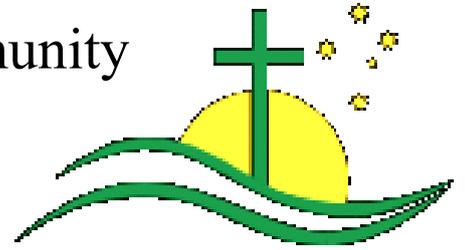




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21-22 August, 2021*

### The latest saint of modern India's poor

The death of Fr Stan Swamy, a prisoner of the state who died of COVID-19 in a hospital in Mumbai, India, on July 5, is being mourned across the country by politicians, religious leaders, social advocates and most especially the voiceless tribal peoples and those at the bottom of economic pile.

The Jesuit priest was described by the Indian Express as a tribal rights advocate who worked for over three decades promoting access to land for the poor, labour rights and the equitable use of natural resources. The main thrust of his lifetime's work was the establishment of a Tribes Advisory Council with members chosen solely from among the indigent people of the subcontinent.

There was outcry when he was arrested on October 8, 2020 on charges of conspiring with Maoists to murder political leaders. Fr Swamy consistently denied the charges believing that the real reason for his arrest was a petition he had filed with the High Court demanding a speedy and fair trial for all prisoners facing charges. He had also publicly attacked the government over policies he believed weighed heavily in favour of big corporations and the rich and powerful.

Fr Swamy said in a statement at the time of his arrest, "This, I believe, is the main reason why the state is keen to put me out of the way. The most feasible way is to implicate me in serious cases and stall the judicial process to give justice to the poor...."

Born in 1937 in Tamil Nadu, Fr. Swamy's life is being described as one of relentless advocacy for human rights and his fate as an institutionalised maiming of a voice raised on behalf of the poor. In his lifetime he studied in both the Philippines and Belgium, gaining a doctorate in social studies in order to equip himself for his lifelong vocation of opposing arbitrary acquisition of land by corporate and state interests. His big push was for the oppressed of the nation to have a constitutionally recognised voice to defend their rights in their own chosen way.

Indian media are accusing the state of conspiring to bring about Fr Swamy's death. Charles Cardinal Bo, the president of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences said in a statement, "His last month of custody on a hospital bed...is the most heart-wrenching tragedy of an innocent man persecuted for doing good."

From the earliest months of his detention his appeals for bail were rejected, although no charge against him was ever proven. Suffering from Parkinson's disease his health deteriorated quickly and for some months he was even denied a straw for drinking, although his shaking hands could no longer hold a cup without spilling the contents. Reluctantly, the government allowed his transfer to hospital shortly before he died.

Cardinal Bo described his legacy as being set free by his death, adding that it has inspired thousands in every part of India and the world. "His mission will never succumb to evil," the cardinal said.

Comparing Fr Swamy with Mahatma Gandhi, who was arrested under British sedition laws, Cardinal Bo described him as the latest saint of modern India's poor. "He has redefined his priesthood, extending his altar to the streets and hills of those obnoxious corners of injustice, breaking the bread of good news of human dignity and justice, especially among the indigenous people."

The cardinal described him as shining a damning light on injustice that is becoming a norm in the world. "Tribals and indigenous people are expendable to corporate interests and their political leaders," he said.

*(extracted from The Far East Magazine, August 2021)*

**No weekend or week-day Masses until further advice**

**Live streamed Mass is on Sunday 11am**

*Please click on this link to follow this Sunday Mass*

<https://youtu.be/9dYgRkHM7cE>

**No Reconciliation this weekend**

<b>Priests:</b> Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP) Fr Luke Bulley CP	<b>Passionist Community</b> Fr Brian Gleeson CP Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	<b>St Paul Apostle North Primary School</b> Ph. 9700 6068 Principal Mrs Mary Lucas	<b>St Paul Apostle South Primary School</b> Ph. 9700 3663 Principal Mr Paul Gleeson	<b>St John's Regional College</b> Ph. 9791 3366 Principal Mr Tim Hogan
<b>Parish Staff:</b> Gillian Velupillay (Bursar) Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## PLENARY COUNCIL ADVERTISEMENT

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM on Thursday 26 August 2021, 7:30pm-9:00pm (AEST)

“THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

FORUM 2”: Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites Australian Catholics to the second in a series of convocations via Zoom. This forum will bring together diverse but complementary perspectives on the current state and future prospects for our church in Australia.

The Convocation will be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann. With Guest speakers: Dr Jessie Rogers, Ms Debra Zanella, Mr Robert Fitzgerald, Prof Emer John Warhurst As we look forward to the first assembly of the Plenary Council, 3-10 October 2021, we focus more closely on the outcomes to be expected. Pope Francis has stressed the engagement of all Catholics, beginning with local communities, as integral to plenary councils and to the universal Synod on Synodality in 2023. The aim of this convocation is to emphasise the importance of a successful Plenary Council for all Catholics in Australia. We will be highlighting the matters that Catholics want addressed and resolved. The voices of the people, the sense of the faith of the faithful, must be heard in free and open discussion, particularly on matters such as the Church’s governance, and the inclusion and engagement of all Catholics.

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## FR LUKE BULLEY CP THANKSGIVING MASS

Regretfully, this event has been postponed due to the extension of the current lockdown. We hope to re-schedule as soon as restrictions are eased.



A prayer from Pope Francis for the earth:

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.*



### Readings:

#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Year B

Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18;

Eph 5: 21-32;

Jn 6: 60-69

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Year B

Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8;

James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27;

Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

### This weekend we pray for:

#### *Those whose sick*

Ging Calixto, Fred Hall, Kuncoro Setyo, Reginald, Annette Perera, Baby Sonnie, Hiran, Ronald Peters, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, 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*

Yusta Ntasa, Patrick Garard, Lawrence de Penha, Marjorie de Penha, Sam Fernando, Basil Fernando, Olgar Milford, Merwyn Joseph Baptista, Rachel Naomi Fernando, Colleen Nunes, Danuta Barczak-Deon Lawrence, Blossom Baptista, Gerardo Perena **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

