

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good  
will.  
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

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

*Give her a share in what she has  
worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She  
is far beyond the price of pearls. Her  
husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life. She is always  
busy with wool and with flax, she does  
her work with eager hands. She sets her  
hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp  
the spindle. She holds out her hand to  
the poor, she opens her arms to the  
needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty  
empty; the woman who is wise is the  
one to praise. Give her a share in what  
her hands have worked for, and let her  
works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 127:1-5. R. v. 1*

**R. Happy are those who fear the  
Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the  
Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you  
shall eat. You will be happy and  
prosper. R.
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the  
heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the  
olive, around your table. R
- Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
In a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. R.

#### SECOND READING *1 Thess 5:1-6*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Thessalonians.*

*The day of the Lord is going to come  
like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write  
anything to you, brothers, about 'times  
and seasons', since you know very well  
that the Day of the Lord is going to  
come like a thief in the night. It is when  
people are saying, 'How quiet and  
peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly  
happens, as suddenly as labour pains  
come on a pregnant woman; and there  
will be no way for anybody to evade it.  
But it is not as if you live in the dark,  
my brothers, for that Day to overtake  
you like a thief. No, you are all sons of  
light and sons of the day: we do not  
belong to the night or to darkness, so  
we should not go on sleeping, as  
everyone else does, but stay wide  
awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 15:4. 5*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says  
the Lord; my branches bear much  
fruit.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*Mt 25:14-15,19-21*

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

*Because you have been faithful over a  
few things; enter into the joy of the  
Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his  
disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is  
like a man on his way abroad who  
summoned his servants and entrusted  
his property to them. To one he gave  
five talents, to another two, to a third  
one; each in proportion to his ability.  
Then he set out. 'Now a long time  
after, the master of those servants came  
back and went through his accounts  
with them. The man who had received  
the five talents came forward bringing  
five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted  
me with five talents; here are five more  
that I have made."' "

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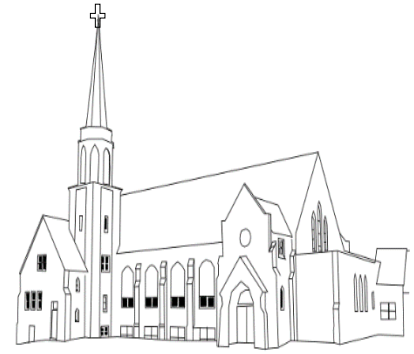
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*St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.*



## 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

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

BACK IN THE DAY WE  
HAD JOHNNY CASH,  
STEVE JOBS, AND BOB  
HOPE. NOW WE HAVE  
NO CASH, NO JOBS,  
AND NO HOPE PLEASE  
DON'T LET ANYTHING  
HAPPEN TO KEVIN BACON!!

Recipes From Heaven  
[www.myincrediblerecipes.com](http://www.myincrediblerecipes.com)

## THANKSGIVING – DIRECT DEPOSIT BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Church.

Credit Card payments:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registrator/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635719>

**OCT THANKSGIVING OFFERING \$1,100.00**  
**Presbytery: \$ 489.56**

**Works done recently: Presbytery roof: \$40,000**  
**Painting of presbytery inside: \$12,400**  
*Thanks for your support in these challenging times.*

## PARISH NEWS



## Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://Palms Australia) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

See [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## PRAYERS TO ST PEREGRINE LAZIOSI, OSM



### THE PATRON OF THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM CANCER AND OTHER LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES

By Fr Leonard M Guiang Jr, OSM (Author)

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**FR. LEONARD M. GUIANG JR., OSM**

Living in Italy in the 13th century, St Peregrine Laziosi was at one time miraculously healed of a tumour in his leg. Since then millions of cancer sufferers, and their loved ones, have prayed through his intercession for spiritual and physical healing.

This booklet contains many beautiful prayers and blessings that will give comfort and hope to all who are suffering from cancer and serious illness.

Peregrine belonged to the Order of Servants of Mary (Servites).

## WE PRAY FOR

**BAPTISMS:** Lilly Rose Kol

We pray for those in our local community who are **sick** and vulnerable: may they see in us the followers of a God who heals and serves.

**Let us pray for those who have died recently**, and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Francesco Paolo Flamma, and all the deceased whose names are written on the November Envelopes, that they may enter the peace of God.

## STEWARDSHIP:

***“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.”- MATTHEW 25:21***

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

## REFLECTION: Living the Gospel Now

***You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. 1 Thessalonians 5:2***

While doing hospital ministry, I brought the Eucharist to a businessman who was recovering from heart surgery. He was on the phone when I entered the room, so he waved me away. As I left, I heard him say he was being released the next day. I later learned that he died that evening.

Those of us who have lost a loved one to a sudden, unexpected death quickly become aware of the fragility of life. That can be a good or bad thing depending on what we do with that awareness. If it leads to too much fear and anxiety, it is obviously destructive. But if it continues to alter our understanding of what is truly important in life, it can be transformative. Although we will never live them out perfectly, hopefully the gospel values of justice, mercy and forgiveness take on more urgency when we think of the end of our life.

Terri Mifek

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Friendship

Friendship is like money, easier made than kept.

**Samuel Butler**

## VOCATION VIEW

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

## THE GREEN BIBLE

### Words of Love for a Suffering Planet

STEPHEN SCHARPER AND SIMON APPOLLONI

This revised edition of *The Green Bible* by **Stephen Scharper** and **Simon Appolloni** will guide you through the biblical seven days of Creation, with the aim of inspiring hope that life will continue – and flourish – for all creation.

This edition of *The Green Bible* with its updated figures, testimonies, and words from Pope Francis and Greta Thunberg, is timely and transformative for the current environmental crisis. It sources range from the Jewish and Christian scriptures to current religious and political leaders, scientists and environmentalists, and ends with suggestions for further action and reading, including references to Australian and New Zealand resources.

***The Green Bible contributes to the global dialogue where environmental issues are approached from all levels of secular society. Ideal for those seeking a deeper understanding of their own role as a human to care for our Earth.***

[Click here to view some sample pages.](#)

**CatholicCare Victoria.** Father and parish staff, we are excited to share that we will be merging with Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst to become a new entity: CatholicCare Victoria! This amalgamation will enable the social service agencies of the four dioceses in Victoria to enhance, strengthen and amplify services to support the vulnerable and marginalised in our local communities. CatholicCare Victoria will be established on 1 January 2021 - together we are currently working through an integration process to align organisational structures, programs and systems. But as we transition over, we will be maintaining business as usual!

**GREAT IS THE LORD,  
ACCLAIM HIM ALL YOU PEOPLES;  
GREAT IS THE WONDER OF OUR GOD.**

1

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE,  
HASTEN AND ENTER;  
EAGER TO RENDER THANKS,  
FOR HIS UNBOUNDED LOVE.

COME THEN WITH CONFIDENCE,  
OPEN AND TRUSTING;  
READY TO OFFER ALL, TO HIS UNBOUNDED POWER.

WHEN WE HAVE ENTERED IN, JOYFUL, TRIUMPHANT;  
THEN TO THE FATHER CRY IN ONE UNBOUNDED  
PRAISE.

DWELL IN HIS PRESENCE HERE,  
HUMBLE AND WILLING;  
GRATEFUL WITH ALL HIS SAINTS, FOR HIS  
UNBOUNDED MERCY.

FILL MY HOUSE UNTO THE FULLEST  
EAT MY BREAD AND DRINK MY WINE  
THE LOVE I BEAR IS HELD FROM NO ONE

2

**ALL I OWN, AND ALL I DO, I GIVE TO YOU**

TAKE MY TIME UNTO THE FULLEST  
FIND IN ME THE TRUST YOU SEEK  
TAKE MY HANDS TO YOU OUTREACHING

JOIN WITH ME AS ONE IN CHRIST'S LOVE  
MAY OUR HEARTS ALL BEAT AS ONE  
MAY WE GIVE OURSELVES COMPLETELY

**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.**

3

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.

**BLEST THE LORD, BLEST BE THE LORD,  
THE GOD OF MERCY, THE GOD WHO SAVES.  
I SHALL NOT FEAR THE DARK OF NIGHT,  
NOR THE ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY.**

4

HE WILL RELEASE ME FROM  
THE NETS OF ALL MY FOES  
HE WILL PROTECT ME FROM THEIR WICKED HANDS  
BENEATH THE SHADOW  
OF HIS WINGS I WILL REJOICE  
TO FIND A DWELLING PLACE SECURE

I NEED NOT SHRINK BEFORE  
THE TERRORS OF THE NIGHT  
NOR STAND ALONE BEFORE THE LIGHT OF DAY  
NO HARM SHALL COME TO ME,  
NO ARROW STRIKE ME DOWN  
NO EVIL SETTLE IN MY SOUL

ALTHOUGH A THOUSAND STRONG  
HAVE FALLEN AT MY SIDE  
I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN WITH THE LORD AT HAND  
HIS FAITHFUL LOVE IS ALL  
THE ARMOR THAT I NEED  
TO WAGE MY BATTLE WITH THE FOE.

