

**YOU ARE THE VOICE OF THE LIVING GOD,
CALLING US NOW TO LIVE IN YOUR
LOVE, 1
TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD ONCE AGAIN!**

PRAISE FOR THE LIGHT THAT SHINES
THROUGH THE NIGHT,
FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM
DEATH TO NEW LIFE
AND PRAISE FOR THE MORNING THAT
BRINGS FORTH THE SUN,
TO OPEN OUR EYES TO THE LORD!
TO OPEN OUR EYES TO THE LORD!

PRAISE FOR THE WATER THAT SPRINGS
FRO THE SEA,
THE SEED THAT GIVES LIFE,
TO ALL WHO BELIEVE,
GOD'S LOVE OVERFLOWING, OUR
HEARTS KNOW THE JOY
TO BE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF THE
LORD!
TO BE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF THE
LORD!

PRAISE FOR THE SINGING AND PRAISE
FOR THE DANCE
WITH NEW HEART AND VOICE,
ALL RAISE THE SONG
OF PRAISE TO CREATION:
ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH
COME SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD!
COME SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD!

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN; 2
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.

**O PRAISE THE LORD MY SOUL, 3
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.

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, 4
O PEOPLE;
SALT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SHARE THE FLAVOUR OF LIFE,
O PEOPLE;
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

**BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF
JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!**

YOU ARE A LIGHT ON THE HILL,
O PEOPLE;
LIGHT FOR THE CITY OF GOD!
SHINE SO HOLY AND BRIGHT , O PEOPLE;
SHINE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

YOU ARE A SEED OF THE WORD,
O PEOPLE;
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SEEDS OF MERCY AND SEEDS OF
JUSTICE,
GROW IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

WE ARE A BLEST AND A PILGRIM PEOPLE;
BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
LOVE OUR JOURNEY AND LOVE OUR
HOMELAND;
LOVE IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

**TERRA TUTTA, DA' LODE ADIO, 1
CANTA IL TUO SIGNOR !**

SERVITE DIO NELL' ALLEGREZZA,
CON CANTI DI GIOIA ANDATE A LUI.

POICHE' IL SIGNORE È NOSTRO DIO:
DA LUI SIAM CREATI,
NOI SIAMO SUOI.

GLORIA AL SIGNORE,
PADRE E FIGLIO,
E SPIRITO SANTO. LODE AL SIGNOR !

**AL TUO SANTO ALTAR 2
M' APPRESSO O SIGNOR
MIA GIOIA E MIO AMOR !**

O SIGNORE CHE SCRUTI IL MIO CUOR
DAL MALIGNO MI SALVI IL TUO AMOR.

TU SEI FORZA, SEI VITA IMMORTAL
PERCHÈ TRISTE CAMMINO TRA IL MAL

MI RISPLENDA LA LUCE DEL VER
E MI GUIDI SUL RETTO SENTIER !

MIA SPERANZA E SALVEZZA SEI TU
CH' IO TI LODI IN ETERNO O GESÙ.

SULLA CETRA A TE CANTO O SIGNOR,
NON S'ATTRISTI E SI TURBI IL MIO
CUOR.

TI AMO SIGNOR, 3
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 !

QUANDO NELL' OMBRA 4
SCENDE LA SERA
E' QUESTA, O MADRE,
LA MIA PREGHIERA
FA PURA E SANTA L' ANIMA MIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.
FA PURA E SANTA L' ANIMA MIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.

E QUANDO L' ALBA ANNUNZIA IL
GIORNO,
ALL' ARA TUA FACCIO RITORNO,
DICENDO SEMPRE, CON VOCE PIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.
DICENDO SEMPRE, CON VOCE PIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.

NEI GIORNI LIETI, DI GIOIA PURA,
E IN QUELLI ANCORA DELLA
SVENTURA,
TI DIRO' SEMPRE, O MADRE MIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.
TI DIRO' SEMPRE, O MADRE MIA -
AVE MARIA - AVE.

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 *Eccl. 15:16-21*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. R.
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law. R.
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R.

SECOND READING *1 Cor 2:6-10*

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Is 3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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 THE HOUSEBOUND: Thurs & Fri.

COMMUNION TO SICK at Bupa & Northern Gardens:

every 2nd & 4th 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 2020:

St Joseph: Sun 15th March at 2pm.

Way of the Cross: Good Friday at 7pm.

St Anthony: Sun 14th June at 10.30am

St Gregory: Sun 15th Nov at 10.30 am.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Sun 29th Nov at 2pm.

St Lucy: Sun 6th Dec at 2pm.

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Pam Atkinson & Trevor Atkinson

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

Next Week

Sat 6pm Tony Chesterman

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King

Sun 10.30am Rosa Oppendisano & Tom Constanzo

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea

Sun 9am Rosa Touma

Sun 10.30 Carmelo Ruggero

Next Week

Tony Chesterman

Raf Carnovale

Sam Stagliano

FEBRUARY AT ST PAULS

Thur 20th Baptism Preparation Meeting at 7.30pm

Sat 22nd - Wedding of Tianna Cassar & Stephen Rasile at 1pm

- Wedding of Bianca Marasco & Glenn Johnston at 2.30pm

Sun 23rd Baptisms of Bridget Kelly, Allegra Guerrera-Fartch, Rafael Glanville & Luke Lawrence at 12pm

Wed 26th Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am

NOTICES:

SACRIFICIAL ENVELOPES for the next four months of March to June 2020 are available for collection at the rear of the church. If you need sacrificial envelopes, please fill in your details at the bottom of the Pauline and place in the collection plate during mass. Many thanks to all our contributors.

2020 READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS ROSTERS – The new rosters for 2020 are now available to pickup. They can be picked up in the Sacristy after mass. Thank you to all our volunteers.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENT 2020 - Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. Donation envelopes and boxes can be found at the side and rear of the church.

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 16th June to the 29th 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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial Offering \$ 742.00

2nd Collection: Presbytery \$ 618.00

Many thanks to all our contributors.

WE PRAY FOR

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: that they may enter the peace of God.

STEWARDSHIP:

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

REFLECTION: “Only the clean of heart”

...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20

I often encourage people to go to confession. It is an important, healing sacrament. But more than a few times, people have responded, “Why? I don’t do anything wrong.” Some add, “I haven’t killed anyone. I haven’t cheated on my spouse.” But in reading today’s gospel, all of us are guilty of adultery and murder. Jesus says that if we are lustful or angry with others, we are guilty of these crimes and deserve to be thrown into Gehenna (verse 22).

This may seem unfair, but entering into the kingdom requires a completely clean heart. Nothing impure can live in the presence of God. It also may seem impossible. How can I become completely pure of heart? The short answer is, we can’t. But God can! If we open ourselves to God’s Spirit, pray often, love much and, yes, go to confession and Eucharist, God will cleanse us. Then we shall become the clean of heart who see God.

Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That our faith grows, and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Luck”

The one who is intent on making the most of his opportunities is too busy to bother about luck. B.C. Forbes

VOCATION VIEWS

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious – might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 17/02 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Fri 21/02 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor
Sat 22/02 Saint Peter’s Chair - Feast

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL

FORMATION: Semester 1 courses start on 17 February 2020 'Spirituality of Human Life Stages', 'Discernment', 'The Human Experience of God' and other seminars and reflection days are soon to begin at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation at its new premises in Malvern. For more information and bookings, visit www.heartoflife.melbourne or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY: SUN 16th Feb 2020. 10am - 2pm Preston Campus 8 Clifton Grove. 10am - 2pm Bundoora Campus 1436 Plenty Rd. Talk to our Principal and all our staff. Watch the awesome Science Show. Listen to our College bands. Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son. Enjoy our free BBQ and café. Listen to the Principal’s address at 10.30, 11.30 & 1.00. Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open! Limited places at Preston available 2021. Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open! Limited places at Preston available 2021. Register online parade.vic.edu.au. 9468 3300. registrar@parade.vic.edu.au.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISIONERS 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.