



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Congratulations to the winners of the Father's day raffle 1st Prize - Karcher 1750 psi (Black F 95), 2nd Prize - Ryobi Drill set donated by Bunnings(Green B86), 3rd Prize - HP printer donated by Officeworks(Purple D16), 4th prize - Dad's hamper(Green B97). We stand united for our parish, St Paul.

Feast day committee meeting on the 10th of Sept at 6pm in the meeting room

**Fundraising—Our next projects will be the Adoration chapel and then moving the sacristy — please give generously.**

Pre marriage course will be held every Monday from 7.30pm to 9pm in the portable. Course will run for one month and cost is \$200. Please see Fr Joseph or Audrey in the office to book.

**Save the Date - Holding the Light Service, 28 November 2024**

Holding the Light is an ecumenical service of lament - to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic and family violence, and to stand in solidarity with victim survivors. This service is open to anyone who might wish to join together, take part in a ritual and engage in a period of quiet prayer or reflection on the tragic results of violence, and in hope for a better future for our communities. **Date:** Thursday 28 November 2024 **Time:** 5.00pm **Location:** Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Details of available career positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

8-Sept	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 6.00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	June Walsh	Enrico Nicholas	Marlene Alvarez	
<b>R</b>	Faustina Taikakara	Josie Elano	Julie Ann Makiling	
<b>R</b>	Joyce Portelli	Dado Presno	Mary Rose Smith	
<b>Choir</b>	Harmonico	Preca	Divine Mercy	St Theresa
<b>Ministers of Holy</b>	Alex Cefai	John Debrincat	Julius Wrzesinski	
<b>Communion</b>	Pauline Sacco	Doris Caruana	Stella Audino	
	Carmen Portelli	Lessina Nateoalofa	Damiana Visco	
	Carmen Spiteri	Gem Ramos	Halena Pichner	

15-Sept	Sat 6.00pm	Sun 8.00am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 6.00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	June Walsh	Leonard Cassar	Ranniette Napoles	
<b>R</b>	Faustina Taikakara	Carmen Debrincat	Ryan Napoles	
<b>R</b>	Joyce Portelli	Jane Zahra	Nannette Napoles	
<b>Choir</b>	St Francis	Preca	Couples for Christ	Singles for Christ
<b>Ministers of Holy</b>	Carmen Portelli	Paul Micallef	Halena Pichner	
<b>Communion</b>	Pauline Sacco	Rita Galea	Damiana Visco	
	Carmen Spiteri	John Debrincat	Silvia Portelli	
	Alex Cefai	Tina Staropoli	Julius Wrzesinski	

## Church Diary (Week beginning 8th Sept 2024)

### Saturday 7th/8th Sept

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass+ Maria Santana & Jose Paulo Mascarenhas

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + Pauline Zahra, + John M Vella, + Tony Calleja, Irene & Rita Vella, + Josephine & Emmanuel Galea, Emanuel Galea (Jnr) & Charlie Sammut

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri, +Emmanuel Fenech, Julius & Genni Wrzesinski (50th Wedding Anni)

11.30am Vietnamese Mass 1.00pm Spanish Mass 6.00pm Youth Mass

### Monday 9th Sept

St Peter Claver

8.00am English Mass +

11.00am Lady of Knots

7.00pm TNTN Choir Practice

7.30pm Pre Marriage Course

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 11th Sept

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.30pm Funeral for Frank Borg

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

### Thursday 12th Sept

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

10.00am to 10pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

11.00 am Woorack

6.30pm English Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

### Friday 13th Sept

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Saturday 14th/15th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

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9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri

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**WE PRAY FOR: For Healing:** Rose Hurt, Charlie Zarb, **Recently Deceased:** Frank Borg, Charles DeBono, Maria Guerra, Francis (Cikka) Altair, Rita Vella, Trudy Barnes, Carmen Sposato, Nina DeBono, Felicia Cefala, **Anniversaries:** Domenico Tedesco, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cas-sar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

## GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

## FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /  
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is  
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,  
who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /  
who raises up those who are bowed down, /  
the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who  
protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, /  
but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord  
will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age  
to age. **R.**



## SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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