Baptista, Lucas Fraga, Eileen Silva, Katarina Kovacevick, Concetta Bernaudo, Cesare Riccioni, Rosa Silva, Patrick Coghlan, Katerina Zika, Bethina Nicolas, Marilyn Alves, Br Keiran O'Grady, Marina Bruna, Carlos Aquino, Gioconda Tropeano, Maree Hallett, Olivia Horne, Anton Joseph Samuel Clarke, Mara Ujka, Nikolla Behari, Anthony Hien Vu, Melissa Johnston, Edite Roboredo, Pesamino Tusa, Marie Therese McGaw, Iris D'Oliveiro, Marie McGaw, Mabel Carmen Wilson, Seamus O'Higgins, Francis Wickramasinghe, Antonio Giovanni Villani, Katie D'Souza, Cristofero Scarlata, Milenc Florindo Varudo, Clarita Aguila, Maria Szentkiralyi, Nitin Naik, Carlton Anthony Declase

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 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 & Commtr	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
Roster for next weekend 28-29 Apr (5th Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	Volunteers	Siro De Rozairo Wilma San Giorgio	Anabela Costa George Jornet	Volunteers
Sacristan	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtr	Marg Daly, Jeremy Ferrao, Trevor Saldanha, Kurt Dimitrakas	Rosa Mitchell	Mary John Louis Newman Jennifer Jornet	Liz Spear Mignonne Meerwald
Gifts	Christine Cachia Inez Caruana	Volunteer		
Communion	Peter Miller Bernie Henstridge Liz Flood Sylvia Fernandes Sue Sharp	Peter Van Helmond Edna & Bernard David	Andrea Anthony George Jornet Florence Madeira Anne Astin Melissa Krajacic Volunteers	Volunteers Daniel Masset Marie Masset
Servers	Jocelyn, Ananya, Avinda, Andrew, Christopher	Joyen, Mark Harper	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Rachel Adrian
Cuppa	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>			
Flowers	Church Prep Lien Phan Team 4 G Velupillay	Communion to the sick (After 9am Mass) Sr. Brigid	View Hills: Friday, 4th May Communion Service: Christine Kennedy, Geraldine Lorenz Ging Calixto, Ralph Martyn	



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 FOCCUS 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