

STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

18th August, 2019



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptised into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptised is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

Scott Hahn

COMING UP

Alpha
Fridays in the
hall, 7pm

Play Reading
Mon 19th Aug,
1pm

Trivia
Sat 24th Aug,
6:30pm

Ordination
Sat 7th Sept,
10am

**Winter
Warmer**
Wed 18th
Sept, 7pm

**Around the
World
concert**
Sun 15th Sept,
2:30pm

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Mon - Thurs: 8am, Friday: 10am, Saturday: 10am
Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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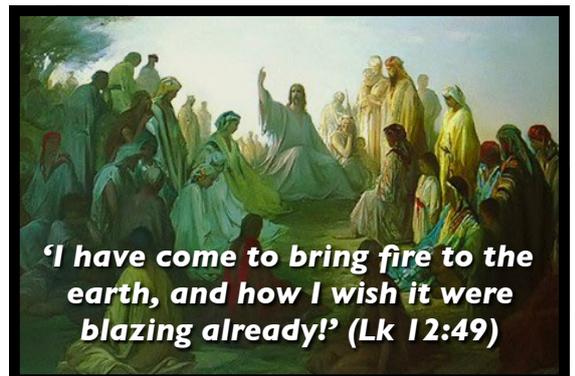
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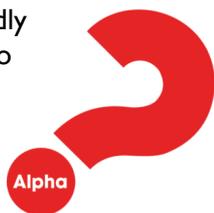
**'I have come to bring fire to the
earth, and how I wish it were
blazing already!' (Lk 12:49)**

ALPHA

Season has started and will be in the parish hall every Friday evening, 7pm.

Alpha is for anyone who's curious and wants to learn more about the faith in a friendly environment. It is a great opportunity to invite people who don't normally come to Mass.

See parish website for details:
stpeterandpauls.com/alpha



TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a great night of trivia fun on Saturday 24th August at 6:30pm in the hall. There'll be games, food, drinks, and lots of prizes! Tickets: \$15 each, or \$100 for a table of 10.

Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEMNB>

PLAYREADING

Next one will be Monday 19th of August at 1pm in the hall.

Save the date: our second Winter Warmer

Wednesday 18th September, 7pm at Emerald Hotel. Bernie Brophy will talk on "The Orange Parades". Bernie has had a long involvement in the politics of Northern Ireland and a few years ago he was a member of an International Observer Group observing the Orange Parades in Belfast.

Many thanks to all who attended last Wednesday's Winter Warmer making it was a very happy and enjoyable evening and many thanks to Olwen for her talk about being a triplet, immigration, and a welcoming church.

Father's Day Raffle

The craft group has put together 4 great prizes for the Father's day raffle.

Tickets are 3 for \$5 and will be on sale after Mass from August, and will be drawn after the 10am Mass on Father's Day, Sunday 1st September.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

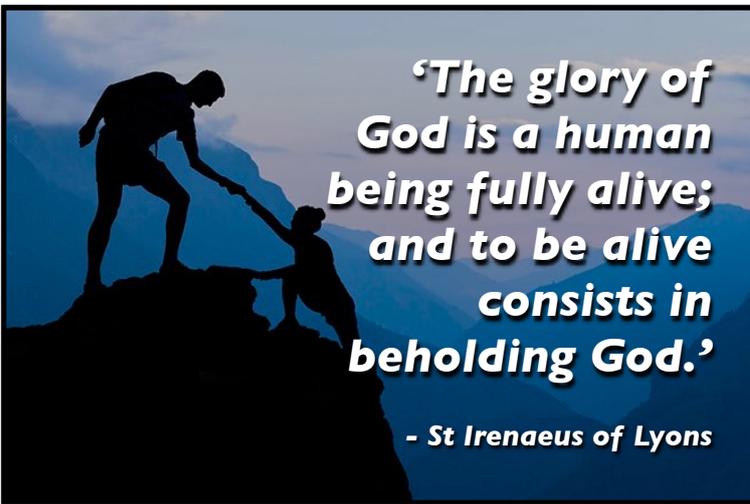
Archbishop Peter Comensoli will ordain 4 new priests to the Melbourne Archdiocese on Saturday 7th September, 10am, at St Patrick's Cathedral. Everyone invited.

AROUND THE WORLD CONCERT

Parishioner and pianist Ann Nguyen, along with fellow members of the University of Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, will present a concert on Sunday 15th September at 2.30pm in the church. Tickets available after the Sunday 10am Mass. You can also book on <https://trybooking.com/BEPMP>. Early Bird \$20 till August 30th, from September 1st \$25.00. Proceeds will go towards church maintenance.

UNPLANNED MOVIE SCREENING

Private screening of *Unplanned*, a new release Christian movie about fighting abortion on Saturday 31st Aug at 2pm at Hoyts, Highpoint. Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at: www.trybooking.com/BESPZ. 50% of proceeds will go to the Caroline Chisholm Society, who support pregnant women in crisis.



**'The glory of
God is a human
being fully alive;
and to be alive
consists in
beholding God.'**

- St Irenaeus of Lyons

CATECHISM CORNER

Moral Life and Missionary Witness (n. 2045)

Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ, Christians contribute to building up the Church by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until "we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

FRIDAY MORNINGS

New Mass time on Fridays, followed by a time of Adoration and then morning tea in the hall.

Mass 10am | Adoration 10:30am | Morning Tea 11am

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Thank you to everyone who came and helped make last Saturday such a special night!



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Our Lady, Mother and Queen - 22nd August

Catholics recognise the queenly dignity and universal motherhood of Mary because she is, in the most literal sense, the mother of Jesus Christ, who is God and the 'King of Kings'. The Fathers, the Doctors of the Church, and Popes, down through the ages, have always given authoritative expression to this truth. This common belief is also found clearly in the vast history of our art and liturgy. There can be no separating Mary from divine royalty because she is so intimately connected to the redemptive work of her Son. The Church Fathers saw these ideas as stemming from the very ancient Israelites. They always saw the mother of the king, the 'Queen Mother', as having a uniquely special role to play in the royal family (see King Solomon and his mother, Bathsheba). Pope Pius XII in his 1954 encyclical letter instituted this feast.

