



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### *Ascension of the Lord Sunday, 12th-13th May, 2018*

#### **This Week**

**SUNDAY 13th May**  
*Ascension of the Lord*  
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
Baptism at 12.30pm

**MONDAY 14th May**  
9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 15th May**  
8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 16th May**  
6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

**THURSDAY 17th May**  
9am Mass

**FRIDAY 18th May**  
8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

**SATURDAY 19th May**  
10.30am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Mass

**SUNDAY 20th May**  
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass  
Baptism Prep at 3.45pm



#### ***We have each other.....***

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ

by *Dianne Bergant CSS*

Christ Rises in your heart when:  
You wake in the morning  
with new hope;  
You go to bed with a forgiving heart;  
You truly grieve at another's loss;  
Your heart rejoices at another's joy;  
You keep your temper  
with a trying friend;  
You refuse to nurse a niggling hurt;  
You try again to transform your fears;  
You face the routine of another day;  
You try again to say 'I'm sorry';  
Your broken heart begins to mend;  
You notice beauty you missed before;  
You weep at the greed that causes war;  
You delight  
when love comes round again;  
You put together the broken pieces,  
And make, with God, a work of art;  
You dare to love despite the grief;  
You discover, within your winter,  
A summer-time that never ends;  
You hold the earth and all people  
As you hold the hearts  
of those you love;  
You trust in dawn  
at the darkest hour;  
You accept your weakness  
and it makes you strong;  
When you try to live  
in the present moment.  
When you know  
your freedom is truly won,  
And you dance on your grave  
like the Easter Son.

Fr Daniel O'Leary



# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY

- 12/13 May:** First Communion candidates' Presentation weekend
- 16 May:** Seniors Lunch and Movie 12.15pm
- 20 May:** Childrens Liturgy at 11am Mass
- 21 May:** JPIC Meeting 7.30pm
- 22 May:** **Second Family Night for FIRST COMMUNION**
- 23 May:** Come Away Day at Holy Cross
- 31st May:** Workshop day for First Communion Candidates
- 16 June:** Workshop on Laudato Si-Climate Change
- 23rd Jun:** Parish Dance

**CONGRATULATIONS** Easton Wulf and Zachary Jones Lara Laureta 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

### **FIRST COMMUNION—Second Family Night**

if your children is in the First Communion program for this year, please remember the Second Family Night is on **TUESDAY 22nd May at 7pm** in the church. Candidates and one or both parents must attend this night.

**SENIORS LUNCH AND MOVIE: MAY 16th at 12.15pm** in the Annexe. For catering purposes please sign up if you can attend. It would also be good if seniors could give us some suggestions of what you would like to do together. We have a suggestion for gentle exercise which we would be delighted to facilitate. However finding someone to lead this has not yet been possible. If anyone knows of someone who could do this for seniors. Please let us know. Contact Linda Daly or Sr Brigid. Sign up sheets in the gathering space and foyer.

### **THE PARISH ANNEXE:**

The blessing and dedication of the 'Tim O'Toole Annexe' will take place on **SUNDAY, 20th May 2018, after the 11am Mass.**

Please bring a plate of finger food to share in our newly dedicated annexe. Tea & Coffee provided

**CHOIR—Our Sunday 9am Mass' choir** wish to invite some New Members. No experience required, only the will to learn is needed. Please approach the group after the 9am Mass and get more details from them, as well as giving your details to the group so that they can contact you. Practice is Thursday at 5pm in the church.



### **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

## **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS:**

Ministry is a way in which we become participants in liturgy and is open to all baptised Catholics. We have a very faithful band of people at all our Masses but the ministry of reading and eucharistic ministry is often left to the same people. It would be great to have some more people come forward for the ministry of Eucharistic Ministry and Lectors. We are particularly needing help for Sunday 6pm. If you attend this Mass on a regular basis please consider how you can become more involved. There are also other ministries such as welcoming at the doors or presenting the gifts at the altar. All the gifts are needed. Sr Brigid would love to hear from you at the Parish Office.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:** The JPIC group following on from our workshops on Laudato Si in 2016-17 will be offering another opportunity to look at an issue of concern in the light of Laudato Si. Sister Anne Boyd will help us to engage with this complex issue on **Saturday June 16th 9.30am to 1.30pm**. Sr Anne is very experienced in this area of knowledge. Please save the date now. All the workshops stand alone so even if you have not attended previously you are very welcome to come along. Please tell your friends in other parishes about this too.

### **St Paul Apostle North School Fund Raiser**

**Mum's Movie Night – Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Village Cinema, Fountain Gate – 7:30pm—“Life of the Party” Popcorn, drink, ice-cream, a special surprise gift AND the movie for \$35. Please contact the school office on 9700 6068 or email spanpfa@gmail.com

### **FAIR TRADE DAYS MAY 12/13<sup>th</sup>**

Fairtrade advocates for better working conditions and improved terms of trade for farmers and workers in developing countries and are connected with many of our neighbouring islands in the Pacific.



### **CREATING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

How does Fairtrade promote sustainability and contribute to the success of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outline 17 global commitments to end poverty, protect the environment and the planet, and bring the people of the world greater peace and prosperity. They follow on from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which helped almost every nation on the planet improve their standards of living and the economic wellbeing of their citizens; in fact, they were responsible for lifting a billion people out of poverty. The MDGs also drastically reduced the number of women dying in childbirth, and provided two billion people with greater access to improved sanitation. The SDGs include a focus on climate change and encouraging environmental protections and sustainable consumption, but also at the heart of the undertaking is a commitment to equality and economic freedom. Without protecting the planet, we can't protect people.

There are about 1.3 billion small-scale farmers and producers working in developing countries, and we know that improving their livelihoods would be an enormous step towards the eradication of extreme global poverty. So it makes sense that of the 17 goals outlined, Fairtrade principles and programs relate directly to achieving eight of the goals, and provide systemic support for the rest.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Think about where and how you shop? Are your clothes being made by companies that support slave free labour and pay just wages? Please take a booklet for your family so you can check this out!

You may be aware that Australia has cut its foreign aid budget so you can put pressure on the Federal member and other MP's Buy fair trade certified products such as tea, coffee, cotton etc and if the local stores do not stock fair trade products invite them to change their practices.

To become more active check out [www.fairtrade.net](http://www.fairtrade.net) or E-mail [info@fairtrade.com.au](mailto:info@fairtrade.com.au) or phone 9602 2225

## WELCOMING, CELEBRATING AND TREASURING OUR CHILDREN

### Let the Children Come to Me:

*Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, <sup>14</sup> but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away.*  
Matt 19: 13-15



### Unless you become like children:

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*  
Matt 18: 1-3

Next weekend, **19th/20th May Masses**, we will be inviting you to bring your children forward for a special blessing after Communion. In the meantime, we invite you to think about your children as gift and name for yourself the gifts that they are in your family and in the community.

## FUNDRAISING WALK organised by Friends of Ermera.

This is to support their program in helping the Children in East Timor to build an English Language Study Centres. Walk will be on **SUNDAY, 20th May 2018** at Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick. Starts at 10am (to finish at 1pm) Cost is \$20pp or \$10 for student (includes light lunch) Contacts: [moller.lynne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:moller.lynne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Lynne Moller on 0404 218 131, Jan Trezise on 0438 393 846 or David Ellis on 0418 557 988

## Fr Kevin's corner

All through the Easter Season we have been celebrating the Lord Jesus' victory over all those forces that frighten us and threaten life. Every day we celebrate His life and we say "he is risen!"

The Easter Season comes to a close with the feast of the Lord's Ascension. Lent put us on the road to Easter. Jesus' first words in St. Mark's Gospel are: "The Kingdom of God is among you. Repent and believe the good news." Now, to help us understand the Lord's Ascension, we hear the last words of Jesus from St. Mark's Gospel. As Jesus gets ready to return to his Father he keeps his promise to send his own Holy Spirit to be the companion and the guide for his disciples and of his church always. Jesus says to the disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to every creature."

We call this the 'Great Commission' Jesus' Passion, suffering and Resurrection have changed everything for us. It is no longer Jesus' Mission alone. Now it is our mission too! We are given the responsibility of helping other people along the road of life to come to know Jesus, to believe that God cares for them and to invite them to share the joy of becoming part of the "Body of Christ".

It was this great commission that sent Paul and Timothy and the other apostles on their missionary journeys. It was this commission that produced saints and martyrs and stories of love and heroism. This same commission sent missionaries from Ireland and England and France and later from other countries to this far away Island of Australia. They came with Jesus' words ringing in their ears and in their hearts - to risk their health, to give their lives to help brothers and sisters in these parts to know what Jesus has done for them also.

The things Jesus did - as he healed broken bodies and broken spirits; as he brought fresh hope to people crushed by fear and guilt; as he told them that God cares for the little ones of this life - in his own land of Palestine, are now to be shared with the whole world. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to every creature!"

Jesus' work is not yet finished. He still needs co-workers

*Kevin Ducey CP.*

## Sunday Readings

### THIS WEEK:

#### The Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Acts 1: 1-11;  
Eph 4: 1-13  
Mk 16: 15-20

### NEXT WEEK

#### Pentecost Sunday Year B

Acts 2: 1-11;  
Gal 5: 16-25  
Jn 20: 19-23

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## This weekend we pray for:

### Those who are sick

Robyn Arentz, Errie Gunawan, Pedro Llarena, Marcello, Annie Owen, Jeffrey Hall, Donald MacLeod, Elizabeth O'Toole, Brenda Solari, Anjana, Maud Quirin, Giorgia Vella, Sienna Hyland, Ponciano Cabrera, Devika, Jayanthi, Clifford Lemillour; Li Tsu Lay, Emma Segovia, Lambert D'Silva, Marie Martin, Emily Martin, Pat Garard, All who need our prayers

### For those who have died

Sandra Edmonds, Randy Edmonds, Philomena Mannays, Julia Dos Santos, Isabelle Baptista, Ines Mousinho, Joachim Afonso, Mirella St Mart, Egidio Imbrogno, Celine Almeida, Ivan Fernandez, Leli Micallef, Rose Micallef, Gertrude Chapman, Stan Rodricks, Clarice Perera, Nineta Leanza, Carmen Parascandolo, Rita Macalister, Francis Allegany, Giovanni Ciancio, Guy Dhondee, Alberta Dhondee, Bettina Nicolas, Archibald Soeiro, Maria Lilianti Halim, Adelaide Soares, Julien Thuy Nang Nguyen, Sellapa James, Clementine Pereira, Antonietta Faiola, Maria Assunta Stravato, Edna Heneric, Therese Rolfe, Gabriel Andreas B. Lucien Maclou, Maria Vu Thi Vi, Honorata Poral, Maria Nguon Kim Le, Victor Donato, Maurice King, Norbert Perera, Argia Riccioni, Zaia Khosha-ba, Edgar Almeida, Maria Mmal Gomez, Georges Jean-Marie Coquet, Cyril Khedoo

*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 12-13 May (1st Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Sue Sharp Peter Miller Anne Peters	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Cecile Boissezon Tanis & Sharon Normington	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lien Phan	Anton Nadarajah	Volunteer	Nona Sangalang
<b>Readers &amp; Commtr</b>	Natasha Noronha Denise Rodgers Reg Young	Medgee Gontram Marina Nadarajah Mark Harper	Yvonne Sherwin, Glen Johnson, Rinku Arora	Mignonne Meerwald Maureen Dawson
<b>Gifts</b>	Sujeeva & Tania Wick- ramaratne	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Yolaine Chaperon	
<b>Communion</b>	Marie-Claire Maillard Celine Quinless Denis Rice Grace Tyszka Neluska Sendapperuma Helen Sanders Kathleen Stewart	Siro & Denver De Rozairo Dharshi Alwis Aloma Perera Edna & Bernard Da- vid Anton Nadarajah	Anabela Costa Michael O'Connor Sai Dlinger Joseph Allas Josephine Khoshaba Daniella Thevanesan Binitha Mathews	Swineetha Disanayake Daniel & Marie Masset
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Avinda Andrew, Christopher	Mark Harper, Ashvika, Casey	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian
Roster for next weekend 19-20 May (3rd Sunday of the month)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Lien Phan, Carlos & Sylvia Fer- nandes	David & Sandra McGuire, Carolyn Tinney	Marie Allas Jean Jansz	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan</b>	Peter Miller	Sandra & David McGuire	Volunteers	Mignonne Meerwald
<b>Readers &amp; Commtr</b>	Jessica Satya Graha Karen Rolfe Liseby Lapierre	Bernie O' Hara (Comm only) Rosa Mitchell	Maximus Anthony, Dianne Allegany Jerry Sementhy	William Roncon
<b>Gifts</b>	Gertrude Akom Emmanuel Jeganathan	Lionel & Dharshi Alwis Sabina Chitaranjan	Marie Nelson Hanan Matty	
<b>Communion</b>	Paul Negri Michelle Boissezon, Lionel & Riona Alveyn Naisha Pande Nina Pande, Mark Rolfe	Paul Smith Danny O'Hara , Mary Moore, Peter van Helmond Ernie & Wilma San Giorgio Mark Harper	Glen Johnson Damian Kearney Christine Gaiardo Shaniah Pereira Sharon Normington Melissa Krajacic	Mignonne Meerwald Eugene Rebeiro Swineetha Disanayake Margaret Keating Daniel Masset Volunteer
<b>Servers</b>	Andrew, Christopher Ananya, Avinda,	Mark Harper, Joyen, Luke	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian, Schron
<b>Cuppa</b>	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>			
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Church Prep</b>	<b>Communion to the sick</b> (after 9am Mass)	<b>View Hills: Friday, 25th May</b> Mass at Reema Blvd Wing Marie Nelson	
Riona Alveyn	Team 1 R&B Bamfield	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 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**

