



STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

27th October 2019



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Favourites

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel.

The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail.

The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2).

We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes—that God “knows no favourites,” as today's First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34–35; Romans 2:11).

God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favour with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting. If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52).

This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're “not like the rest of sinful humanity.”

If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5–6)—recognise that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy—we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33).

The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle, as he thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment.

Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants.

We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

Scott Hahn

COMING UP

Bible Study
Fri 1st Nov,
3:30pm

**Mass for
Young Adults**
Wed 13th Nov,
7pm

Concert
Sun 17th Nov,
2:30pm

Spring Ball
Sat 23rd Nov,
7pm

Confirmation
Sun 24th Nov,
10am

MASS TIMES

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

PARISH PRIEST:

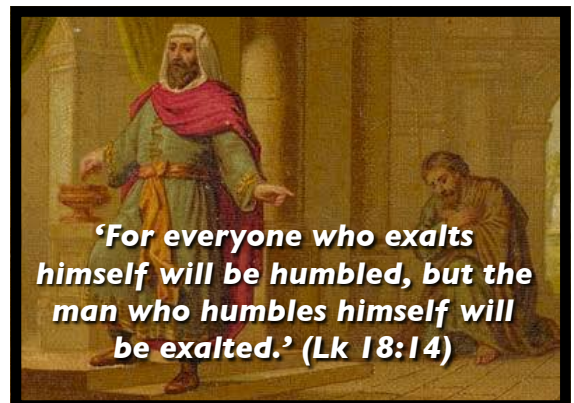
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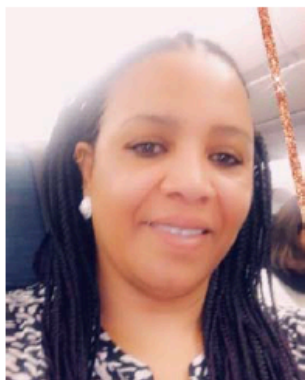
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for

Mehret's home-cooked meals

Our apologies to Mehret and those parishioners who tried to call her to order a home-cooked meal. We got the number wrong. *Mea culpa*.



Menu options

lamb|chicken|vegetarian

- stir fry
- bean stir fry
- lentil stir fry
- bean stew
- lentil stew
- pasta|rice|flat bread
- salad
- Eritrean coffee

THANK YOU

Thank you to the generous person who has donated the refrigerator to the Open House Van ministries. It works wonderfully!

**MASS
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
MELBOURNE**

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 7PM
STS PETER & PAUL'S, SOUTH MELBOURNE**



JOHN PAUL II SOCCER COMP

Indoor Soccer competition for young 18+ year old Catholics in Melbourne, run by Vocations Office.

Saturday 16 November 12:30pm - 6:00pm at Action Indoor Sports, Box Hill.

Registration details to come. Teams of 5-10. Requires at least 2 players of each gender on court at a time. Single players or smaller groups are welcomed to register so as to be placed into other teams. For more information contact: anothony.lawrence.kelly@cam.org.au



Ann-Thu Nguyen

**Solo Piano Recital and CD Launch
Around the World Concert Series 2**

Sunday 17 November, 2:30pm

Sts. Peter and Paul's Church

377 Dorcas Street,

South Melbourne

Tickets: \$20 for early bird

(until October 31*)

\$25 (from November 1*)

Book online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BFZDX>

**Partial proceeds will go in support of maintaining
Sts. Peter and Paul's Church**

ALPHA

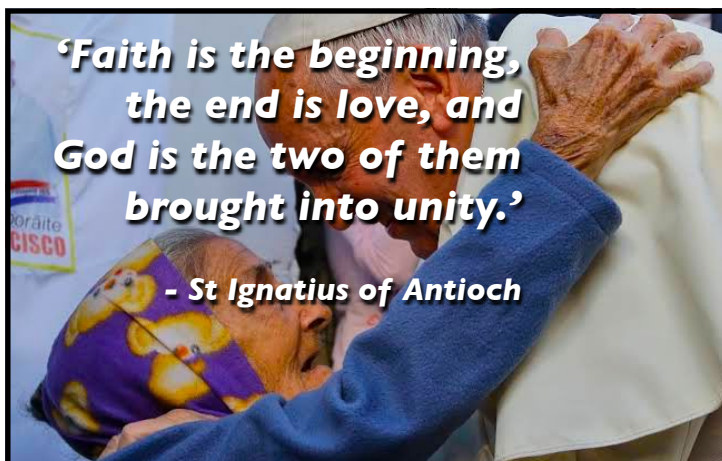
We finished our final parish Alpha session last Friday and celebrated by going to the local pub afterwards. Over the 12 weeks, we have grown into a tight-knit community. We shared many stories and insights as we journeyed together in faith and friendship.

Look out for the Alpha program next year — because it's highly recommended! *Gifts of Christmas* (see this bulletin) will run in the next few weeks. Everyone is welcome to join.



**'Faith is the beginning,
the end is love, and
God is the two of them
brought into unity.'**

- St Ignatius of Antioch



XMAS CRAFT AND PLANT SALE



**SUNDAY 1ST
DECEMBER
FROM 11 AM
IN THE
CHURCH HALL**

A VARIETY OF
PLANTS AND
CRAFT WILL BE
FOR SALE. ALL
PROCEEDS WILL BE
GOING TO THE
PARISH

SINGING, VIOLIN, PIANO LESSONS

Melbourne Music Education teach music for a variety of ages and purposes; from leisure to preparation for the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) exams. Lessons are currently offered near the corner of St. Kilda Road and Commercial road, just a 10 minute drive from Melbourne CBD. Go to: <https://www.melbmusicedu.com.au/> or contact our parish pianist, Ann on 0466918817.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass will take place on
Sunday 24th November, 10am.

For more information about preparation dates for the Sacrament, please email the parish
stspeterandpauls@gmail.com

The Spring Ball 2019

23 November, 7pm



Early Bird tickets finish 1st Nov

Will be great night of fun for young adults around Melbourne!
Tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFYEZ>

CATECHISM CORNER

Christian Beatitude (n. 1721)

God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life.

Gifts of Christmas

Dinner • Talk • Discussion

29-Nov-2019

13-Dec-2019

06-Dec-2019

20-Dec-2019



7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

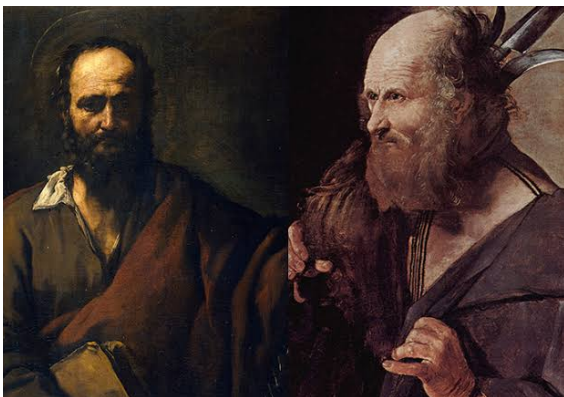
Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, 377 Dorcas St, South Melbourne 3205

Register at <https://www.stspeterandpauls.com/gifts>

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Sts Simon and Jude

28th of October



The Church celebrates the feast of St Simon and Jude together. Possibly because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia after our Lord's ascension. In actual fact, we know nothing for certain about them beyond the little that is told to us in the New Testament. St Simon is usually represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St Jude's usual depiction with a square suggests that he may have been some sort of architect. Jude actually had the same name as Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed our Lord. Evidently, because of the disgrace of the name, it was later shortened to 'Jude'.

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill: Sr Annunciata, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr Joyce Stewart, Celestina Ressa, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxa, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Atkins, Bonnie Breen, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Alison Fraser, Steven Wallace, Elaine Wallace, Richard, Miles Buntleski, Lachlan Fahy, Colin Crawford.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

1st Reading – Sirach 35:12-14. 16-18 We are assured that God hears the prayer of the humble and their prayer will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns His face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed He will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of His servants. Those who hide in Him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

We hear St. Paul's reflections in his old age, writing to Timothy during his trial in Rome, telling him how much he looks forward to eternal life as the reward of faithfulness.

Alleluia, alleluia,

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 18:9-14

Our Lord tells us that God hears the prayer of the humble, but rejects the prayer of the self righteous.

Next week's readings: 1st Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2nd 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel Luke 19:1-10

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, clergy and religious that as leaders in the Church they may show no discrimination between the rich and the poor but be welcoming to one and all.

Lord, we pray for the members of our local community. May we truly be open to all, regardless of age, gender, or ethnic origin, as we acknowledge we are all children of God.

Lord, we pray for our parish community. May we grow in confidence with St Paul so we can be ready to fight the good fight and run the race to the finish.

Lord, we pray that we may spend time in prayer which is our opportunity to experience communion with God and that we may do it in humility.

Lord, we remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently Fr Chris Toms and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time Jan Toogood, Oden Sanelli, Mary Pozzan, Pat Harrison, Astratios Steljiou, Elena Nilolovska, Allen O'Connor, John Bourke, Norm Staite, Bridget Cody, Leonora Coy, Gladys Heverin.

Collections: Oct 19/20, 2019

1st Collection: \$1265

2nd Collection: \$828

Online per week (Aug): \$340

1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection goes to the running costs of the Parish.

EFT Donations:

Account Name: Parish SS Peter & Paul

BSB: 083 155

Account number: 515577466

	READERS	E.M.E	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 26	Andy			Vinolia & Doris
Sun 27	Osmond & Megan	Mario & Geraldine	Donovan Family	
Sat 02	Randy			Priska & Ann
Sun 03	Andy & Geraldine	Geraldine & Doris	Bill & Carol	