



ST. PAUL PARISH

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Church Diary (Week beginning 20th Feb 2022)

Saturday 19th/20th Feb

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)
 7.00am English Mass + Freddy Brockdorff, + Tony Deguara,
 Maria & Emmanuel Altair,
 8.30 am English Mass + Teresa Meleca, Domenico Ardino,
 Rosa Colona, Filippo & Leonard Ardino,
 10.00am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Francis & Anna
 + Borg, Nixon & Busuttill families
 11.30am Vietnamese Mass
 1.00pm Spanish Mass
 3.00pm St Paul's Feast Day Mass



Monday 21st Feb

8.00am English Mass +
 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
 12.00pm Lady of Knots
 7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 22nd Feb

8.00am English Mass +
 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
 10.00am Italian Prayer Group
 6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 23rd Feb

8.00am English Mass +
 9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 24th Feb

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

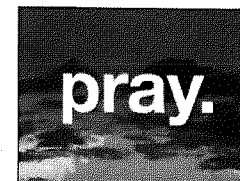
Friday 25th Feb

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



Saturday 26th/27th Feb

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Mass
 Baptism: Dennis Vaele
 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)
 7.00am English Mass +
 8.30 am English Mass +
 10.00am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef
 11.30am Vietnamese Mass
 1.00pm Spanish Mass



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Thanksgiving Total = \$1204.00

St Paul's Feast Day Mass (Mass Only) - 20th February 2022 at 3pm followed by a fundraising sausage sizzle (and raffle) on church grounds due to Covid and weather permitting. The raffle will be drawn after the 3pm mass. 1st Prize : 42 piece cutlery set, 2nd Prize : 81cm Tower fan, 3rd Prize; 148 Piece tool kit, 4th prize: Children's garden set & jigsaw. Tickets are 5 for \$4 or 1 for \$1. Volunteers are always welcome, call Jane on 9363 6660 if you can lend a helping hand.

Thank you! Last weekend we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised \$1042.00

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington/Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish/Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's, Mornington/Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF/Office Coordinator, Catholic Social Services Victoria (0.8 FTE)/Communications Administration Support Officer, East Melbourne/Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches, Melbourne/Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish/Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor/Parish Secretary, St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish of Doncaster/Lead Singer - Family Choir, St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: William Reynolds, Sylvia Farnfield, Anne Martin, Peter Thompson, Joan Bennet, Elwin & Brian Dison, **Recently Deceased:** Gregorio Galle, Alfred Saliba, Carmine Bozzo, Silvio Boldagieri, Alfonso Scramcik, Michael Teuma, **Anniversaries:** Teresa Meleca, Domenico Ardino, Rosa Colona, Filippo Ardino, Leonard Ardino. **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 Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Moreska Cleur, Philomena Dougherty, and all Souls.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 FEBRUARY 2022

A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

■ 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 he 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 15: 45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**