



ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. Collection Total = \$1585.00

New sets of thanks giving envelopes are available in the church foyer, there has been a number change, If you can't find yours or would like to contribute with a new set please see Audrey in the office.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18 March 9 am – 2 pm. 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

One bedroom unit available for rent in West Sunshine. Call or text 0405 256 916 to enquire.

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

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: *Sylvia Fanfield, Rose Hurt, Tommy Kent, Marie Edwards, Anthony Mc Cabe, Jennifer Hughes, Agnes Bonner, Patrick & David Tomilton, Harry Tench, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, Recently Deceased: Lucy Custo, Maria Abela, George Ghiocas, John Grixti, Kolina Abdilla, Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, 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 Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, + Charles & Jane Friggieri, + Corazon Quintana, + Joseph & Victor Aquilina, Gumri Borg, Mark Sheean, Kelina Azzopardi, Gino Stivala, Rita Buhagiar, and all Souls.*



Church Diary (Week beginning 5th Mar 2023)

Saturday 4th/5th Mar Baptism: Xavier Brincat & Charli Vera-Salamon

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

6.00pm Vigil Mass Blessing of the Mascharenhas family & Good health for Luzinha Mascharenhas, + Frances, Laurie & Anthony Caruana, Maria & Anthony Sant, Golina, Michael, Laurie, Frank & Max Cini, George, Joe & Charlie Spiteri and family, Joe, Anthony & Zarena Vella, Special Intentions for Ted & Michelle Caruana & Frank & Doris Spiteri, + Tarcisio Cutajar

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

8.00 am English Mass + Mary Buttigieg, Mary, Loretto & Joe Gauci, Ronnie Azzopardi, Betty & Bridget Caruana, & Michael.

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Emmanuel Fenech, + George Ghiocas

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 6th Mar

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
11.00am Lady of Knots
7.00pm Choir Practice
7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 7th Mar

8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration
7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 8th Mar

St John of God
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
7.00pm Sacrament of Penance at St Paul's School
6.00pm Mass
7.00pm Vietnamese Stations
7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 9th Mar

St Frances of Rome
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)
11.00am Woorneck Nursing Home
7.00pm Mass

Friday 10th Mar

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group
7.30am Stations of the Cross
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm Divine Mercy
6.15pm Way of the Cross
7.00pm Mass

Saturday 11th/12th Mar

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

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Frances, Laurie & Anthony Caruana, Maria & Anthony Sant, Golina, Michael, Laurie, Frank & Max Cini, George, Joe & Charlie Spiteri and family, Joe, Anthony & Zarena Vella, Special Intentions for Ted & Michelle Caruana & Frank & Doris Spiteri.

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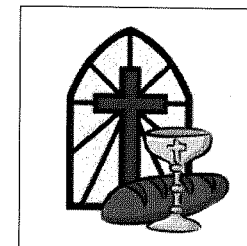
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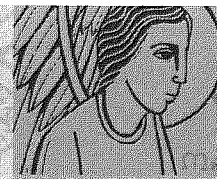
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light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

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TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today's readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God's promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead.

In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God's grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus' death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us.

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and
all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves
justice and right / and fills the earth with his
love. R.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue
their souls from death, / to keep them alive in
famine. R.

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord
is our help and our shield. / May your love be
upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in
you. R.

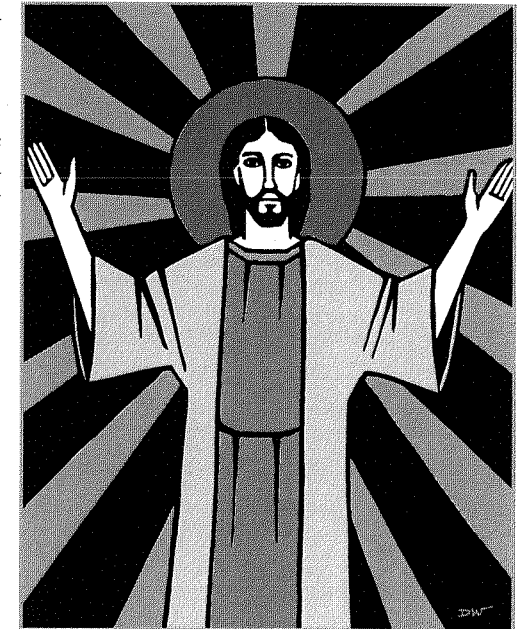
SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy**

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of
the Good News, relying on the power of God
who has saved us and called us to be holy – not
because of anything we ourselves have done
but for his own purpose and by his own grace.
This grace had already been granted to us, in
Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but
it has only been revealed by the Appearing of



our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death,
and he has proclaimed life and immortality
through the Good News.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his
brother John and led them up a high mountain
where they could be alone. There in their
presence he was transfigured; his face shone like
the sun and his clothes became as white as the