



STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

9th August 2020



19th Sunday Ordinary Time A

Sinking Fear

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see **Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19**). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see **Exodus 33:18–23**).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see **Psalms 89:9–10**). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see **Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10**).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps. He will save us whenever we begin to sink.

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*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
sons of God..*

Matthew 5:9



Last year, more than 1,000 young Melburnians travelled thousands of kilometers to Perth to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. This August, we're excited to invite you to an online reunion where you'll only have to travel as far as your couch to reunite with your fellow pilgrims! Join us for the 'ACYF Lockdown Special' - live streamed direct to your lounge room! Grab some snacks, pop on your pilgrim t-shirt and comment live as we hear from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Fr Rob Galea and enjoy some live music from Gen Bryant and Josh Angrisano.

The ACYF Lockdown Special will be held on Wednesday 12 August, 5-6pm. Join us through the [ACYF Facebook page](#) or via our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mX-l4DC9w2q&feature=youtu.be>

And after you've attended the Lockdown Special, you might like to gather with your ACYF pilgrim group on [Zoom](#).

Treasuring Our Later Years (via Zoom)

**6 x Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm
4 August - 8 September 2020**

(Facilitator: Nicole Rotaru rsm (Sister of Mercy, Educator, Social Worker and Creative Arts Therapist, with a deep interest in spirituality))

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Because of the Coronavirus, we have all had to make many adjustments in our lives. Our experience of ageing may be presenting us with both challenges and opportunities we did not expect. Our time together will include reflections on the following themes, which take on particular relevance and meaning in our ageing years.

- Ageing! Decline and ascent, both loss and gain...
- Spirituality... deepest dimension of our life
- What is giving my life meaning?
- At its core, life is about relationships
- Gratitude... thanks for the past... thanks for the present
- My death... as an act of communion
...into the Mystery

There will be opportunities for conversation in the large group and to share thoughts and experiences in chat-rooms. A handout of each theme will be emailed to you prior to the session as a guide.

Upon registering for this event, we will send you some tips to help you to gain the most from your time with us on Zoom.

Cost: \$115 for the Series, or \$20 per session
Book and pay at <https://www.trybooking.com/BKLUH>



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Prayer to St Jude For Hope in Desperation



*Most holy apostle, St. Jude,
faithful servant and friend of Jesus,
the Church honors and invokes you universally,
as the patron of hopeless cases,
of things almost despaired of.
Pray for me,
I am so helpless and alone.
Make use I implore you,
to bring visible and speedy help where help is
almost despaired of.
Come to my assistance in this great need
that I may receive the consolation and help of
heaven
in all my necessities,
tribulations, and sufferings, particularly –
(Here make your request)
and that I may praise God with you and all the elect
forever.
I promise, O blessed St. Jude,
to be ever mindful of this great favor,
to always honor you as my special and powerful
patron,
and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.*

Amen.

FEAST OF THE WEEK



Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” His Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history. The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Source – catholicnewsagency

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, Alison Fraser, Miles Buntleski, Colin Crawford, Frank O'Connor, Maria Cimino, Teresa Sheehan, Ann Trindade.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

1st Reading – 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

The prophet Elijah is told to go and stand on the mountain of the Lord and await God's presence. God Came, not in the violent things of nature, but in a gentle breeze,

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear Him and His glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him and peace shall follow His steps,

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading – Romans 9:1-5

St. Paul expresses his desperate concern to do anything, even cut himself off from Christ, if it would benefit the Jews, who were depriving themselves of God's grace.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus comes to His disciples walking on the water, and invites Peter to join Him.

Next week's readings:

1 st	Isaiah 56:1,6-7
2 nd	Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

We pray for our Pope, bishops and priests: that they may lead the people, both by word and example, as Jesus did.

We pray for those who live in fear, those who find life difficult and whose faith is weak: that they may experience Christ's presence.

We pray for the indigenous peoples of the world, that in the midst of global turmoil their traditions and culture will be valued more than ever.

We pray for young people everywhere, that the social havoc caused by COVID-19 will not dim their hopes and dreams.

We pray for workers exposed to a high risk of infection, that the whole community will observe the measures that protect them from harm.

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 Mary Hennessy, Sr Adrienne Kerr, May Melvey, Patrick Leonard, Marcus Rowley.

Collections : -

Collection : \$-

Online per week (July): \$1195

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

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*Please note our new roster will commence when we can attend mass again.
Hoping everyone stays well and safe.*

Carol