



# STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

17th Nov 2019



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### “Today” is the Day

It is the age between our Lord's first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

“Lo, the day is coming,” Malachi warns in today's First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming “the time has come.” Such deception is the background also for today's Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines and earthquakes, the Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These “signs,” then, show us the pattern for the Church's life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our “models,” as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives and friends, and forces and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises, joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the “today” of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—“O Lord come!” (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.

Scott Hahn

### COMING UP

**Bible Study**  
Fri 22nd Nov,  
3:30pm

**Spring Ball**  
Sat 23rd Nov, 7pm

**Confirmation**  
Sun 24th Nov,  
10am

**Gifts of  
Christmas**  
Fri 29th Nov, 7pm

**Fr Dean  
Farewell**  
Sun 1st Dec, 11am

**Crafts Stall**  
Sun 1st Dec, 11am

**Holy  
Innocents  
Mass**  
Sat 28th Dec,  
12pm

#### 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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**“The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.” (Lk 21:6)**

# Gifts of Christmas

Busy? Distracted?  
Overwhelmed by the commercialisation of Christmas?

This is a great opportunity to focus on what's most important this Christmas. And to share this gift with other people in your life.

Who will you give the gift of Christmas to?



Dinner • Talk • Discussion

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

29-Nov-2019 06-Dec-2019 13-Dec-2019 20-Dec-2019

Sts Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, 377 Dorcas St, South Melbourne 3205  
Register at <https://www.stspeterandpauls.com/gifts>

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



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

Preparation day was on  
**Saturday 16th November,**

## CRAFT GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are available after both Masses this weekend for the raffle that the Craft Group are running. All proceeds raised will go towards Parish maintenance. 3 tickets for \$5.



## 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

*'Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilise the soil ever so richly. It will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains.'*

*- St John Vianney*

## 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: [anthonylawrence.kelly@cam.org.au](mailto:anthonylawrence.kelly@cam.org.au)



## FAREWELL FOR FR DEAN

A farewell morning tea for Fr Dean will be held on Sunday December 1st, after the 10am Mass in the hall. If you will be attending, there is a sheet at the back of the church where you can register your name and if you would be able to bring a plate of food to share. Further details will be in next week's bulletin.

## CATECHISM CORNER

### The meaning of Christian death (n. 1010)

Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him. What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through baptism, the Christian has already "died with Christ" sacramentally in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this "dying with Christ" and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act:

It is better for me to die in (eis) Christ Jesus than to reign over the ends of the earth. Him it is I seek - who died for us. Him it is I desire - who rose for us. I am on the point of giving birth .... Let me receive pure light; when I shall have arrived there, then shall I be a man.

## SOUTH MELB FRIARY UPDATE

The Capuchin Provincial and his council have asked Fr John to assume administration of the parish here in South Melbourne. Fr Bernard will continue his various ministries in the Archdiocese and will also assist Fr John in the parish. Br Michael will continue as Guardian of the friary and Open House manager.



## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED MASS OFFERINGS

Offering Mass/es for deceased loved ones is the greatest gift we can give to them. November Masses for the Holy Souls can be arranged through the Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need*. The Mass stipends are sent directly to poor priests around the world and the Mass is offered for your intentions. You can arrange Masses at [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org) or 1800 101 201. Forms are also at the back of the church.



## 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>

## MASS FOR HOLY INNOCENTS

Sat 28th of December, 12 noon

Mass will be followed by morning tea, then a rosary at the Memorial for Lost Infants (in the front garden in front of the presbytery), and then a BBQ in the Open House. Fr John will be celebrating Mass.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### The Presentation of the Mary

21st of November

This feast became part of the universal Church calendar in the 16th century. As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation only in apocryphal literature. The *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Though it cannot be shown historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It builds on the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and the birth of Mary. It emphasises that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill: Sr Annunciata, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr Joyce Stewart, 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 Buntiski, Lachlan Fahy, Colin Crawford.

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**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

#### 1st Reading – Malachi 3:19-20

We hear Malachi's testimonies about the day of judgement. By this time in the Jewish tradition, there was considerable development in the belief of an after life and positive reward after death,

#### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its people. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord comes, He comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness.

**The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

#### 2nd Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

We hear Paul's words challenging the people of Thessalonica to be prepared and ready for the coming of the Lord at whatever hour it may be.

#### Alleluia, alleluia,

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia.

#### Gospel – Luke 21:5-19

We hear how Jesus describes what will happen when Jerusalem is destroyed, His words provoked fear at the time, but the early Christians including Luke, saw them to be accurate in many details.

<b>Next week's readings:</b>	1st	2 Samuel 5:1-3
	2nd	Colossians 1:12-20
	Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, priests and religious, that through their ministry we might continue to receive the bread from heaven, the bread of God which gives life to the World.

Lord, we pray for all who are caring for the victims of the fires, for the emergency response teams, service providers, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society, local churches, community groups, and the chaplains. Guide them in their labour and give wisdom that those who have suffered loss may get the care and support they need.

Lord, we pray for our parish community. As the year winds down we invoke God's blessing on our volunteers and workers who give us a sense of pride in the life of our community.

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 Maria Geremia and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sr Olivia Murphy, Ray Brown, Arthur Addicoat, Jill Williams, Sr. Katherine Brady, Peggy Connane, Shirley O'Connor, Jo Ferguson, Anna Wubben, Vera Payne, Emma Smith, Lorraine Wadden.

#### Collections: Nov 9/10, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1097

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$903

Online per week (Sept-Oct): \$337

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 16	Randy			Doris
Sun 17	Ann T & Michele	Geraldine & Sue	Colin & Geraldine	
Sat 23	Ann M			Vinolia & Doris
Sun 24	Confirmation	Sue & Doris	Andy & Geraldine	