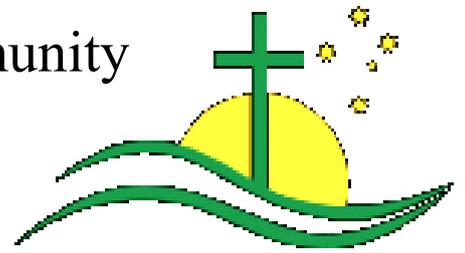




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30-31 October, 2021*

### Children's Week

Children's Week, running from Saturday 23 October to Sunday 31 October 2021, is a national celebration recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children, and offering an opportunity to consider the social conditions that affect the lives and future of our children. The theme this year is 'Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others', drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children and young people are at the heart of our parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, and Children's Week is an opportunity to reflect on how this is expressed in our communities—how we support our children and young people, ensuring that they feel safe and able to grow in their faith.

To celebrate Children's Week, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is highlighting the issue of online safety with parents, carers, parish leaders, staff and volunteers, and with the children in our parishes. Our hope is that we might support efforts to keep children safe as, increasingly, they use digital technology to connect to activities in their parish, and with their peers and family.

Information technology is now used in virtually every home in Australia. In 2016–17, 97 per cent of households with children younger than 15 years had access to the internet, and the average number of devices per household with children under 15 years was 7.8. Ninety-eight per cent of young people aged 15–17 years were online—the highest proportion of internet users in any age group, along with people aged 25–34. This group also spent more time online than any other group, spending an average of 18 hours per week online in 2014–15 (Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS], Household use of information technology, 2016–17, 2018; ABS, Household use of information technology, 2014–15, 2016).

The recent COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have strengthened and consolidated these trends, with lockdowns meaning that children are spending more time at home and also online. As parents face the challenges of juggling their children's remote learning with their own work—and as we recognise the importance of giving children in lockdown recreational time online—this year's theme of 'safety' prompts us to consider how we might best keep our children safe in the digital environment. The role of technology in staying connected has never been more important now that many of us are physically isolated from family members, friends, colleagues and support networks. As children stay connected by using computers and phones to access social media, play games with friends, watch videos, download popular apps, and create and share content, they may be unaware of the safety risks. While the internet is a great way for children to socialise, learn, work, play and be entertained, the adults in their lives have an important role to play in supporting and guiding children to avoid risks and have a safer online experience.

#### Weekday Masses (booking is necessary)

**Monday**  
(only for fully vaccinated)  
9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
(only for fully vaccinated)  
9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
(for NOT fully vaccinated)  
7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
(only for fully vaccinated)  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
(only for fully vaccinated)  
9am Mass

#### Weekend Mass

**Saturday 6pm**  
(fully vaccinated)

**Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm**  
(fully vaccinated)

**Sunday 4.30pm**  
(Unknown Vaccination Status)

Please note Sunday 11am is also  
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow

<https://youtu.be/HRiNXNhmwVY>

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday at 10-10.30am**

<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)				

Threats to children's online safety may include:

- cyber-bullying
- non-consensual sharing of images
- exposure to explicit imagery
- grooming by an online predator
- chatting with strangers
- aggressive online marketing
- fraud
- identity theft.

Parents and carers, and those who work with children in our parishes, can help children and young people to:

- take control of their safety
- be confident that they know what to look out for
- know what to do if they do not feel safe
- know what to do when unwanted contact occurs, or when online communication is unpleasant or upsetting
- gain the skills and knowledge to identify and avoid risks.

Online safety awareness can assist in nurturing children and young people to be responsible digital citizens and to engage in online activities safely. Further reading on this please [click here](#)

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### **RE-OPENING THE CHURCH**

As of this weekend our church will open to more people, based on the regulations advised by the State government and the Melbourne Archdiocese. We are permitted to have 100 people (ALL FULLY VACCINATED) or 30 people (all with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS) Based on this, Mass will be as follows:

**WEEKEND** Masses are now open to the public with arrangement as follows:

1/ Those who are FULLY VACCINATED can attend Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am and 6pm Mass

2/ Those with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS can only attend SUNDAY 4.30PM MASS  
*(we have added this Mass time)*

MONDAY 1st November (All Saints Day) and TUESDAY 2nd November (All Souls Day) are also open to the public, but only for those who are FULLY VACCINATED

**\*\* Please note that a BOOKING IS STRICTLY REQUIRED, if you wish to attend WEEKEND MASS or ALL SAINTS DAY or ALL SOULS DAY**

WEEKDAY Masses from WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER are now open to the public, no booking is required under the following arrangement:

1/ Those who are FULLY VACCINATED can attend morning Masses (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

2/ Those with UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS can only attend WEDNESDAY 7PM MASS

If you wish to attend WEEKEND MASS or ALL SAINT or ALL SOULS DAY please speak to one of us in the parish office. Phone 9700 3781 or email to [office@stpaulapostle.com.au](mailto:office@stpaulapostle.com.au). If you made a booking, you must ensure you receive a confirmation from us

#### **Readings:**

#### **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

Deut 6: 2-6;  
Heb 7: 23-28;  
Mk 12: 28-34

#### **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

1 King 17: 10-16;  
Heb 9: 24-28;  
Mk 12: 38-44

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#### **This weekend we pray for:**

##### *Those whose sick*

Collette, Jerome, Evangeline, Prashani, Nishantha, Naveesh, Aveesh, Angelo Fernandes, Marcia Fernandes, Kuncoro Setyo, Reginald, Annette Perera, Baby Sonnie, Hiran, Ronald Peters, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, Andr s, 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, and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

##### *Those who have died*

Sylvie Balmano, Gregory St. John, Fr. Gerard Glynn CP, Fr Felix Kialoi CP, Churchill Diaz, Duque Onday Cortez, Michael Watts, Ang Swee Lan, Ging Calixto, Kerri-Ann Rosette, Lynette Strahan, Yusta Ntasa, Patricia Paul, Glen Francis, Deon Lawrence, Percy Jackson **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

