



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 14-15 February, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

18 February, 2026

**Masses are
9AM and 7PM**

Station of the Cross

On Fridays during LENT

Starting Friday, 20 February, 2026

7pm in the Church

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

Ph. 9700 3663

Principal

Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's

Regional College

Ph. 9791 3366

Principal

Mr Tim Hogan

Readings for **NEXT WEEK** First Sunday of LENT Year A, 2026

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from a tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves

The word of the Lord

Psalms

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people, because all have sinned.

If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all people, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all people. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous

The word of the Lord The word of the Lord

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Man does not live by bread alone
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his Angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly Angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel, the Good News of the Lord

Reflection

How do the temptations Jesus faced in the desert relate to my own personal struggles with power, comfort, or control?

What "desert" (difficult area of life) am I currently experiencing, and how can I invite Jesus into it?

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





LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

If you are looking for a reflection booklet during this Lenten season, they are available at our piety stall. Price is \$6 each copy.

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 ****

SAFER INTERNET DAY IS BACK

Start the year strong with a focus on online safety. Whether you're teaching a class, leading a team or chatting with friends and family, this is the day to get people talking about how we can make online spaces safer and more positive for everyone. Sign up to receive everything you need to plan activities at work or in schools to promote online safety – not just on the day but all year round. Please visit this site <https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/safer-internet-day>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

Is a financial Institution which assists to fund projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes (one of them being our parish), hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund saving account. Please visit the CDF website at www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au to learn more. CDF will visit our parish on SUNDAY, 15th March, 2026 after all Masses, during our regular cuppa time

Readings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37

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First Sunday of LENT Year A

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

John Kelly, Doug McGuinness, Anne McCallister, Giuseppina Materia, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Tyronne Wallis, 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

Monica Mary Sleeman, Robert Stellato, Mareka (Mareta) Dunlop, Jacinta Martyn, Kamal Markos, Fr. Paul Mercieca CP, Salvino Mifsud, Adrian Dal Lago, Cheryl Anthony, Giovanna Satragno, Hernan Ugarte, Horst Von B, Ted Clark **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 Antionette 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 Antionette 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

