



ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Morning Tea—Tuesday 27th August, 10am to 12pm. Topic—Understanding Dementia and Hearing Australia are offering a free hearing test to those in attendance after the dementia talk. All welcome.

Father's day raffle Sunday 1st of September 2024 1st Prize - Karcher 1750 psi, 2nd Prize - Ryobi Drill set donated by Bunnings, 3rd Prize - HP printer donated by Officeworks, 4th prize - Dad's hamper. Tickets \$1 each drawn after the 9.30am mass. We stand united for our parish, St Paul.

Full Moon Festival - September 7th 4pm to 9 pm around the church and carpark. Prizes, games, lantern making magic tricks just to name a few.

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

Father's Day/Feast Day St Emmanuel Trieu— Fundraiser. Saturday 31st Aug 2024 at L'Amour Reception 85 Henry St, St Albans. Adults \$75 Children \$30 Beginning 6pm to 11pm , tickets available from the Vietnamese community.

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

Our next projects for fundraising will be the Adoration chapel, the moving of the sacristy and the confessionals — please give generously.

25-Aug	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Lectors	June Walsh	Rose Thomas	Marlene Alvarez	
R	Gerard Ahtuam	Hahn Tran	Ritika Vas	
R	Martina Ahtuam	Lina Mizzi	Mary Rose Smith	
Choir	E-Choir	Preca	Divine Mercy	Spanish Choir
Ministers of	Carmen Portelli	Gem Ramos	Stella Audino	
Holy	Pauline Sacco	Rita Galea	Damiana Visco	
Communion	Carmen Spiteri	John Debrincat	Silvia Portelli	
	Alex Cefai	Tina Staropoli	Julius Wrzesinski	
1-Sep	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Lectors	June Walsh	Enrico Nicholas	Jadzia Niemiec	
R	Faustina Taikakara	Angelo Abela	Marlene Alvarez	
R	Carmen Portelli	Adriana Vassallo	Ritika Vas	
Choir	St Francis	Preca	Holy Redeemer	St Theresa
Ministers of	Alex Cefai	Paul Micallef	Halena Pichner	
Holy	Pauline Sacco	Gem Ramos	Julius Wrzesinski	
Communion	Carmen Spiteri	John Debrincat	Silvia Portelli	
		Denza Vassallo	Damiana Visco	

Church Diary (Week beginning 25th Aug 2024)

Saturday 24th/25th Aug St Bartholomew

Saturday Masses 8.00am English Mass

9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass + Tarcisio Cutajar

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, + Emily D'Agostino (Deceased USA)

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

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

Monday 26th Aug

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

10.30am Funeral for Carmen Sposato

5.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

7.00pm Mass

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.30pm Funeral for Frances (Cikka) Altair

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

10.00am to 10pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

6.30pm English Mass

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.30am Funeral for Maria Guerra

3.00pm Divine Mercy

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Saturday 31st/1st Sept

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9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

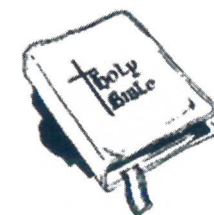
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WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Rose Hurt, Mike Doyle, Gary, Anne Martin, Charlie Zarb, **Recently Deceased:** Maria Guerra, Francis (Cikka) Altair, Rita Vella, Trudy

Barnes, Carmen Sposato, Nina DeBono, Felicia Cefala, **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 Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

25 AUGUST 2024

'LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?'

We come to the end of the five weeks with the Gospel of John', chapter 6. As it concludes we could imagine ourselves standing with the disciples complaining that the teaching was too difficult. The Judeans had twice confronted Jesus on this teaching. Now we hear, 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' If it is hard to understand these words, then for some it would be hard to believe, and that is acknowledged by Jesus.

We are affirmed in that, as the narrator advises, Jesus knew from the beginning that some would not believe, and who would betray him. This is a crisis moment. We can remember that in the first part of this chapter, aligned to Passover and with the miracle of the loaves, the crowd was looking for signs. At this point, we can see that the reinterpretation of the Mosaic law caused upset and division. With many disciples leaving, Jesus challenges the Twelve: 'do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter speaks up as leader and representative of the Twelve. Those, called by Jesus, recognise that his words are 'spirit and life.'

What about us? Do we find believing too hard? Or do we line up with Simon Peter affirming our faith and saying 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' We are in this for the long haul.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God. Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

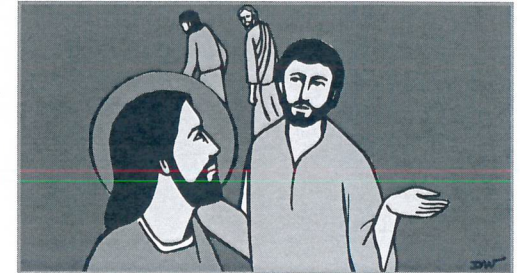
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. R.
3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R.
4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. R.



5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

SECOND READING

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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