



# St Paul Apostle Community

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Dear Parishioners,

I trust this message finds you well and adjusting to this new social environment in which we find ourselves.

During this time of unprecedented institutional closures and social spacing we need to explore ways of nurturing our spiritual and community life. With this in mind, the parish team and the parish pastoral council (PPC) are pleased to announce that St Paul Apostle Parish will live stream Masses beginning this weekend, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Saturday, March 28 at 6pm and Sunday March 29 at 11am will be the time that we stream. To access the Mass please go into “St Paul Apostle Catholic Church” Facebook page (please log in few minutes before the scheduled time)

In addition to the live telecast the parish will make available a booklet containing a communion liturgy for families to pray in their private home. The booklet will include readings, prayers and some points for reflection. You can access the booklet on our website at the homepage or alternatively a hard copy can be collected at the parish office. Holy Communion and Holy water will also be made available for families to celebrate this liturgy in their homes. Please remember to adhere to the current protocols by keeping the liturgy to the confines of your immediate family. If you wish to pick up the booklet, Holy Communion and Holy Water please ring the office and we will prepare what you need. Please note that pick up times will be restricted to Friday between 2 and 3.30pm and Saturday between 10 to 11am. If we can pre-prepare what you need it will make it easier to maintain social distancing protocols.

Details for future liturgies, especially the Easter Triduum and the sacrament of reconciliation will be made available soon. Please continue to check the website which will be updated regularly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support and your patience in this difficult time.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Brendan at the parish office if you have any concerns or specific needs.

God Bless

Love,  
Brendan (PP) CP

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One of our parishioners sent this poem which is worthy of reflection:

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose  
between preserving their health or paying their rent  
May we who have the flexibility  
to care for our children when their school close  
Remember those who have no options  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no safe place to go  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home  
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us find a way to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours  
Amen