



# STS PETER & PAUL'S

## CATHOLIC PARISH

### SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

9th May 2021

### Sixth Sunday Easter B

#### Begotten By Love

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see **Genesis 22:16–18**).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see **Acts 2:5–11**).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see **Galatians 3:7–9**; **Ephesians 2:12**).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

**Scott Hahn**

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#### MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Mon - Sat: 8am

**Confession Times:**

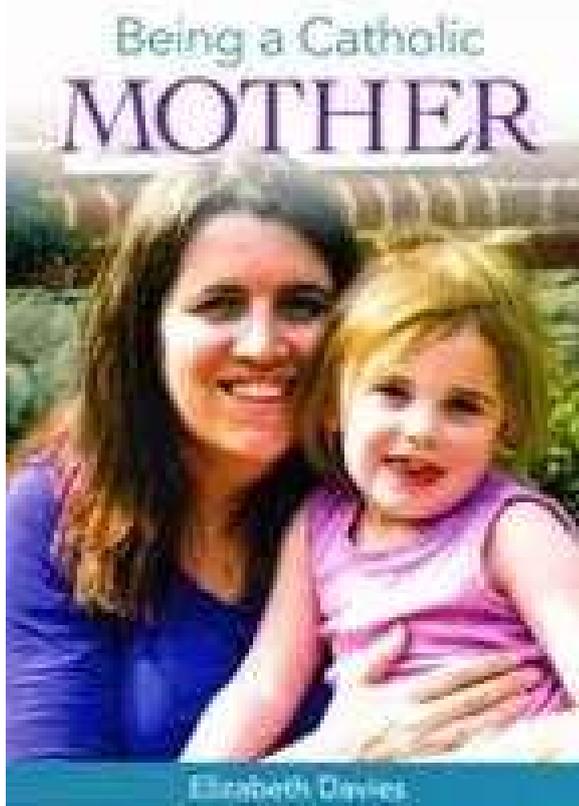
Sat after 8am Mass

Sat 5:15pm

**Emerald Hill Mission (EHM)**

0409 417 412 (EHM)

*Happy Mother's Day*



## Catholic Mothers' Faith is Book of the Week

It may be that the life of a Catholic mother has never been harder where faith is concerned. But if that is the case, it has never been more important that Catholic women take time out to think deeply about what it is they do as mothers, and how and why they do it. Elizabeth Davies is a single mother of four teenage and young adult children and has been a Marriage and Family| Life Project Officer at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales since 2003. She became involved in parish and diocesan Family| ministry in 1994 while living in West Wales and holds an MA in Community Leadership (Family| Ministry) from Regis University, Denver.

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### Mother's Day Raffle

Dear Friends,

To start the year on a brighter theme, our Craft group have put together a raffle to celebrate "Mother's Day"

We have 6 prizes which are displayed and will be drawn on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May being Mother's Day after 10am mass. Tickets are 3 for \$5.

This year with Fr John's blessings, the proceed will go towards 2 great causes. One being supporting Caritas to continue the good work in supporting the less fortunate such as the deaf school in the Solomon' Islands being one example.

The second cause which is also important is raising money to assist in safeguarding the future of two national symbols of Australia, the Koala and Platypus survival which are both threatened species.

We thank you for supporting these causes.

God Bless



**Thanks to Sts Peter and Pauls Craft Group**

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

## **Perpetual Mass**

Spiritual Enrolments in the Seraphic Mass Association, a partnership with the Capuchin Friars in their prayers and missionary work.

A spiritual gift for your loved ones, living or deceased. Annual or Perpetual Membership for Individuals or Families.

The offering made for enrolments is not for Spiritual Benefits derived from the Association, but it is a free-will offering made for the purpose of supporting the Catholic Missions.

No one can buy or sell Spiritual Benefits, but a sacrifice made to God for the love of His Missions may merit a greater share in His blessings.

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## **FEAST OF THE WEEK Saint Our Lady of Fatima**

**13<sup>th</sup> May**

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002.

Source: [fransiscanmedia.org](http://fransiscanmedia.org)



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, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Miles Buntleski, Maria Cimino, Teresa Sheehan, Bob White, Joseph  
 Barbara, Helen Keighery, Dale Cocker.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
 proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people,  
 alleluia!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

In the early Church St. Peter baptised the household of Cornelius  
 because Peter acknowledged that God does not have favourites,  
 but anyone who does what is right is acceptable to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for He has worked wonders.  
 His right hand and His holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known His salvation;  
 has shown His justice to the nations.  
 He has remembered His truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
 Shout to the Lord all the earth, sing out your joy.

**The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 John 4:7-10

We hear how St. John develops the Christian standard of love,  
 because love comes from God. God shows His love in sending  
 His son to take away our sins and models a lifestyle for us.

### Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them  
 and we will come to them. Alleluia.

### Gospel – John 15:9-17

From the Last supper stories that John records, we hear the  
 words of Jesus and His image of His being the vine and we being  
 the branches. He encourages us to be united, to stay part of the  
 vine.

**Next week's readings:** 1 Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11  
 2 Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Gospel Mark 16:15-20

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### We pray together:

We pray for our church leaders, Pope Francis and the College of Bishops. May the Spirit inspire them in their service to the church that they may bear fruit, fruit that will last.

We pray for our Mothers. May our gratitude to them enable us to look back in thanksgiving and go forward in faith nurturing their love through their sacrifices.

We pray for all the baptised that they live the Gospel standard of Jesus. May we all accept the commission of Jesus and love one another in the same way that He loves us.

We pray that we will always persevere in prayer. May our trust in Christ's continuing presence through His Spirit lead us always to have the confidence to ask the Father anything in Christ's name

We remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Paddy O'Hara, Vera Curry, Albin & Maria Rzesniowiecki, John Watson, Ellen Humphries, Elsie Wharton, Stan Filip, Patrick Garry, Brian Bratby, Moya Williams.

Collections: May 1/2, 2021  
 Project Compassion \$669.75

1<sup>st</sup> Collection : \$1105

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection : \$1382.75

Online (April) per week: \$1,010

1<sup>st</sup> Collection goes to the Friars, and the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Flower Arrangement
Sat 08	Janet		Gerardine F & Sue
Sun 09	Olwen & Ann T	Doris	
Sat 15	Andy		Doris & Hai
Sun 16	Rick & Merlyn	Aline	