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COME SING A SONG OF JOY, FOR PEACE  
SHALL COME MY BROTHER;  
SING, SING A SONG OF JOY,  
FOR MEN SHALL LOVE EACH OTHER.  
THAT DAY WILL DAWN JUST AS SURE  
AS HEARTS THAT ARE PURE  
ARE HEARTS SET FREE;  
NO MAN MUST STAND ALONE WITH  
OUTSTRETCHED HANDS BEFORE HIM.  
REACH OUT AND TAKE THEM IN YOURS  
WITH LOVE THAT ENDURES FOREVERMORE.  
THEN SING A SONG OF JOY FOR LOVE AND  
UNDERSTANDING.

COME SING A SONG OF JOY,  
OF FREEDOM TELL THE STORY;  
SING, SING A SONG OF JOY,  
FOR MANKIND IN HIS GLORY.  
ONE MIGHTY VOICE THAT WILL BRING  
A SOUND THAT WILL RING FOREVERMORE;  
THEN SING A SONG OF JOY FOR LOVE AND  
UNDERSTANDING.

SING OF JOY AROUND THE WORLD,  
LET ALL MEN HEAR AND UNDERSTAND;  
LET US HAVE AN END TO WAR,  
IT'S TIME FOR PEACE IN EVERY LAND.  
SEE THE STRANGER, HE IS OUR FRIEND,  
AND FIGHTING OUR HANDS WILL NOT  
EMPLOY;  
TIME TO JOIN OUR HANDS TOGETHER,  
TIME TO SING A SONG OF JOY

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2  
TODAY OUR HEARTS O LORD,  
WE OFFER ANEW,  
TOGETHER WITH THE BREAD  
AND WINE TO YOU;  
TODAY OUR SEPARATE LIVES  
WILL JOIN AS ONE,  
AS WITH THE BREAD WE BREAK,  
WE WILL BECOME  
MANY WILL BE THE BODY OF ONE  
- CHRIST YOUR SON.

ALMIGHTY FATHER TAKE THE JOY AND CARE,  
WE HAVE UNITED TO YOUR SON'S  
GREAT PRAYER;  
HELP US TO TAKE YOU  
TO THE WORLD AGAIN,  
THAT MEN MAY COME TO YOU,  
MAY COME AND LIVE  
THE LIFE YOUR SON DIED TO GIVE  
- DIED TO GIVE.

O LOVING FATHER AS THE RISING SUN,  
DISPELS THE DARKNESS,  
MAY THE LIFE CHRIST WON  
SHINE MORE RESPLENDENTLY  
THROUGHOUT OUR LIVE,  
AND LIGHT THE DARKNESS  
WHICH AROUND US LIES,  
THAT LIVING FOR THEE,  
MAY WE ALL - LIKE CHRIST BE,  
LIKE CHRIST BE, LIKE CHRIST BE.

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3  
SHE WALKED IN THE SUMMER  
THROUGH THE HEAT ON THE HILL,  
SHE HURRIED AS ONE WHO WENT  
WITH A WILL;  
SHE DANCED IN THE SUNLIGHT  
WHEN THE DAY HAD BEGUN,  
HER HEART KNEW NO EVENING  
WHO CARRIED THE SUN.

FRESH AS A FLOWER  
AT THE FIRST RAY OF DAWN,  
SHE CAME TO HER COUSIN  
WHOSE MORNING WAS GONE.  
THERE LIVED A LITTLE CHILD  
IN THE AGED WOMB,  
AND THERE HEAVED A LITTLE HOPE  
IN EVERY ANCIENT TOMB.

HAIL LITTLE SISTER WHO HERALDS THE  
SPRING,  
HAIL BRAVE MOTHER WHO CARRIES THE  
KING;  
HAIL TO THE MOMENT WITHIN YOUR BREAST  
MAY ALL GENERATIONS CALL YOU BLESSED.

WHEN YOU WALK IN THE SUMMER  
THROUGH THE HEAT ON THE HILL,  
WHEN YOU'RE ONE WITH THE LORD  
AND ONE WITH HIS WILL;  
BE BRAVE WITH THE BURDEN YOU ARE  
BLESSED TO BEAR,  
FOR ITS CHRIST THAT YOU CARRY  
EVERYWHERE, EVERYWHERE,  
EVERY - WHERE!

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4  
COME DOWN LORD MY SON IS ILL,  
WRACKED WITH FEVER THE LIVE-LONG DAY.  
HE IS LIFE TO ME, IF YOU WILL,  
DRIVE DEATH AWAY, DRIVE DEATH AWAY.

**LORD DO NOT COME TO MY HOUSE,  
I'M UNWORTHY,  
SPEAK AND THE PROMISE IS SEALED.  
FOR WHEN YOUR WORD O LORD IS SPOKEN,  
HE SHALL BE HEALED,  
HE SHALL BE HEALED.**

COME DOWN LORD MY SOUL IS ILL,  
WRACKED WITH ANGUISH  
THE LIVE-LONG DAY.  
ALL MY SORROWING WILL BE STILL,  
IF YOU BUT SAY, IF YOU BUT SAY.

COME DOWN LORD THE WORLD IS ILL,  
WRACKED WITH BLOODSHED  
THE LIVE-LONG DAY.  
MAN MUST STRUGGLE FOR PEACE UNTIL,  
YOU SHOW THE WAY, YOU SHOW THE WAY.

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5  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH  
AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH,  
THE PEACE THAT WAS MEANT TO BE  
WITH GOD AS OUR FATHER, WE ARE FAMILY  
LET US WALK WITH EACH OTHER,  
IN PERFECT HARMONY

LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME,  
LET THIS BE THE MOMENT NOW  
WITH EVERY STEP I TAKE,  
MAKE THIS BE MY SOLEMN VOW  
TO TAKE EACH MOMENT AND LIVE EACH  
MOMENT IN PEACE ETERNALLY  
LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH  
AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

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1  
**OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID,  
OSANNA AL REDENTOR !**

APRITEVI, O PORTE ETERNE:  
AVANZI IL RE DELLA GLORIA.  
ADORI CIELO E TERRA L'ETERNO SUO  
POTER.

O MONTI STILLATE DOLCEZZA:  
IL RE D'AMOR S'AVVICINA;  
SI DONA PANE VIVO ED OFFRE PACE AL  
CUOR.

O VERGINE, PRESSO L'ALTISSIMO  
TROVASTI GRAZIA E ONOR:  
SOCCORRI I TUOI FIGLIUOLI DONANDO IL  
SALVATOR.

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2  
TU CI INVITI ALLA TUA MENSA  
E CI DONI IL PANE E IL VINO.  
COL TUO CORPO E COL TUO SANGUE  
TU TI OFFRI PER AMORE.

**RIT. VITA NUOVA ABBIAMO IN TE, SIGNOR,  
LA SALVEZZA È SOLO IN TE, SIGNOR  
E AL BANCHETTO DEL TUO REGNO  
CON I SANTI NOI VERREMO.**

SULL' ALTARE TU TI IMMOLI  
COME AGNELLO SENZA COLPA.  
BUON PASTORE CI RADUNI  
E DIMORI IN MEZZO A NOI.

**RIT. VITA NUOVA ABBIAMO IN TE, SIGNOR,  
LA SALVEZZA È SOLO IN TE, SIGNOR  
E AL BANCHETTO DEL TUO REGNO  
CON I SANTI NOI VERREMO.**

**FINALE: CON I SANTI NOI VERREMO. (3V.)**

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TI AMO SIGNOR,  
A TE ELEVO LA VOCE  
PER ADORARTI  
CON TUTTA L'ANIMA MIA  
GIOISCI MIO RE,  
SI RALLEGRI IL MIO CUOR,  
DOLCE SIGNORE  
E DIVIN REDENTOR !

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4  
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD  
IS NOW UPON ME  
TO HEAL THE BROKEN HEART  
AND SET CAPTIVES FREE  
TO OPEN PRISON DOORS,  
AND MAKE THE BLIND SEE.  
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS NOW ON ME.

LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI NOI  
E VIVIENE A PERDONAR LE NOSTRE  
COLPE,  
DISCENDE A CONSOLAR I NOSTRI CUORI  
LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI NOI.

LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI NOI  
E VUOLE SPRIGIONAR I NOSTRI CUORI  
PER FARCI VIVERE DA FIGLI LIBERI  
LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI NOI

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1  
LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI ME  
MI MANDA AD ANNUNCIAR LA SUA NOVELLA  
MI MANDA A PROCLAMAR L'ANNO DI  
GRAZIA  
LO SPIRITO DEL SIGNOR E SU DI ME.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 7:10-14*

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’ Then Isaiah said: ‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us.”’

The Word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 23:1-6*

**R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

1. The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. R.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

#### SECOND READING

*Romans 1:1-7*

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

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSEL ACCLAMATION

*Matthew 1:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

#### GOSEL

*Matthew 1:18-24*

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

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means ‘God-is-with-us.’ When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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;

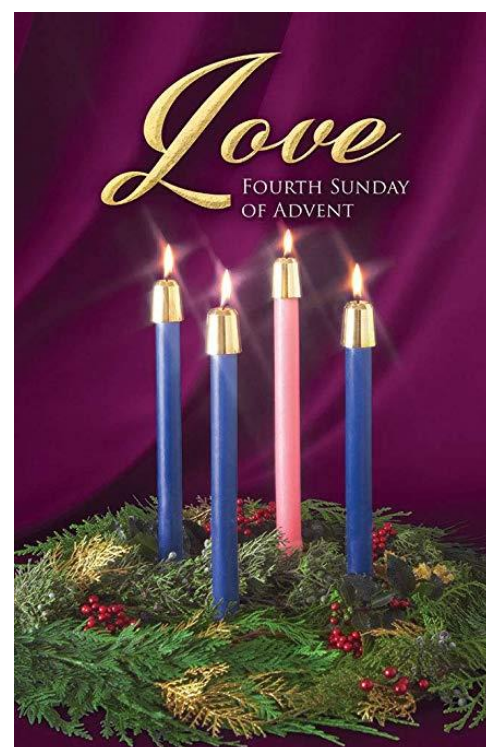
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 PREPERATION 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

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

## READERS:

### This Week

**Sat 6pm** Sue Tasic

**Sun 9am** Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

**Sun 10.30am** Tom Constanzo & Rita Luci

### Next Week

**Sat 6pm** Phillip Scardilli

**Sun 9am** Rosa Touma & Patricia Wright

**Sun 10.30am** Marinella Constanzo & Giovanna Navagero

## SPECIAL MINISTERS:

### This Week

**Sat 6pm** Mary De Marco

**Sun 9am** Alfred Meilak

**Sun 10.30** Giovanna Navagero

### Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou

Alfred Meilak

Connie Troiano

## DECEMBER AT ST PAULS

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Baptism of Olivia Dorman at 12pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> First Month Mass for Modesto Longo at 7pm.

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass at 6pm

Christmas Carols at 11.40pm

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> - Midnight Christmas Mass

- Christmas Day Masses at 9am & 10.30am Italian

- Collection for priests

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Solemn Benediction at 10am mass

## SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December: 11am & 6.45pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December: 10.30am

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December: 11am

## CHRISTMAS ROSTER: READERS:

**Christmas Eve - 6pm** Sue Tasic & Phillip Scardilli

**Midnight Mass -** Brent Greig & Angela Greig

**Christmas Day - 9am** Alfred Meilak & Michael King

## SPECIAL MINISTERS:

**Christmas Eve - 6pm** Mary De Marco & Virginia Efthimiou

**Christmas Day - 9am** Rose Touma, Patrick Baviera,

Michael Joseph & Annette Barnes

## NOTICES:

**PASSION PLAY 2020.** Anyone who would like to join me for the **Treasures of Italy Tour**, plus the **Oberammergau Passion Play** in Germany, from the 16<sup>th</sup> June to the 29<sup>th</sup> June. Approach Fr Ray, who is interested. Ask Fr. Ray for a full brochure. Fr Ray will be the chaplain of the whole tour accompanied by a guide from Harvest Tours. In Italy, we visit Rome, Montecassino, Pompei, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Tivoli, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Ravenna, Padua Venice. Then to the renowned Passion Play, in Oberammergau. This play is staged every 10 years. For over 300 years this picturesque village in the Bavarian alps has reenacted the passion of Jesus, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.

## FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan '20.

11am Solemn Mass followed by light lunch for \$22, at San Marco restaurant. Choice of Pasta, Pizza, Rice or Salad, plus a beverage. Approach Fr Ray to book. **Keep the date.**

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial Offering \$ 802.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 1170.65

**Melbourne Overseas Mission** (to date) \$ 140.00

## WE PRAY FOR

**BAPTISM:** Olivia Dorman

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:** Father Sean O'Connell (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv), Carmela Lirosi, Giuseppe Torcasio, Giovanna Luci, Angela Pingitori, Myles Sievers, Maria Ly thi Van; **that they may enter the peace of God.**

## STEWARDSHIP:

**"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matt 1:24)**

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

## REFLECTION: "Path to Discernment"

**Such was his intention... Matthew 1:20**

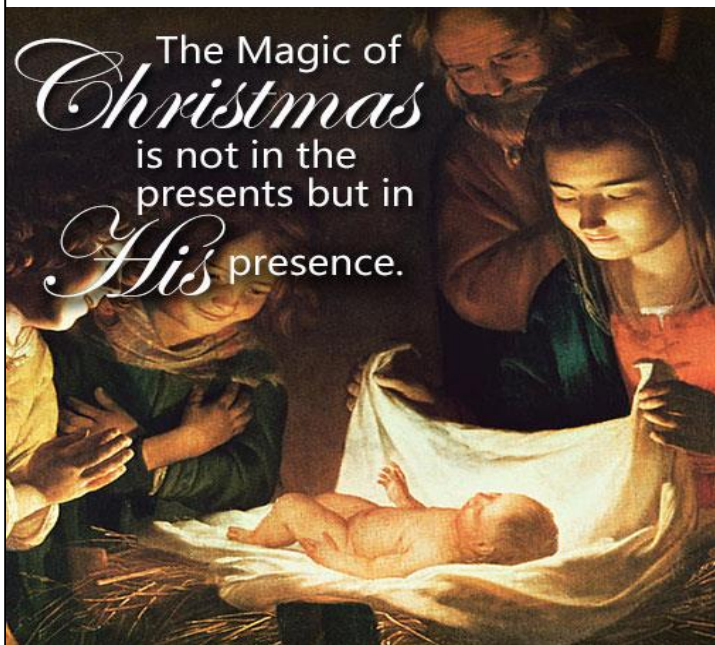
Often, we hear someone referred to as a "dreamer." And probably just as often, this is not meant as a compliment. Today, we look to Joseph, a righteous man who clearly anguished over a seemingly insoluble dilemma: how to do right by Mary, whom he loved, and also uphold the spirit of the law. He struggled with the scandalous news of her pregnancy and his own unwillingness to expose her to its shameful consequences. We can imagine the intense discernment of his heart as he prayed and finally arrived at the difficult decision to quietly divorce Mary. Such was his intention until that night when he slept and received new information in a dream. Although he had previously arrived at a course of action, he remained open to the voice of God's messenger.

*Holy St. Joseph, accompany us in our murky, messy, confusing times of decision-making. Help us to discern the most loving way forward.*

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.



## NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

### NATIVITY PLAY



### JOKE OF THE WEEK



### 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.