



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. Collection Total = \$2097.00

**Fundraising Sausage Sizzle on the 5th of February** after the 8am, 9.30am and 11.30am and 1pm Masses. Money raised is to go towards the sound and air conditioning systems. Raffle tickets available—1st prizes - Box Beer, 2nd Prize - bottle of whiskey, 3d Prize - \$50 voucher from Glengala Bistro, 4th Prize - \$50 voucher from Glengala Bistro. Drawn after the 1pm Mass on the 5th of February Tickets 7 for \$5.

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their lives. Please give generously.

**CELEBRATING ST PAUL'S FEAST DAY, SUNDAY 12TH OF FEBRUARY 2023.**

FEAST DAY MASS AT 3PM WITH BENEDICTION, NATIONAL COSTUMES AND A PROCESSION, WITH CELEBRATIONS TO CONTINUE IN THE HALL AFTERWARDS. COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN, EVERYONE WELCOME.

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**WE PRAY FOR:** For Healing: *Harry Tench, Charlie Zarb, Maria Abela, Rose Hurt, Charlie Bonello, Recently Deceased: John Grixti, Kolina Abdilla, Carmel Bugeja, Anthony Mizzi, Gorga Bajada, Katrina Gatt, Sebastina Corso, Anniversaries: Patricia Snaize Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Victor Aquilina, Jim Borg, Mark Sheann, and all Souls.*



**Church Diary (Week beginning 5th Feb 2023 )**

**Saturday 4th/5th Feb Baptism: Liliana Co Hondrado**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Patricia Snaize , + Tarcisio Cutajar

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

8.00 am English Mass + Patricia Snaize, + Emmanuel Fenech, Petru, Lela & Ninu Zammit

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Steven Barnes

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

**Monday 6th Feb**  
8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
11.00am Lady of Knots  
7.00pm Choir Practice  
7.00pm Mass

**Tuesday 7th Feb**  
8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
10.00am Italian Prayer Group  
12.00pm Funeral for George Ghiocas  
5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration  
7.00pm Mass

**Wednesday 8th Feb**  
8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
10.30am Funeral for John Grixti  
7.00pm Mass  
7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

**Thursday 9th Feb**  
8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)  
11.00am Woorneck Nursing Home  
7.00pm Mass

**Friday 10th Feb**  
7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group  
8.00am English Mass +  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass  
2.15pm St Peter's School Mass  
3.00pm Divine Mercy  
7.00pm Mass

**Saturday 11th/12th Feb Baptism:**

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass  
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

8.00 am English Mass +

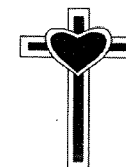
9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

3.00pm St Paul's Feast Day Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

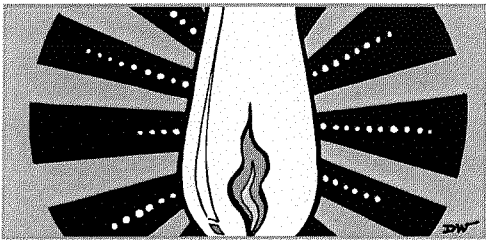
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

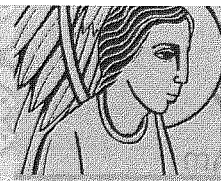
### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

## FIRM FOUNDATIONS

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor;  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then your light will shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

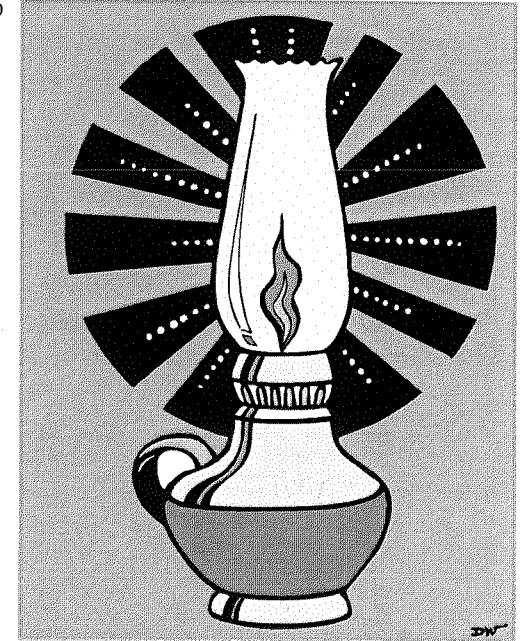
Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)**

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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