



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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First Sunday of Advent Year A, 2025

St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

Advent and Christmas Timetable

Friday, 5 December—Senior's Brunch, start with Mass at 10am

Sunday, 14 December—Carols from 7pm (after 6pm Mass)

Monday, 16 December—Advent Reconciliation at 7pm

Christmas Eve Masses:

Children's Mass at 6pm—with Nativity play

(all children are invited to come dress up in Christmas Characters)

Family Mass at 8.30pm

Midnight Mass (carols starts at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses

9am and 11am Mass (no evening Mass)

New Year's Day Mass is at 9am

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

*Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is*

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live/S1eqLANr9AU?
feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/S1eqLANr9AU?feature=share)

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**
Ph. 9700 3663
Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

**St John's
Regional College**
Ph. 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for NEXT WEEK
Second Sunday of ADVENT Year A, 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he delivers the needy one who calls,
the poor and the one who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name." The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, John said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

How can I live more faithfully and wisely by being watchful for Christ's return through acts of love, justice, and mercy towards others today, especially those who are disregarded?

Ask yourself what one small action you can take this week to reflect Christ's love more fully in your daily life

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

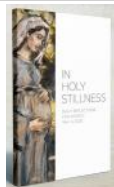
St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at

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



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET

Advent is only two weeks away. Our Piety Stall has some Advent Reflection booklets available if you are looking for something to assist with reflection during this Advent. Cost is \$7 per copy.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

This group has recently started and we invite parents, carers, and preschool-aged children to our new Play Group — a warm and welcoming space to connect, play, and support one another.

The group runs on Thursdays at ANNEXE of St Paul Apostle Church from 10:00am to 11:30am

If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space. Please note: All child safeguarding requirements must be met for anyone wishing to volunteer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy team is having their Christmas gathering this **SUNDAY the 30th of NOVEMBER after 11am Mass**, at Martin Place (the yard behind the Parish Office). All children (accompanied by their parents) are invited to join. Please bring a plate to share. There will be some activities organised by the Children's liturgy team.

SENIORS BRUNCH

This event will be on **FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER**. It begins with Mass in the Church at 10am (no 9am Mass on this day) follow by brunch in the annexe. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. Please remember to put your name down if you wish to join in. Any finger food donation is most welcome.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER LIST

As is our tradition at the beginning of Advent, we will be giving hampers to all who are in need. The lists of recipients are now out. Please follow the instruction if you wish to make a hamper for one of the family in the list. When you are unsure, please don't hesitate to approach one of the parish staff. Please deliver the hamper no later than **SUNDAY 14 Dec before 6pm Mass**.

We also ask for some volunteers to help in delivering the hampers to the recipients. This will be on **MONDAY, 15 Dec** from 10.30am.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year Parish Carols will be led by Fr Chris & his band as well as our Choir groups, they will be held on **SUNDAY, the 14th of DECEMBER** from 7pm-9pm. We will be cooking sausage sizzle for all and some ice-cream for the young at heart.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

This year our Advent Reconciliation will be on **TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER** at 7pm in the Church. This will be communal reconciliation and will also be private reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

For all regular ministers, please note that we have sent the rosters for all Christmas Masses. Please reply to the email or WhatsApp regarding which Mass you will be attending. Once the rosters are finalized, we will notify you accordingly.

NATIVITY PLAY

As we have entered Advent season, we are getting busy preparing for decorating, cleaning AND practices.... Which means we are on the lookout for Kings, Mary, Josef, Innkeeper, shepherds, angels and narrators.

If your children or grandchildren (age between 5 years to 12 years old) are interested in taking part in this nativity play at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact the parish office on 9700 3781.

We are aiming to hold our first practice on December 9th at 4pm in the church.

Please also note, even if your children are not part of the play, they are invited to come to the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve dressed up as their favourite Christmas Character

DEACON VINH

Deacon Vinh will be ordained on Saturday, 13 December at 11am in Adelaide. This will be held at Vietnamese Catholic Community, 29 South Terrace, Pooraka, SA 5095

Readings:

First Sunday of ADVENT Year A

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14a
Matthew 24:37-44

Second Sunday of ADVENT Year A

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Anne McCallister, Mareta Dunlop, Bongsing Noto, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Wallis, Stephanie Kinson, 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

Desiree Madeira, Ron Barber, Annabelle Ghatt, Paul Sanders, Jim Souter, John Santospirito, Elizabeth Parer, Shaun Gallagher, Merlinda B Szuba, Melville Stone, Geraldine Rafferty, Tauasu Vaeafe, Lorenzo Perri, Gilda Perri, Winni Lobo, Mary Kuruvilla, Christophe Spencer, Teodoro Espiritu, Virginia Estrellado, Elia Marcel, Arlette Cabon *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace



ST PAUL APOSTLE SOUTH

ST PAUL APOSTLE MARKET DAY

14TH DECEMBER
9:00 - 2:00 PM



Stalls \$50



Payment to be done before the
5th of December directly to the
school office or call Menaka
on 0411 814 546



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

