



ST. PAUL PARISH

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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.

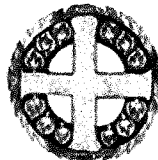
Fundraising Sausage Sizzle. A very big thank you to our multicultural parish, the sausage sizzle raised \$1036.00. Our goals for the money will go towards Street signage, billboard mass times, Lectionary for readers, Sound system and air conditioners. With all as one we can accomplish much. Congratulations to all winners, Please bring your ticket stub to collect your prize. —1st prizes - Box Beer **Black A 19**, 2nd Prize - bottle of whiskey **Black E8**, 3d Prize - \$50 voucher from Glengala Bistro **Purple F2**, 4th Prize - \$50 voucher from Glengala Bistro **Green A8** 5th Prize - Gourmet Biscuits **Purple E50** 6th Prize - Box of Ferrero Chocolates **Purple F24**.

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.

St Paul's Primary School is open for prep enrolments for 2024 - please see notice board.

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

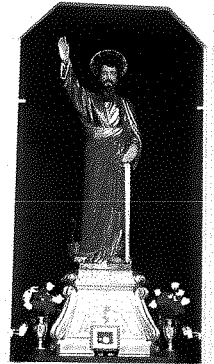
WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Patrick & David Tomilton, Harry Tench, Charlie Zarb, Rose Hurt, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Maria Abela, George Ghiocas, John Grixti, Kolina Abdilla, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Victoria & Sam Cassar, Carmen & Tony Bal-dacchino, Rita Camenzuli, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 12th Feb 2023)

Saturday 11th/12th Feb St Paul's Feast Day

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + Tarcisio Cutajar	
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 + Emmanuel & Vic Fenech, Jason Micallef	
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass	
1.00pm	Spanish Mass	
3.00pm	St Paul's Feast Day Mass	



Monday 13th Feb

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

Tuesday 14th Feb

St Cyril, Monk & Methodius	8.00am	English Mass + Luis & Augustine Mascarenhas
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group
	5.45pm	Benediction, Novena, Adoration
	7.00pm	Mass

Wednesday 15th Feb

8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
2.00pm	Benlyne Nursing Home
7.00pm	Mass
7.30pm	Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

Thursday 16th Feb

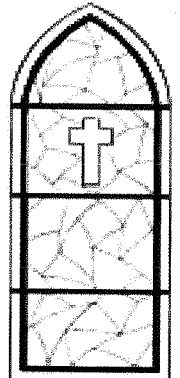
8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
9.30am	Legion of Mary (English)
7.00pm	Mass
7.30pm	Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 17th Feb

8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
3.00pm	Divine Mercy
7.00pm	Mass

Saturday 18th/19th 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	
6.00pm	Youth Mass	



Have a little Faith

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form 5:17-37

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 FEBRUARY 2023

CHOICES

Choices are a part of the human experience. Some are minor and of little consequence, others will shape our futures and have lasting ramifications for our lives. Ecclesiasticus places a choice before us: we have the power to choose life or death, that is, whether we will follow the living God or not. While many people are fearful of God's judgement the point of the first reading is that any judgement on God's part is only a consequence of our own (cf. John 3:17.12:47).

Jesus invited his hearers to make a decision about the standard they used to live their life of faith. They had grown up with the Jewish law but now the invitation is made to choose a new set of criteria. In the next few weeks, the excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount invite us to choose once again the values that Jesus places before us. Today the challenge is made in terms of our attitude regarding violence, sexual morality and the quality of our speech.

Paul places a choice before the Corinthians – to model their lives on the wisdom of the cross. In Paul's time, the mystery cults abounded and such groups considered themselves as having been initiated into the elect, those who had knowledge and power denied to those around them. He knew they had been given the gift of the Spirit and wisdom, but it was the misunderstood and paradoxical wisdom of the cross.

FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1
R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. R.
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. R.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. R.
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. R.

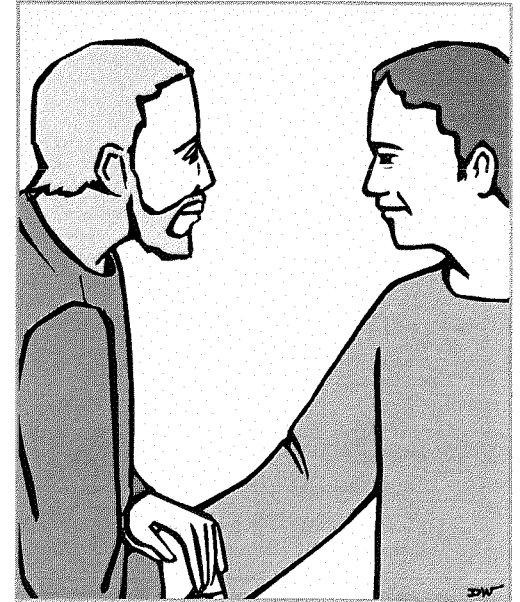
SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden



wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!