



ST. PAUL PARISH

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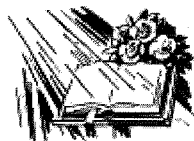
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St Paul's Parish is committed to the care, well being and protection of children and vulnerable people. Child safety reminder - Please be vigilante of your children at all times, talk to them about ways to stay safe and accompany them to the toilets.

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School 2023 Prep enrollments are now open for families looking for a small school that addresses the individual needs of all our children. We focus on 100% of children 100% of the time. We are well known for our outstanding approach to Wellbeing, inclusive faith development, high expectations of all, with a fun approach to learning. Please phone us on 8312 6900 for a tour of our outstanding facilities including our grassed oval, new playground, art and music rooms as well as a fully equipped gym. A small school that has all you are looking for and more.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: **Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner/Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF/Communications Administration Support Officer, East Melbourne/Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor/Property Administrator – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract, East Melbourne/Payroll Operations Officer, East Melbourne /Parish Administration Coordinator, St Albans /Parish Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava/Stewardship Coordinator, Bayside** Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: **For Healing:** Ruby Hurt, Martin Reynolds, Matthew Hurt, Margaret Reynolds, Pat Reynolds, Josephine Bezzina, Joan Bennett, **Recently Deceased:** Gregorio Galle, Alfred Saliba, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saf-farese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Moreska Cleur, Philomena Dougherty, , and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 13th Mar 2022)

Saturday 12th/13th Mar

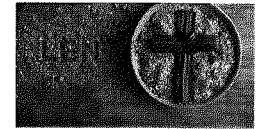
Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass +
8.30 am English Mass + Mary Buttigieg, Mary, Loretto & Joe Gauci, Ronnie Azzopardi, Betty Caruana
10.00am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Anselmo Conte, + Emmanuel Fenech, Salvu & Egres Zammit
11.30am Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm Spanish Mass

Monday 14th Mar

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
12.00pm Lady of Knots
6.00pm Around the Cross
7.00pm Choir Practice



Tuesday 15th Mar

8.00am English Mass + Audrey Visser
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
1.15pm Sacrament of Penance—St Paul's Primary School
6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 16th Mar

8.00am English Mass + Mary Calleja
9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 17th Mar

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)
2.00pm Benlyne
7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 18th Mar

8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy
7.00pm Stations of the Cross



Saturday 19th/20th Mar

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
6.00pm Vigil Mass + Mary Calleja, + Josephine Aquilina

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass + Freddy Brockdorff
8.30 am English Mass +
10.00am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef
11.30am Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm Spanish Mass



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed,
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

13 MARCH 2022

OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

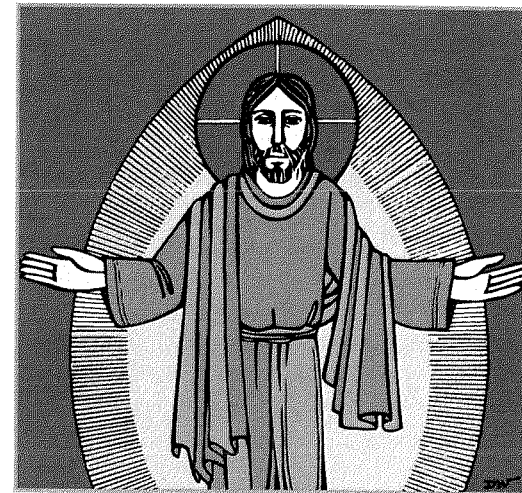
RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into
copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.