



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Please Note: Change of Evening Mass times on Ash Wednesday (22.02.2023)

6.00pm English Mass and 7.00pm Vietnamese Mass

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN THE COORDINATION OF THE ST PAUL'S FEAST DAY PROGRAM, THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ATTENDED, AND THOSE THAT HELPED WITH THE CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE RAFFLE WINNERS . IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND A LOT OF FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.

The SDC will hold a registration night for their Sacramental Programme for State School students and others from West Sunshine on Monday 20th at 7.30pm at Karmel Hall next to St Peter Chanel Church Deer Park.

This weekend is the Pastrol Care Appeal. Donations from our parish will help the Chaplaincy to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or in the leaving collection. Thank you for your support.

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

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Anthony Mc Cabe, Jennifer Hughes, Agnes Bonner, Patrick & David Tomilton, Harry Tench, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Maria Abela, George Ghio-cas, John Grixti, Kolina Abdilla, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 19th Feb 2023)

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 + Miguel Gouveia, + Tarcisio Cutajar

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

8.00 am English Mass + Carmelo Vella & Concetta Camilleri

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

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 20th Feb 8.00am English Mass + Freddy Brockdorff

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 21st Feb 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday 22nd Feb 8.00am English Mass +

Ash Wednesday 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am St Paul's School Mass

2.15pm St Peter's School Mass

6.00pm English Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

7.00pm Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 23rd Feb 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 24th Feb 7.30am Stations of the Cross

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Mass

Saturday 25th/26th 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)

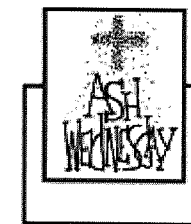
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Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples; 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

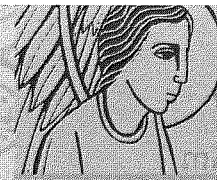
■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 FEBRUARY 2023

INCLUSIVE LOVE

How should we deal with the hurts that we receive? Should we respond by retaliating? Is there any future in the way of peace and forgiveness? These questions are as pressing today as they were in the ancient world. The people of Israel based their behaviour on the nature of the living God. As God is holy, so Israel was to express its holiness by forbearance and forgiveness among its members. Members of the people of Israel were called to love one another and forego the duty of vengeance when it came to other covenant members.

Jesus took this even further and extended it beyond Israel into our relationship with all people. Now even enemies are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Jesus knew that it is by forgiving that we can share in the nature of the living God and so become complete. It is by our preparedness to forgive that we share in the even-handed perfection of God whose love is poured out for all, deserving or not.

Perhaps Paul was mindful of Jesus' words that a house divided against itself cannot stand (cf. Mark 3:25) when he reminded the Corinthians that they were the Temple of God. Since each member shared in the gift of the Spirit there was no place for division or competition. Paul, Apollos and Cephas were united in their ministry as servants of the Gospel. If they were united, why was the community divided? It was now time to turn the other cheek and live in unity and peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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