



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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**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.

**Reminder:** Tuesday Night Novena starts at 5.45pm

## 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>

### THE POWER OF ONE.

ONE SONG CAN SPARK A MOMENT, ONE FLOWER CAN WAKE THE DREAM.  
ONE TREE CAN START A FOREST, ONE BIRD CAN HERALD SPRING.  
ONE SMILE BEGINS A FRIENDSHIP, ONE HANDCLASP LIFTS A SOUL.  
ONE STAR CAN GUIDE A SHIP AT SEA, ONE WORD CAN FRAME THE GOAL.  
ONE VOTE CAN CHANGE A NATION, ONE SUNBEAM LIGHTS A ROOM.  
ONE CANDLE WIPES OUT DARKNESS, ONE LAUGH WILL CONQUER GLOOM.  
ONE STEP MUST START EACH JOURNEY, ONE WORD MUST START EACH PRAYER.  
ONE HOPE WILL RAISE OUR SPIRITS, ONE TOUCH CAN SHOW YOU CARE.  
ONE VOICE CAN SPEAK WITH WISDOM, ONE HEART CAN KNOW WHAT'S TRUE.  
ONE LIFE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, YOU SEE, IT'S UP TO YOU. AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Have a little Faith

**WE PRAY FOR: For Healing:** Maria Abela, Rose Hurt, Charlie Bonello, Recently

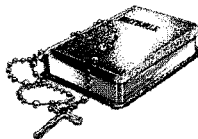
**Deceased:** Kolina Abdilla, Carmel Bugeja, Anthony Mizzi, Gorga Bajada,

Katrina Gatt, Sebastina Corso, **Anniversaries:** Wally

Wawrowski **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo

Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families,

and all Souls.



## Church Diary (Week beginning 29th Jan 2023 )

**Saturday 28th/29th Jan Baptism: Jordy & TJ Strinovic**

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

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Charlie & Mark Cutajar, + Mary Calleja, + Annunziata & Contanza Fortuna

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

8.00 am English Mass + Maryanne, Michael & Joseph Azzopardi, Carmen, Frank & Joseph Gauci, Kalina & John Grech, Frank & George Azzopardi, Bill Camilleri, Philip Magri, Tony Mizzi.

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

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

**Monday 30th Jan**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm Choir Practice

7.00pm Mass

**Tuesday 31st Jan**

St John Bosco

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

**Wednesday 1st Feb**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

**Thursday 2nd Feb**

The presentation of The Lord

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

**Friday 3rd Feb**

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am St Paul's School Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

5.30pm Maltese Confession

6.00pm Maltese Mass

7.00pm Mass

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

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 +

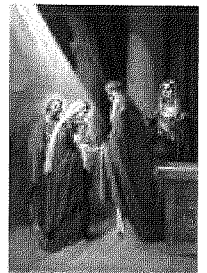
9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, + Steven Barnes

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Welcome to our Church



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for

what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the

cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

29 JANUARY 2023

## WORKING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

There is a consistency between the Old Testament reading and the Gospel of today in that they speak of the qualities that should mark the life of faith in the face of difficulty – integrity, humility, truthfulness, and steadfastness. There is a call to hope that despite the presence of obstacles, misunderstanding, and sometimes rejection, God still has the power to intervene in our world. For the people in exile, it was no easy matter to continue to believe that God would intervene to re-establish the faithful in their own land. Would it have been any easier for the people of Jesus' time to hear the words of the beatitudes that proclaimed comfort for mourners, or a sumptuous banquet for those who were starving? There is a fundamental challenge that underlies both these readings: do we really believe that God's kingdom can be established in our midst? Secondly, are we prepared to work to bring that kingdom into reality?

While the Christians of Corinth felt they were living in that reality Paul knew that while there was division the process of conversion still had a long way to go. Paul was convinced that there is no place for competition or envy. He had already used the example of Jesus' humble death to show them that jealousy is misplaced in the Christian community since Jesus displayed his power in humble service. He now goes one step further reminding the Corinthians that their own humble origin is a sign that God's call is best received with humble gratitude.

## FIRST READING

Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge

in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

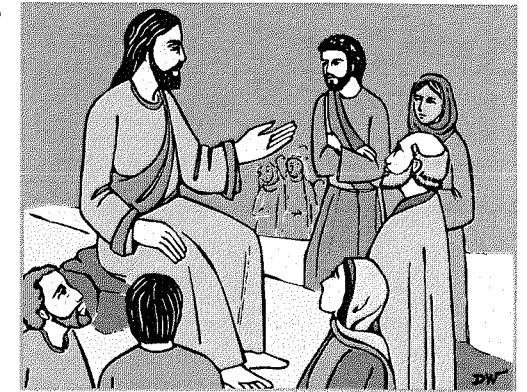
Ps 145: 7-10

**R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /  
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is  
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,  
who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /  
who raises up those who are bowed down, /  
the Lord, who protects the stranger / and  
upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but  
thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord  
will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to  
age. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 26-31

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

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5: 12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad:**

**your reward will be great in heaven.**

**Alleluia!**