

1
**IN FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE,
WITH JOYFUL TRUST WE MOVE
TOWARDS OUR FATHER'S HOME ABOVE.**

CHRIST OUR STAR, OUR MAP, OUR ROAD,
TO THE FATHER'S HIGH ABODE.

CHRIST OUR BREAD ALONG THE WAY;
CHRIST OUR RESCUE WHEN WE STRAY.

CHRIST OUR SHELTER,
CHRIST OUR FRIEND,
OUR BEGINNING AND OUR END.

CHRIST OUR HOPE AND OUR REWARD;
OUR REDEEMER AND OUR LORD.

2
**TAKE OUR BREAD, WE ASK YOU
TAKE OUR HEARTS, WE LOVE YOU
TAKE OUR LIVES, OH FATHER,
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.**

YOURS AS WE STAND
AT THE TABLE YOU SET,
YOURS AS WE EAT THE BREAD OUR
HEARTS CAN'T FORGET.
WE ARE THE SIGN OF YOUR LIFE
WITH US YET,
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.

YOUR HOLY PEOPLE
STANDING WASHED IN YOUR BLOOD,
SPIRIT-FILLED YET HUNGRY
WE AWAIT YOUR FOOD.
WE ARE POOR BUT WE 'VE BROUGHT
OURSELVES
- THE BEST WE COULD
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.

3
**O PRAISE THE LORD MY SOUL,
MY GOD HOW GREAT YOU ARE;
MY HEART AND MY SOUL
SING OUT YOUR PRAISE,
MY GOD HOW GREAT YOU ARE.**

YOU HAVE CARRIED ME
WITHIN YOUR ARMS
WHENEVER I'VE KNOWN FEAR.
YOU HAVE WAITED PATIENTLY FOR ME,
THEN YOU DREW ME NEAR.
YOU HAVE RUN BESIDE ME EVEN WHEN
I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW
THAT YOU ARE MY HOME AND MY JOY.

IN DOUBTING TIMES,
YOU'VE TOUCHED MY HOPE
AND SHOWED ME HOW TO BE.
IN THE HOURS OF FEAR AND
HOPELESSNESS
YOUR TRUTH SET ME FREE.
IN THE MEMORIES OF FAMILY
I LEARNT TO KNOW YOUR NAME
LEARNT THAT YOU ARE MY HOME AND
MY JOY.

LORD BLESS THIS PLACE
WHERE I WAS BORN
AND THOSE WHO CARRIED ME.
LORD BLESS THE MANY SMILES
WHO HAVE KINDLY SET ME FREE.
LORD BLESS THE MANY LITTLE ONES
WHO'VE SHOWN YOUR FACE TO ME
YOU ARE MY HOME AND MY JOY.

4
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
O GOD MY FATHER
THERE IS NO SHADOW
OF TURNING WITH THEE;
THOU CHANGEST- NOT, THY
COMPASSIONS THEY FAIL NOT;
AS THOU HAST BEEN, THOU FOREVER
WILT BE.

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS!
MORNING BY MORNING
NEW MERCIES I SEE;
ALL I HAVE NEEDED
THY HAND HATH PROVIDED;
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS,
LORD, UNTO ME!**

SUMMER AND WINTER
SPRINGTIME AND HARVEST,
SUN, MOON AND STARS IN THEIR
COURSES ABOVE,
JOIN WITH ALL NATURE
IN MANIFOLD WITNESS
TO THY GREAT FAITHFULNESS,
MERCY AND LOVE.

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE
THAT ENDURETH,
THIN OWN DEAR PRESENCE
TO CHEER AND TO GUIDE;
STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT
HOPE FOR TOMORROW,
BLESSINGS ALL MINE, WITH TEN
THOUSAND BESIDE!

1
SIAMO EREDI DI DIO PADRE
COEREDI DI GESÙ
E FAMIGLIA DEL SUO REGNO,
FIGLI UNITI NELL' AMOR

SIAMO MEMBRI DEL SUO CORPO
IN UNIONE FRA DI NOI
POPOL SANTO NELLA LODE,
CITTADINI DEL SUO CIEL.

CI HA LAVATI NEL SUO SANGUE
E REDENTI CON LA CROCE,
SANTIFICATI DAL SUO SPIRITO
E AMATI DAL SUO CUOR.

SIAM CHIAMATI A SEGUIRLO
SULLA VIA DELLA CROCE,
PER FAR PARTE ALLA SUA VITA
E ALL' ETERNA GLORIA IN CIEL.

2
**A TE, SIGNOR, LEVIAMO I CUORI,
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.

3
IO TI DICO CHE SE TU CREDI
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V.)
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)

IO TI DICO CHE SE TU SPERI
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)

IO TI DICO CHE SE PERDONI
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V.)
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)

IO TI DICO CHE SE TI CONVERTI
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)
VEDRAI LA GLORIA DI DIO (2V)

4
NOI VOGLIAM DIO, VERGIN MARIA
PORGI L' ORECCHIO AL NOSTRO DIR;
NOI T' INVOCHIAMO, O MADRE PIA;
DEI FIGLI TUOI COMPI IL DESIR.

**DEH! BENEDICI O MADRE,
AL GRIDO DELLA FE':
NOI VOGLIAM DIO
CH' E NOSTRO PADRE,
NOI VOGLIAM DIO CH' E NOSTRO RE !**

NOI VOGLIAMO DIO NELLE FAMIGLIE.
DEI FANCIULLETTI IN MEZZO AL COR:
CRESCAN PER LUI SAVIE LE FIGLIE,
L' ADOLESCENTE IN SANTO AMOR.
(RIT)

**DEH! BENEDICI O MADRE,
AL GRIDO DELLA FE':
NOI VOGLIAM DIO
CH' E NOSTRO PADRE,
NOI VOGLIAM DIO CH' E NOSTRO RE !**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R.
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R.

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was

to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month-9am Mass

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

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12.00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPERATION MEETINGS: Once Monthly

MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS: Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm

WEDDING REHEARSALS: Mon or Fri – 8pm

COMMUNION TO SICK: Thursdays & Fridays

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

17 March: St Joseph

Good Friday: 7pm: Way of the Cross in Italian

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 Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9am Stephanie Youil & Dean Youil

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato, Giovanna Navagero & Firmina Mosticone

Next Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Dora Youil & Chiara Dal Col

Sun 10.30am Angela Famularo, Concetta Constanzo & Franca Malignaggi

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Mary De Marco

Sun 9am Mary Carnovale

Sun 10.30 Carmelo Ruggero

Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou

Alfred Meilak

Sofia Tabacco

MARCH AT ST PAULS

Mon 18th Wedding Rehearsal at 8pm

Thurs 21st Baptism Preparation Meeting at 7.30pm

Fri 22nd Way of the Cross at 7pm

Sat 23rd - Wedding of Nardine Keriakous at 11.30am

- Wedding of Jessica Rogato & David Manni at 1pm

- Wedding of Jeff Khoshaba & Diana Eshow at 2.30pm

Sun 24th Baptisms: Tayla Farrugia, Mia Rinaldo, Mason Epifano

Thurs 28th Mass at Bupa Nursing home at 11am

Fri 29th - Way of the Cross at 7pm

- Wedding rehearsal at 8pm

NOTICES:

St Paul's Church

Financial Performance Summary for 2018

	2018	2017
Monies Received for the Church		
Thanksgiving	57,822	63,852
Service Fees	22,516	19,890
Other (Hall Hire etc)	21,850	31,254
Total Received	102,188	114,996

Monies Paid for the Church

Office/Parish Expenses	33,459	18,953
Insurance	14,913	17,168
Rates & Land Taxes	14,374	6,834
Electricity/Gas/Water	10,038	8,904
Building Repairs & Maintenance	27,284	18,137
Church Requisites (flowers, candles etc)	10,933	19,516
Liturgical Expenses (organists etc)	17,500	18,765
Pastoral Expenses	2,680	45,191
Archdiocese Levies	19,860	15,868
Total Paid	151,041	169,336

This means that \$48,853.00 had to be taken from church reserves.

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY PROFESSION OF FAITH - Our 2nd Neocatechumenal community has arrived at the moment on their faith journey when they wish to bear witness that the Creed has proved to be true. The time has come for them to profess their faith among us. During a celebration of Evening Prayer at 8.00pm in St Paul's church they will 'give reasons for their hope' (as St Peter puts it). This will take place on Thurs 21st, Tues 26th, Thurs 28th March, Tues 2nd, Thurs 4th, and Tues 9th April. All are very welcome to pray with them and witness their experience.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 709.00
2nd Collection	Presbytery	\$ 845.35

WE PRAY FOR

.We pray for those who are **sick**; and those who care for them: that Christ may give them strength and healing.

Let us pray for those who have died recently; Joyce Creaco (Funeral Mon 10am), Ignazia Loretta (Funeral Wed 10am), Victor Mazzaferro; **and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Eugenio Strangis (1st Year Anniversary) Carmela, Carmine De Donato, **that they may enter the peace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP:

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

REFLECTION: "The Divine Way of Counting"

Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so...shall your descendants be. Genesis 15:5

Although these words refer to the promise of countless members who will eventually expand Abraham's family, might they also be imagined as other types of descendants? Could they be the countless blessings that are offered daily by the lives and witness of the saints among us? These stars of compassion and healing shine as beacons of hope in a world that is at once full of beauty and scarred by brokenness. On a human level, I suspect we can never truly calculate the impact of the holy ones who come together and turn their faces to God. But reckoning is a different story in the heart and memory of God. There, no act of love is ever lost, forgotten or wasted. Like the thousands of stars whose light we have yet to see, so our loving kindness, whether known or unacknowledged, ushers blessing upon blessing out into the universe. Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we invest equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Simplicity"

What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.
Confucius

VOCATION VIEW:

Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36).

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon 18/03 Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary – Solemnity
Tues 19/03 Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 23/03 Commemoration of Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2019

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it;
2. It stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence for meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- a) **Prayer** – E.g. Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- b) **Self-Denial** – E.g. not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- c) **Helping Others** – E.g. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252)

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019 and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 2019 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

I know a lot of jokes about unemployed people but none of them work.

The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me.

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.

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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____