



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 7-8 February, 2026

THE JOURNEY OF MY VOCATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I hope you are all well. I would like to take this opportunity to share with all of you my vocation journey.

My name is Joachim Pham Quang Vinh. I was born and raised in Vinh Ha Parish, Diocese of Ba Ria, in a family rooted in the Christian faith. My parents were Mr. Joachim Pham Quang Y (†2021) and Mrs. Anna Nguyen Thi Thanh (†2015). I am the youngest of five siblings.

I completed my primary and secondary education in Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province before pursuing a degree in Information Technology at Ba Ria-Vung Tau University. Studying close to home proved to be a precious grace, as it allowed me to live with my parents and family, enjoying their warmth and support. Family life became a foundation that gently nurtured my vocation.

In 2013, responding to the gentle call of God, I entered the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (the Passionists) in Vietnam, thus beginning my journey of formation in consecrated life. In 2016, I began my philosophical studies at the Dominican Academy, completing them in mid-2018. I then travelled to Australia to begin my pre-novitiate formation and to study English at the English Language School for Pastoral Ministry (ELSPM) in Box Hill, Victoria.

One year later, I completed my novitiate at the International Novitiate of the Passionists in South Australia and made my First Profession of Vows on 4 July 2020. This was the day I officially said my first “yes” to God. After my First Profession, I returned to Vietnam to continue my theological formation. From 2020 to 2024, I studied theology at Saint Joseph Jesuit Scholasticate in Saigon.

On 10 August 2023, I professed my Perpetual Vows in the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offering my entire life to God and to the Church.

On 13 July 2024, I was ordained a deacon through the laying on of hands by Bishop Joseph Tran Van Toan of the Diocese of Long Xuyen. Following this, I served at Saint Gabriel – Our Lady of Sorrows Community in Saigon.

On 20 May 2025, I was appointed for pastoral ministry at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Endeavour Hills, Victoria.

On 1 October 2025, I was assigned to serve the Vietnamese Catholic Community in South Australia.

Finally, on 13 December 2025, I was ordained to the priesthood through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism by Bishop Patrick O'Regan of the Diocese of Adelaide. From that moment, I officially became a shepherd of God's People, dedicating my entire life to proclaiming the Gospel and serving in the love of Christ crucified.

*Faithfully,
Joachim Pham Quang Vinh, CP.*

Fr. VINH'S THANKSGIVING MASS
Father Vinh's Thanksgiving Mass at our Church will be **THIS SUNDAY, 8 February 2026 at 11am Mass**. This will be followed by a gathering in the Annexe. Please join us and bring a plate to share

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
Valerie Ferreira
(Safeguarding & Visitation)

St Paul Apostle North
Primary School
Ph. 9700 6068
Principal
Cathy Mason

St Paul Apostle South
Primary School
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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's
Regional College
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Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach
If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and they will save you. If you trust in God, you too shall live and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.
The Lord has placed before you the fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, good and evil and whichever one chooses, that shall be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Psalm

Blessed are those whose way is blameless
who walk in the law of the Lord
Blessed are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently
O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word.
Open my eyes, so that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
And observe it with my heart

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters, among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of letter, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For 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; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'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. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'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, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Reflection

Do I recognize my social responsibility to reach out to the poor, neglected, and alienated, especially when I have the means to assist them?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of our students and teachers. We also welcome our new students and teachers, as they started their journey in our parish school. We hope that everyone is well rested and re-charged for the new term.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year, **ASH WEDNESDAY is on 18 FEBRUARY 2026**. There will be Mass in the **MORNING at 9am** and **EVENING at 7pm**. If you have palm leaves from last year, you may bring them to the church by Sunday 15 February, so that we can prepare them to make this year ashes.

Lenten Station of the Cross will begin on **FRIDAY 20 February** at 7pm in the Church

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

As our children are back to school, we would like to remind them of our Sacramental program. This program is designed for all children who have been baptised in Catholic Church.

Reconciliation:

(child must be at least in grade 4)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 11 February 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 17 February at 7pm

(Follow by 3 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night : Tuesday 10 March at 7pm

Service : Tuesday 17 March at 7pm

(depending on the number, maybe 2 sessions)

First Communion

(child must be at least in grade 4 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation)

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family Night: Tuesday 5 May at 7pm

(Follow by 5 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last family night: Tuesday 16 June at 7pm

First Communion Masses: Saturday 20 June (maybe 2 Masses)

Confirmation

(child must be at least in grade 6 and has received Sacrament of reconciliation and First Communion)

Please note that the registration for this sacrament is required to be in **EARLY IN THE YEAR**

Registration form must be in by Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

First Family night: Tuesday 15 September at 7pm
(Follow by 4 classes at parish Schools or ASRE)

Last Family Night: Tuesday 17 November at 7pm

Session with Bishop: To be advised

Confirmation Masses: Saturday 21 November at 12pm
(maybe also at 2pm)

**** Donation for is \$25 per child, per sacrament ****

MINISTERS

The livelihood of the Church, including that of our parish, greatly depends on volunteers. Many of you may wish to be more involved in our Church. At this stage, we need help on Sunday's, 11am and 6pm Mass. If you are interested in becoming a communion minister at one of these Masses, please approach Didi after Mass or contact the parish office. We will provide more details regarding the role. You will only be rostered on once a month.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's liturgy has now resumed.

This ministry provides a liturgy for children age up to 12 years old. This will allow our children to hear the readings and reflection in their own special language. We hold this ministry on almost every Sunday during school term at 11am Mass. Leaders and helpers are volunteers from our parish who are complied to safeguarding rule.

For those children who are 4 years and under and wishes to join in, we ask one of the parent to stay with them all the time (older siblings are not allowed to care for their younger siblings)

At this stage we are looking for more volunteers to join in to lead or help to keep this ministry going. If you are interested, please come to the parish office and will guide you to get you complied to the safeguarding rule.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Our parish playgroup runs every **THURSDAY** during school term from 10am to 11.30am in the **TIM O'TOOLE ANNEXE** (our church annexe hall) Anyone is welcome to join in. If you wish to volunteer, please let the current leaders or the parish office know

Readings:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 58: 7-10

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

John Kelly, Doug McGuinness, Marian Meade-Salzer, Pedro Llerena, Anne McCallister, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyrone Walles, Cecile Potier, Fr. Michael Willemsen, Sebastian Nowakowski, Maria Terezia Szabo, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Mareka (Mareta) Dunlop, Jacinta Martyn, Kamal Markos, Fr. Paul Mercieca CP, Salvino Mifsud, Adrian Dal Lago, Cheryl Anthony, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Stephanie Kinson, Mario Clemente, Ted Clarke **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira David Goh Rinku Arora	Dominique Maclou Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe David Goh Daphne Goh	Naomi Falo Dominique Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Brendan Keating Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Daphne Goh	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia De Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Marg Keating Peng Chee Jenny Catania

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Rinku Arora	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Anne Astin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

