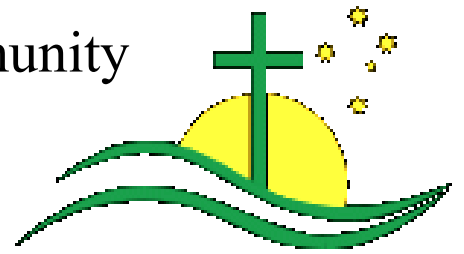




# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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### *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 9 10 January, 2021*

Dear Parishioners,

The recent Covid-19 incident at the Doveton Parish is a timely reminder for us to all remain vigilant. In comparison to many countries we here in Australia have find ourselves in a favorable position. The situation does however remain precarious , and it is important for us to continue to comply with safety protocol. Please remember that there are many people in our community who are in the 'vulnerable' bracket and we need to ensure their safety

Regards,  
 Parish Team

#### **REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and princes are home  
 When the shepherds are back  
 with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To find the lost  
 To heal the broken  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations  
 To bring peace among others,  
 To make music in the heart."

*(Howard Thurman, African—American mystic)*

*Jesus, light of the world,  
 come into the dark places of this earth.*

*You bring a light from God  
 that only you can shed.  
 Light eternal,  
 your light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness does not overcome it.*

*We bring to you  
 the darkness of our world  
 in war, starvation, cruelty,  
 and exploitation.*

*We bring to you  
 the darkness of our earth,  
 damaged and defaced by pollution.*

*We bring to you  
 the darkness of our nation,  
 beset with conflict of race and class,  
 religion and politics.*

*We bring to you  
 the darkness of our relationships,  
 people not looking, not speaking,  
 not listening, not forgiving.*

*We bring to you  
 the darkness of our own souls,  
 hidden closets we have not visited  
 or cleaned out for years.*

*Jesus, light of the world,  
 be a morning star above for us,  
 a radiance within, the shining all around  
 that lets us live in love.*

*Only then shall we  
 be reflectors of your brightness  
 and give glory to God in heaven.  
 Amen*

*[Reformed Worship 42:30]—Worship Sourcebook Edition Two*

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday**  
 9am Mass

**Tuesday**  
 9am Mass

**Wednesday**  
 7pm Mass

**Thursday**  
 9am Mass

**Friday**  
 9am Mass

#### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday**  
 6pm Mass

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

#### **Parish Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 10am - 10.30am

*Please contact Parish Office on  
 97003781 if you wish to book any of  
 the weekend Masses*

*please go into our website:  
 stpaulapostle.com.au*

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# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## **CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. KEVIN HENNESSY**

Saturday, 9 January 2021, Fr Kevin Hennessey celebrates his 50th anniversary of profession as a Passionist. The years have taken him to many places and involved a wide variety of ministries during the 45 years he has been ordained. He has lived in Papua New Guinea, Geelong, Melbourne and Adelaide and from there has conducted a wide variety of retreat ministry for youth, adults and religious in Asia, Melanesia, New Zealand, and throughout Australia. He has conducted parish missions and been involved in the PFGM, especially in New Zealand. He has served as Vocation Director, Formator of students, Principal Officer of the Passionist Language School (ELSPM), Visa Coordinator, Community Leader, Provincial Consultor and much more.



Kevin has always been a strong contributor to community life, caring for others, ensuring visitors and welcomed in practical ways and keeping in touch – by phone! He has lived his professed commitment with great faithfulness and generosity.”

## **REMINDER**

To protect all of us from the Coronavirus, please if you feel unwell and/or have been in touch with a known outbreak, please get tested and self isolate until you get a ‘NEGATIVE’ result. Please ensure you register your attendance by scanning the QR code or recording your name and phone number in the church entrances.

We are trying to use the QR code system as much as we can, but for those who are unable to do this we ask you to write your name and contact number in a piece of paper which we collect it as you enter the church (or leave it in the red box at the entrances). You can attend any weekend or weekday Masses without making any booking as we can accommodate 200 people at each Mass (with social distancing rule) We also ask for your assistance by not moving any chairs as they have been set up based on the government regulations. Below is how you can use the QR Code system:

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- 1/ Download the "Service Victoria" app on your phone
- 2/ On arrival at the church, open this app and click "Quick Check-in" at the bottom
- 3/ Scan the barcode that is posted at each entrance to the church
- 4/ Enter your name(s) and a contact number, and click "Check-in to this location."

## **Newcomers**

Some of you may have noticed that our Nativity this past Christmas was different from last year. The new Nativity was kindly donated by a family who wish to give it a new home and our parish is fortunate to be able to provide that ‘home’.

Our usual annual nativity which is usually beautifully displayed at the rear of the church (the gathering space) was not able to be set up due to space constraints. Hopefully this year we can have it back also.



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

### *Those whose sick*

Dolores Augustus, Camilla D’Rozario, Angela Ameruso, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Yvette Woods, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Betty Evans, Danny Sugunasekera, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Cyril Hendricks, Lawrence de Alwis, Kevin Passanise, Claudia Cunanan, Jack Scanlan, Doménica Lombardi, Denham Juriansz, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Milica Andreevska, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Sonny Tupai, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

### *Those who have died*

Elisabetta Tavone, Afonso Moniz, Antonina Nunes, Luis dos Santos, Lucas Fraga, Virginia Dizon, Giuseppe Palamara, Carmela Gargano, **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

### *May they rest in peace*



### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:**

Is 55: 1-11;  
1 Jn 5: 1-9;  
Mk 1: 7-11

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Year B:**

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19;  
1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20;  
Jn 1: 35-42

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