

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

7th March 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent

Spiritual Sacrifice

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see **Matthew 5:17**) to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see **Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7**). The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see **Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5**).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see **Psalms 50:7–13**).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see **Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25**). His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see **Matthew 22:36–40**), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see **John 15:13**).

This is the “sign” Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see **1 Corinthians 3:16**) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see **Ephesians 2:22**).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see **John 4:23–24**).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see **Psalms 50:14, 23**). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see **Hebrews 10:5–7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5**).

Scott Hahn

ABOUT OUR PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am,

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Mon - Thu: 8am

Fri: 10am followed by
adoration

Saturday: 10am

Confession Times:

Sat 10:30am, 5:15pm

“¹¹ Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you..”

Ephesians 4:32

Safeguarding Corner

Sts Peter and Pauls Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

We want children and young people to
TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

We are really interested to hear what you think about the programs and activities that we offer children and young people.



From time to time, we will ask you about what you think.



Lent Reflection Program 2021

Date commence: 23rd February 2021 (every Tuesday)

Time: 8.30 (after morning mass)

Location: Hall

All are Welcome

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

362 Albert St, EAST MELBOURNE

OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th
March 2021



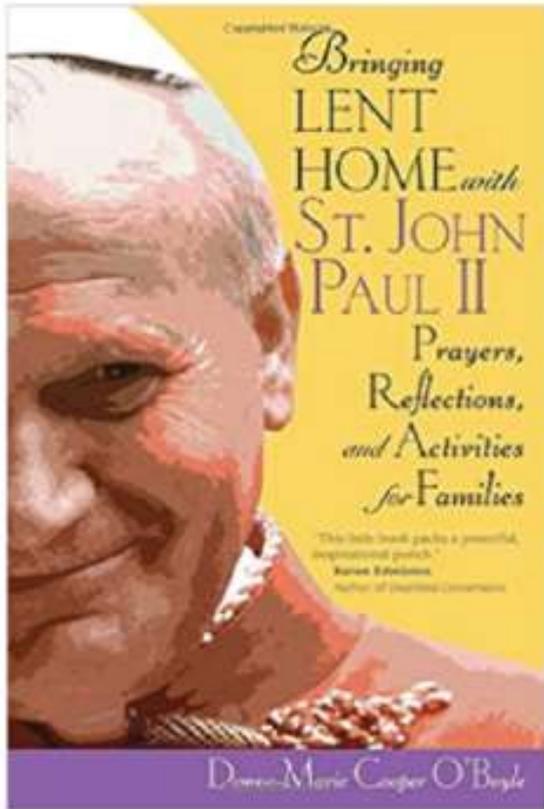
10.00am – 4.00pm

- Pray in the Chapel
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Enjoy light refreshments
- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am



We appreciate your adherence to our social distancing guidelines and the wearing of face masks.

For further information and acceptances please contact MMHC on
03 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au



TEN GREAT BOOKS FOR LENT

1. [Lenten Journey with Mother Mary](#) by Edward Looney
2. [Praying with Jesus and Faustina During Lent](#) by Susan Tassone
3. [The Cries of Jesus From the Cross](#) by Fulton Sheen
4. [Making a Holy Lent](#) by Fr William Casey
5. [A Time of Renewal](#) by Mother Mary Francis
6. [Bringing Lent Home With St. John Paul II: Prayers, Reflections, and Activities for Families](#) by Donna Cooper
7. [The Little Way of Lent: Meditations of St. Thérèse of Lisieux](#) by Fr Gary Caster
8. [Lent with Mother Teresa Calcutta](#) by Heidi Hess Saxton
9. [Lent with the Saints](#) by Fr Greg Friedman
10. [Sermons for Lent](#) by St Francis de Sales

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Saint Frances of Rome 9th March



Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor. Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannozza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead.

In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannozza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband until he died. Then she live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

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, Lilita Bobadilla, Ruby Roxa, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Atkins, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Miles Buntleski, Frank O'Connor, Maria Cimino, Teresa Sheehan, Bob White, Joseph Barbara.



3rd Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading – Exodus 20: 1-17

The law was given to Moses. Do we see these laws as simply restrictive or do we understand them as God meant them – a call to us to live in the love of God and one another?

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The Law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The challenge to understand the power of God shown in the death and resurrection of Christ symbolised in the image of Christ on the cross.

ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

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Gospel – John 2:13-25

The Jewish people celebrated the Passover In memory of the Exodus from Egypt. At that key time, Jesus proclaims that he will be raised up from the dead. The disciples remembered what he had said and every Eucharist is the memorial of His words.

Next week's readings:

1st 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
2nd Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel John 3: 14-21

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

We pray for Pope Francis and our Church leaders. May they proclaim the message of Christ crucified in all its fullness.

We pray for all of our children who are making their first confession. May they be given the courage to forgive and to be peace makers.

We pray that we may take up Christ's cross and follow wherever He may lead.

We pray that in our daily suffering, stress, worries and hardships we recognize and accept our own crucifixion with Christ.

We pray for those most vulnerable to the coronavirus. May the distribution of vaccines protect them from infection and help keep them well.

We pray that each one of us be a temple of the Holy Spirit and a house of prayer.

We remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently John Bourke and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Kerrie Scarlett, Marie Morganti, Max Rodd, Charlie Xuereb, Laurie McGrath, Lila Bryant. Cheryl Taylor, Daniel Heffernan, Alberts Eichenbergs, Joshua Green.

Collections : Feb 27/28, 2021
1st Collection: \$950
2nd Collection: \$710
Online per week (Jan): \$865
1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection for the running costs of the Parish.
EFT Donations:
Account Name: Parish SS Peter & Paul
BSB: 083 155

	Readers	E.M.E	Hospitality	Floral Arrangement
Sat 6	Angela			
Sun 7	Eileen & Rick	Rick	-	Ann & Priska
Sat 13	Michelle H			
Sun 14	Mario & Gerry			