



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

## One Family

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### Can Humanity ever be united in doing good?

The latest letter of Pope Francis, the Encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, Brothers and Sisters All, should touch every heart, stimulate all minds, awaken consciences, warm our emotions and motivate us all to do good and make this a happier, more just and better world.

Can we humans ever unite as one humanity to change the world and reach out to our downtrodden and poor? Can we work together to lift the wounded, the excluded, the marginalized and the rejected in our neighbourhood, community, town or city? That is the challenge posed by the letter of Pope Francis.

The letter is one of enlightenment, encouragement, hope and love. It is a mighty challenge for us to be true believers and followers of Jesus of Nazareth. It brings us back to the human and Christian values that establish the dignity of humankind. It is a call to embrace and live out daily the values and principles that Jesus taught and lived and died for. It is the heart of Christian faith, a personal relationship with Jesus of Nazareth and a shared fraternity with each other as brothers and sisters in our one human family.

As members of this universal family, we will embrace unselfish concern, love and service for one another. Jesus gave himself no titles, but others did. They called him Rabbi, Teacher, Master and Son of God. What Jesus called himself was "a member of humanity", a 'son of humankind', as every one of us are members of the human family.

In this, Jesus was revolutionary and Pope Francis is repeating what Jesus taught: that must love all others irrespective of whether they are members of our special group or not. All persons are to be our neighbours. He calls us to put aside group loyalty, to leave elite fraternities, to cast away membership in sects, clubs and dynasties, upper and lower classes, tribal bonds, nationality, social status and prestige. We are to abandon all the bias and prejudices that go with such select, closed groups that exclude and fear outsiders. We must leave our group and

join all others in a single family based on equality, justice, truth and service for others. If personal family ties would cause us to reject, exclude or oppress others and separate us from the values of Jesus, we must cut such family ties. A shocking challenge for anyone who would be his true disciple even to the point where we must love even our enemy. "Do good to those who hate you" he said. It seems impossible, yet that is the idea that Jesus taught, that we are all one humanity in one world. He lived and died for all of us.

As members of God's single family, we share a common humanity, dignity, justice and respect. This is what Pope Francis is reminding us, that as human beings we must be caring and responsible for each other irrespective of skin colour, citizenship, religion, gender, status or situation in life. We must also be caring for the planet, the environment, all living creatures. The universality of the loving fraternity that Jesus taught demands we love one another and do to others as we would want them to do to us. This is the heart of the Christian message.

The world today with its many problems of injustice, racism, inequality, crime and corruption, is a world in the darkness of evil. Yet the hope and love that Jesus of Nazareth shared with us can save humanity from self-destruction, hatred, violence and nuclear war and even save us from extinction. It is by sharing life in a universal community and working together helping the poor and the oppressed that change will come. By standing and speaking out against violence, killings, child abuse and evil, we will make Jesus and his spirit present and change the world. We just need to persuade enough people to choose to do it.

In his Encyclical, Pope Francis takes the story that Jesus told to illustrate the welcome and acceptance and the help we should have for the outsider, for the stranger, the migrant, the excluded. These are the people who are treated with rejection, apathy and indifference by the elite institutionalized clergy and uncaring politicians.

As Pope Francis interprets it in today's world, suffering humanity has been beaten and robbed by the uncaring powerful robbers and left to die on the

#### Weekday Masses

**Monday**  
9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
9am Mass

#### Weekend Masses (booking is necessary)

**Saturday**  
6pm Mass

**Sunday**  
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass  
(11am Mass will also be live streamed)

Please click on this link to follow this Sunday Mass

<https://youtu.be/XnPqdfGU1ZA>

#### Parish Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10am - 10.30am

#### Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)  
Deacon Luke Bulley CP

#### Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)  
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

#### Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP  
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

#### St Paul Apostle North Primary School

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#### St Paul Apostle South Primary School

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Principal  
Mr Paul Gleeson

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# Parish Calendar, News & Events

roadside. The victim was a stranger, an unknown. A member of the clergy and then a member of the ruling elite walk by on the other side of the road. They ignore the wounded, dying person. A man comes along, perhaps a trader with a donkey. He is different. He is like an untouchable, an unclean, rejected person, being from Samaria. He does not walk past. He is moved with compassion and concern. He hurries to help the victim, cleans and treats his wounds and takes the victim on his donkey to the nearest inn. There, a humble, kind innkeeper agrees to care for the victim. The trader pays him and promises to return and pay more as needed. "Who among the three was a true neighbour to the dying man and saved him?" Jesus asked. "The one who helped him." was the answer he received. "Go and do likewise," Jesus said (Luke 10:25-37). The message is clear. When asked to state the way to eternal life, the man in the Gospel answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, life and strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself." This story, as repeated by Pope Francis, teaches that we are challenged to share with and to help, without discrimination, everyone: strangers, migrants, refugees, the poor, the hungry, the wounded, people of any colour and all suffering humanity

(from *The Far East*, by Fr Shay Cullen SSC)

## 2 Messages from Fr Brendan:

### 1. DEACON LUKE

As many of you would know Deacon Luke is due for ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> in Brisbane. Following the ordination Luke will stay in Brisbane for a few days and have his celebratory Mass at the Passionist community in Oxley (Brisbane). Although Luke will be presiding at St Paul Apostle Masses on the weekend of July 10/11<sup>th</sup> the Parish community will officially celebrate his ordination on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11.00am Mass. The Mass will be followed by a gathering in the hall. There will be a collection taken up after the Masses on the weekends of June 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> so that a gift can be purchased for Luke on behalf of the parish community. We intend to purchase a number of chasubles that will be a little more comfortable for Luke to celebrate the Eucharist.

### 2. ATTENDING MASS AND THE PROCEDURE

The current requirement to "book" in for Mass attendance is

frustrating for us all and we all look forward to the time when this is no longer a necessity. In the interim please continue to book in and use the QR code if you are able. If you do reserve a place, please ensure you attend or at least contact us if plans change. It is very difficult to turn people away only to find they could have attended because others have not turned up. We are optimistic that our numbers for Mass will increase in the coming weeks but please remain patient with our monitors at the door as they are volunteers who have the best interests of the community at heart.

### CHANGE OF DATES ON THE CHILDREN FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

After the interruptions of the previous 2 weeks, we have now re-scheduled the dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as follows:

#### Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Thursday, 24th June** - Introduction night  
in the church at 7pm

Followed by 2 classes in the schools

(or ASRE for children attending non catholic school)

**Tuesday, 27th July** - Final class at church at 7pm

(Your attendance to both nights of 24 June and 27 July is compulsory)

Reconciliation Services are on **Thursday 29 July and Friday 30 July at 7pm in the church**

Please note that if your child does not attend Parish Schools, they must attend After School Religious Education (ASRE) classes (please see details below). Please contact Parish Office if you have any questions, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

### AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ASRE)

This is a class which is designed to assist children who attends non Catholic schools to understand better about Catholic Faith and helping them preparing themselves to receive their sacraments of Initiation. This year we will start with the children who are preparing themselves to receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dates are: **Tuesday 13 July & 20 July 2021** from 4pm for about one hour

### Readings:

#### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B:

Job 38: 1, 8-11;  
2 Cor 5: 14-17;  
Mk 4: 35-41

#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B:

Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24;  
2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15;  
Mk 5: 21-43

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### This weekend we pray for:

#### *Those whose sick*

Andrès, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Michael Nguk Yan, Patrick Savelio, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Jack Scanlan, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, those who are ill due to Coronavirus and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

#### *Those who have died*

Vera Albuquerque, Meredith Almeida, Newton Lowe, Valerie Trindade, Betty Evans, Paul Bonnicci, Joyce Madeira, Marjori & Archie Ferreira, Felisberto Araujo, Deon Lawrence, Stephen D'Souza, Theresa Walles, John Cassar, Dolores Cassar, Vincent Cassar, Carmen Cassar, Maria Cassar, Tony Cassar, Pauline Farrugia, Joseph Farrugia, Alpee Farrugia, Aniello Visciana, Lino Kind, Joseph Hickey, Catarina Tran, intention of the giver, **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

