

THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME,  
STRENGTH OF HIGH HEAVEN;  
SUN AND MOON SHINING,  
FLAME IN MY HEARTH.  
FLASHING OF LIGHTNING,  
WIND IN ITS SWIFTNESS;  
DEEPS OF THE OCEAN,  
FIRMNESS OF EARTH.

THIS DAY GOD SENDS ME,  
STRENGTH TO SUSTAIN ME;  
MIGHT TO UPHOLD ME,  
WISDOM AS GUIDE.  
YOUR EYES ARE WATCHFUL,  
YOUR EARS ARE LISTENING;  
YOUR LIPS ARE SPEAKING,  
FRIEND AT MY SIDE.

GOD'S WAY IS MY WAY,  
GOD'S SHIELD IS 'ROUND ME;  
GOD'S HOST DEFENDS ME,  
SAVING FROM ILL.  
ANGELS OF HEAVEN,  
DRIVE FROM ME ALWAYS;  
ALL THAT WOULD HARM ME,  
STAND BY ME STILL.

RISING I THANK YOU,  
MIGHTY AND STRONG ONE;  
KING OF CREATION, GIVER OF REST.  
FIRMLY CONFESSING,  
THREENESS OF PERSONS;  
ONENESS OF GOD HEAD, TRINITY BLEST.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, 2  
FOR THEIRS IS  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;  
BLESSED ARE THE GENTLE,  
FOR THEY SHALL POSSESS THE LAND.

BLESSED ARE THEY,  
THAT HUNGER AND THIRST  
AFTER JUSTICE;  
BLESSED ARE THEY,  
THAT SUFFER GLADLY FOR  
JUSTICE' SAKE.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN,  
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED;  
BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART,  
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

BLESSED ARE YE,  
WHEN THEY REVILE AND HARM YOU;  
AND SPEAK ALL EVIL  
AGAINST YOU UNTRULY FOR MY SAKE.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL,  
FOR MERCY THEY WILL FIND;  
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED GOD'S  
CHILDREN.

1 MY SOUL PROCLAIMS  
THE LORD MY GOD,  
MY SPIRIT SINGS IN PRAISE.  
HE LOOKS ON ME; HE LIFTS ME UP,  
AND GLADNESS FILLS MY DAYS.

ALL NATIONS NOW WILL SHARE MY JOY,  
GREAT GIFTS GOD HAS OUTPOURED.  
THE LITTLE ONES HE HAS MADE GREAT,  
I WILL MAGNIFY THE LORD.

GOD'S MERCY IS FOREVER MORE,  
GOD'S NAME I PRAISE AGAIN.  
GOD'S STRONG RIGHT ARM PUTS DOWN  
THE PROUD,  
AND RAISES LOWLY ONES.

GOD FILLS THE HUNGRY  
WITH GOOD THINGS,  
THE RICH ARE SENT AWAY.  
THE PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM  
IS FILLED TO ENDLESS DAYS.

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN, 4  
THE OCEAN STAR,  
GUIDE OF THE WAND'ERER HERE BELOW;  
THROWN ON LIFE'S SURGE,  
WE CLAIM THY CARE –  
SAVE US FROM PERIL AND FROM WOE.  
MOTHER OF CHRIST, STAR OF THE SEA,  
PRAY FOR THE WANDERER,  
PRAY FOR ME.

O GENTLE, CHASTE,  
AND SPOTLESS MAID,  
WE SINNERS MAKE OUR PRAYERS  
THROUGH THEE;  
REMINDE THY SON THAT HE HAS PAID  
THE PRICE OF OUR INIQUITY.  
VIRGIN MOST PURE, STAR OF THE SEA,  
PRAYER FOR THE SINNER, PRAY FOR ME.

AND WHILE TO HIM WHO REIGNS ABOVE  
IN GODHEAD ONE, IN PERSONS THREE,  
THE SURGE OF LIFE, OF GRACE,  
OF LOVE,  
HOMAGE WE PAY ON BENDED KNEE;  
DO THOU, BRIGHT QUEEN,  
STAR OF THE SEA,  
PRAY FOR THY CHILDREN, PRAY FOR ME.

MI RALLEGRAI QUANDO MI DISSERO 1  
ANDIAMO ALLA CASA DEL SIGNOR ;  
ED ORA I PIEDI MIEL SI POSANO  
FRA LE TUE MURA , O JERUSALEM.

**LODE A TE , GERUSALEMME ,  
DIMORA SANTA DEL SIGNOR ;  
DA LUI VERRÀ SU TE LA PACE ;  
DA LUI LA PROSPERITÀ ( 2V. )**

TUTTE LE GENTI ASCENDONO ,  
CANTANDO LE GLORIE DEL SIGNOR ;  
AL TEMPIO SALGON DELL' ALTISSIMO  
PER CELEBRAR L'ETERNA SUA BONTA.

3 **A TE, SIGNOR, LEVIAMO I CUORI, 2  
TE, SIGNOR, NOI LI DONIAM.**

QUEL PANE BIANCO CHE  
T'OFFRE LA CHIESA;  
È FRUTTO SANTO DEL NOSTRO LAVORO  
ACCETTALO, SIGNORE, E BENEDICI.

QUEL VINO PURO CHE T'OFFRE  
LA CHIESA  
FORMA LA GIOIA DEI NOSTRI BEI COLLI  
ACCETTALO, SIGNORE, E BENEDICI.

GIOIE E DOLORI, FATICHE E SPERANZE  
NEL SACRO CALICE NOI DEPONIAMO,  
ACCETTALI, SIGNORE, E BENEDICI.

ETERNO PADRE, IL SANGUE DEL FIGLIO  
PEI VIVI E I MORTI FIDENTI T'OFFRIAMO,  
ACCETTALO, SIGNORE, E BENEDICI.

L'UNICA SALVEZZA E' NEL SIGNOR, 3  
E IL SUO AMORE SPLENDE SU DI ME.  
L'UNICA SALVEZZA È NEL SIGNOR,  
E IL SUO AMORE SPLENDE SU DI ME.  
L'UNICA SALVEZZA È NEL SIGNOR,  
E IL SUO AMORE SPLENDE SU DI ME.  
**IL CRISTO, È LUI CHE SALVA !**

L'UNICA MIA PACE È NEL SIGNOR,  
E IL SUO SANGUE LIBERA A ME.  
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E IL SUO SANGUE LIBERA A ME.  
L'UNICA MIA PACE È NEL SIGNOR,  
E IL SUO SANGUE LIBERA A ME.  
**IL CRISTO, È LUI CHE SALVA !**

L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,  
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ,  
L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,  
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ,  
L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,  
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ.  
**TU CRISTO SEI SOLO CHE SALVA !**

BELLA REGINA, CHE SIEDI NEL CIEL 4  
IL MONDO S'INCHINA,  
T'INVoca IL FEDEL.  
**AVE, MARIA.**

DAL MONTE, DAL COLLE, DAL PIANO,  
DAL MAR  
UN'INNO S'ESTOLLE, TUE LODI A  
NARRAR.  
**AVE, MARIA.**

ONORA LA PIA CH'È MADRE A GESÙ'  
LA DOLCE MARIA CHE REGINA LASSÙ  
**AVE, MARIA.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men **beloved of the Lord.**  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

#### FIRST READING *Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10*

*A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 39:2-4,18*

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. R.
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. R.
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. R.
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. R.

#### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 12:1-4*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49-53*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
*(All bow during these two lines)*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

# ST PAUL'S PARISH

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*St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.*



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

## MASSES:

**Weekends: Saturday:** 6:00 pm (vigil),  
8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate)

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 10.30am (Italian),

**Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri:** 10.00 am.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month-9am Mass

**ADORATION:** First Friday of the month: 10.30 am to 12pm

**BAPTISMS:** Sundays at 12.00 pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETINGS:** Once Monthly

**MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS:** Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm

**WEDDING REHEARSALS:** Mon or Fri – 8pm

**COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND:** Thurs & Fri.

**COMMUNION TO SICK at Bupa & Northern Gardens:**

every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** 2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 10am

**YOUTH & KIDS GROUP:** 4th Friday of the month.

**ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays at 10.30 am

**Legion of Mary:** Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

**Knights of the Southern Cross:** Monday mornings.

## ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2019

03 Nov: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

17 Nov: St Gregory

01 Dec: St Lucy

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

## READERS:

### This Week

**Sat 6pm** Virginia Efthimiou

**Sun 9am** Adria, Daniella & Briarna Dal Col

**Sun 10.30am** Anna D'Amato & Rita Luci

### Next Week

**Sat 6pm** Tony Chesterman

**Sun 9am** Christine Tasic & Katrina Scurrah

**Sun 10.30am** Marinella Constanzo & Rosa Oppendisano

## SPECIAL MINISTERS:

### This Week

**Sat 6pm** Jim & Lourdes Galea

**Sun 9am** Rosa Touma

**Sun 10.30** Connie Troiano

### Next Week

Tony Chesterman

Patrick Baviera

Carmelo Ruggero

## AUGUST AT ST PAULS

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Baptisms of Annalise Salvatore, Ace Cardamone, Isla Romeo, Amelia, Lincoln & Griffin Azzopardi

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> - 1 & 2 Class Mass at 10am

- Wedding Rehearsal at 8pm

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding of Maria Ferraro & Giuseppe Massa at 1pm

## NOTICES:

**NEO CATICUMICAL CATECHESIS:** A series of 1 hour talks or Catechesis will commence in the Community Hall, every Monday and Wednesday from 7.30pm, commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The Catechesis will run for a few weeks. These Catechesis will help you discover your Baptism and the meaning of your life. Enquiries to Piotr on 8300-6765.

**'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST'** sang the angelic choir to the shepherds. Here, at St Paul's, we do have such a beautiful choir, and we thank all the members for their continued ministry, at the 9am mass. But they are asking for more volunteers to come forward and join the choir, 'the more the merrier.' So please, any volunteers who can sing, come forward and your service will be greatly appreciated.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE** For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st Aug 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Further details about the Permanent Diaconate can be obtained from the website [www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate](http://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate).

**PPC NIGHT: POPE FRANCIS—'OTHER-CENTRED' LEADERSHIP WITH CHRIS LOWNEY.** Tues 10 Sept, 7pm – 8.30pm (6.30pm registration/light refreshments) Cardinal Knox Centre, Cathedral Room, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Drawing on his book "Pope Francis: why he leads the way he leads" Chris Lowney will reflect on how the pope's is modelling the kind of Christian leaders the world needs—leaders who value the human need for love, inspiration, and meaning. This evening is offered specially for Parish Pastoral Councillors and those exercising lay leadership within our parish communities, and will include input from Chris and a chance to discuss the spiritual principles that have prepared Pope Francis to lead our Church and influence our world. Cost: \$20.00 per person (incl. light refreshment)

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b>	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 527.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	Presbytery	\$ 646.60
<b>CatholicCare Appeal</b>	(In Progress)	\$ 238.00

## WE PRAY FOR

We pray for the **sick** in the Parish, in our community and in our families: that the Lord may send his healing power to restore their health.

**Let us pray for those who have died recently:** Maria Randone; **and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Milito Bartelloni, Assunta, Vittorio Longo, Vittorio, Orlanda Colosimo, Francesco Paolo Flammea, Carmela Ianni, Patricia Lynch, Concetto Iannello & Family, Vincenza, Concetta Berritta & Family, Maria Juraga, Mario Giompapa, Carmelo Maio, Luciano Panozzo, Raffaele, Nancy Fiume, Tom D'Astolto, Alessandro D'Amato; **that they may enter the peace of God.**

## STEWARDSHIP:

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)*

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

## REFLECTION: "Loving Others in the Race"

**...let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus... Hebrews 12:1-2**

In discerning how to persevere in this important "race," we can be distracted by selfish motivations, false comforts and judgmental thoughts. Sin, as Paul says, weighs us down as we make daily decisions, big and small, interfering with the mission that God has given us. How easily sin creeps in when I fool myself into thinking I know what I need or, worse, what will solve someone else's problems. Self-absorption becomes the only reality, a burden that blinds me to the needs of others. Jesus has shown us that our relationship with God and loving others must be the primary focus of life. Free from the burden of our selfish desires, we can more easily follow Jesus, our constant companion in the race. We become, then, examples for others who will see Jesus clearly in our loving words and actions.

*Deborah A. Meister*

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we have the courage to step out of our comfort zone and stand up for life, marriage and religious liberty.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Peace of Mind"

There may be those on earth who dress better or eat better, but those who enjoy the peace of God sleep better.

*L. Thomas Holdcroft*

## VOCATION VIEW:

When you choose to follow Jesus, be ready for an ordeal. Pray that you can be sustained in the adversities of life. (Luke 12:49-53).

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon 19/08 Saint John Eudes, Priest  
Tues 20/08 Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor  
Wed 21/08 Saint Pius X, Pope  
Thurs 22/08 Our Lady, Mother and Queen  
Fri 23/08 Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin  
Sat 24/08 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

## NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

**OUR FATHER** changes, a reminder: **'do not let us fall into temptation'** instead of, 'lead us not into temptation.'  
Let's make an effort to adapt ourselves to this change.

**IL PADRE NOSTRO** un cambiamento da ricordare: **'non abbandonarci alla tentazione'** al posto di 'non ci indurre in tentazione.'  
Facciamo il nostro meglio per adattarci a questo cambiamento.

## THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE** Friday 11 to Saturday 12 October  
Santa Maria College, Polding Centre, 50 Separation Street, Northcote. As the world seems to fracture and resort to violence as a way to resolve problems, the contemplative dimension of the Church—and all religions—has never been more urgently needed. Community and solitude both nurture this dimension that offers the best hope we have to survive and flourish. The mystical tradition illuminates the discoveries of science and gives depth to the idea of progress. How does the 'ordinary meditator'—as we all are—serve this saving and healing work?  
Bookings: <https://bit.ly/2OFz6A1>

## HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL

**FORMATION: 'Treasures Our Later Years'** - Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm/4pm, 20 Aug - 10 Sep 2019. Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. This reflection series, led by Nicole Rotaru rsm, includes input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Remaining sessions will cover: Spirituality; Relationship; What is the meaning of my life?; Gratitude; Death - Mystery. Come to one or all. Cost \$30 per session. Contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

I got fired from my job as a taxi driver. It turns out my customers didn't like it when I tried to go the extra mile.

I never make mistakes...I thought I did once; but I was wrong.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun... A roamin' Catholic.

## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS TO ST PAULS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above.  
Thank you.