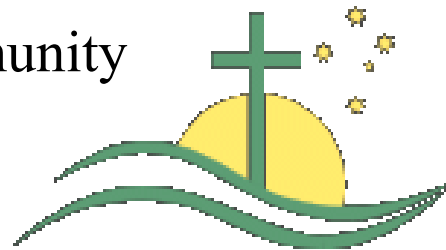




St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C, 8/9 October, 2022



HISTORY

The Convent is named after the Holy Martyr Elisabeth Romanov, and it draws its inspiration from the good works of Saint Martha and Maria Convent, which she established during her life. They are a convent that is open to the world and pursues an active social ministry in hospitals and long-term care institutions, in education, among bed-ridden patients, the disadvantaged and the poor.

THE SISTERHOOD

The history of the Convent does not start from the walls and the buildings. It begins with their ministry among the hospital patients. In the words of their spiritual father Andrey Lemeshonok, they were called to bring comfort to sorrowful hearts and hear their pleas for help.

In 1996, Father Andrey Lemeshonok was serving at the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul. He offered a group of women parishioners to join him on his visits to the National Mental Hospital to tell its patients about God, the Holy Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist.

Many of their first sisters were hospital employees. Sister Kseniya Verbitskaya is a former doctor of the City Hospital No. 2, which they also visited. When they met as a group in April 1996, they decided to establish a sisterhood in honour of the Holy Royal Martyr Elisabeth Romanov. And in December 1996, the Metropolitan Philaret of Minsk and Slutsk ordained their first twenty sisters.

They held our first Moleben at the mental health clinic in April 1996, and less than five months later, they established a small chapel at the clinic in a room designated for hypnotherapy sessions. There, they celebrated their first weekly liturgy at the hospital.

On 6 February 1996, Metropolitan Philaret consecrated the chapel church of Saint Xenia of Saint Petersburg at the long-term care institution for disabled adults and the elderly..

WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The lay sisters and volunteers from the Convent of Saint Elisabeth care for the residents of several institutions - including a residential care facility for children with developmental problems, and the care homes for people with mental disabilities and the elderly.

They arrange participation in worship services and the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist for the patients. they also help organise various leisure activities and events. Over 500 residents benefit from their activities, including around 200 disabled children.

Children with disabilities may attend classes in drawing and clay modelling, and participate in outdoor games and scenic day trips. As members of our animated cartoon studio, they learn to make craft items and cartoons. They also given time to visit farmstead as one of their activities. Some children from the residential home also attend the Convent's theatrical studio and participate in the studio's theatrical performances as actors.

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Weekday Masses

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/GFsqISpUEEQ>

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP

St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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Principal
Mr Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional College

Ph. 9791 3366
Principal
Mr Tim Hogan

To meet the spiritual needs of the patients, they have worked with the institutions to set up chapels and areas of worship. A Divine Liturgy is celebrated regularly, and all the patients can take part in the Sacraments. The sisterhood is also involved in ministries in farmsteads, caregiving, education and hospital patients.



As a means of supporting their work, the convent also produce some handcrafted goods, both of a religious and non-religious nature. They have visited us previously, during the period prior to COVID19 and sold these goods. This year, they do not have enough sisters to come in person, however, we are helping them to sell their items. Please help to support the valuable work of the sisterhood by taking home with you some of their wonderful handcrafted items which will be available to purchase after each of this weekend's masses. There will also be a donation box, if you wish to donate

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

All candidates for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation program have begun their journey at the first family night last Tuesday. This session will be followed by learning and sharing with their peers at either the parish schools or at the ASRE (After School Religious Education classes - see note below) The next sessions in the Church are as follows:

- Tuesday 15th November at 7pm (candidates and parents)
- Thursday 17th November from 2.15pm to 3pm (only for candidates)

Attendance is compulsory for the two sessions.

ASRE is designed for all children attending a NON CATHOLIC SCHOOL. It runs in the Church on TUESDAYS of 11th, 18th and 25th of OCTOBER 2022. Commencing at 4pm until 5pm. Parents are asked to sign the child in as they arrive for class (and sign out when they leave)

ENDEAVOUR HILLS ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Two weeks ago, from the special collection conducted during all Masses, Endeavour Hills St Vincent de Paul raised \$1646.05 for their winter appeal. Thank you for your generous support to this important cause

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

St Paul Apostle SOUTH School is planning to start a

'chess club' at the school for their students. If you are able to play chess and wish to help the school (on a volunteer basis) please contact Paul Gleeson, principal of the South School, on 9700 3663. Please note that you MUST have a current and valid Working With Children Card.

PARISH BINGO NIGHT

Please note that **FRIDAY, 21 OCTOBER** is our next bingo night. It starts at 7pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or with a group. All proceeds will go to the running of the soup van. For more information please contacts are Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441

Please note that this event is not for anyone under 18 Years old.



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH (90 Buckley St, Noble Park) is having a **CAR BOOT SALE** on **SATURDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2022** from 10am to 4pm. Cost is \$30 each spot for early bird booking. For all enquires please contact by email: st.anthony.np.events@gmail.com or call on 9546 8276.

to book stall please click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/sanp-cd22-stalls>

to be volunteer pls click here:

<https://bit.ly/sanp-cd22-volunteer>

Readings:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kg 5: 14-17;
2 Tim 2: 8-13;
Lk 17: 11-19

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17: 8-13;
2 Tim 3: 14- 4: 2;
Lk 18: 1-8
www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Rosaria Nania, Betty Scanlan, Vernon Law, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Sandra D'Costa, Monica Evans, Rosetta Alberti, Adelina Frante, Horace Stolke, Christakis Isodiou, Mary Hili, Nestor Santos, Collette, Marcia Fernandes, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Pankaja, Fr. Jim Elmore CP, Brett Joseph Daly, Helene De Silva, Lowstein Cano, Vernon Clifford Kern, Victor Jayamaha, Queen Elizabeth II, James (Jim) Helm, Francika Zerebni, Andre Machado, Jim Boy Tortosa, George Overlunde, Kumar, Michael Watts, Dorothy Chang, Antonio Baptista, Isabel Baptista, Sidney Platcher **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



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

