



STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

18th July 2021

Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

One Flock

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see **Ezekiel 34:23**).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see **Mark 6:39**) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see **John 10:11**), the king they've been waiting for (see **Hosea 3:1-5**).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see **Numbers 27:17**). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see **John 10:16**).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see **Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16**).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

Scott Hahn

ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."

Romans 1: 16

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Dear parishioners,

Sts Peter and Pauls Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Fr Gary

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING

- To pay our Parish operating costs (including debt repayment).
- To subsidise Catholic Education in the Parish.
- To support the growth of Parish and Diocesan services.
- To provide for charitable works.

Amount \$.....

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

- To support the Priests of this Parish and meet normal household expenses.
- To support sick and retired Priests.
- To support Priests in needy Parishes.
- To support the Archbishop.

Amount \$.....

Spirituality & Screen Images

Day of Reflection
Saturday 31 July 2021, 10am-3pm

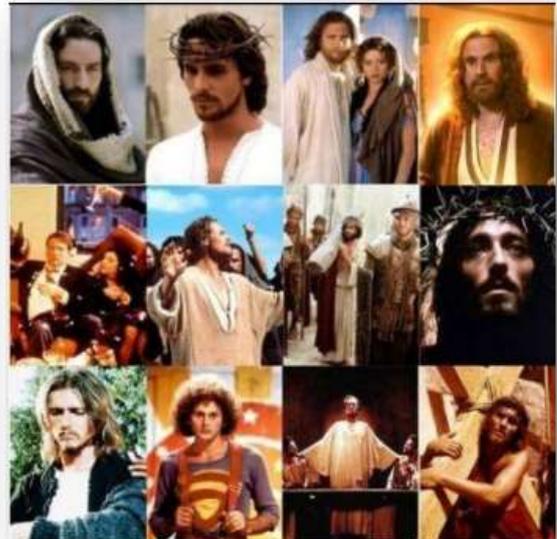
Facilitator: Peter Malone msc

We always acknowledge Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But, Colossians I proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality.

The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television, and new modes of streaming.

How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina.

Here, we respond to Visio Divina, clips from movies, their challenge.



Cost \$60

(Morning tea provided; BYO lunch)

Booking & Payment by: 24 July 2021



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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

BULLETIN NOTICE

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **14 August, Saturday** 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

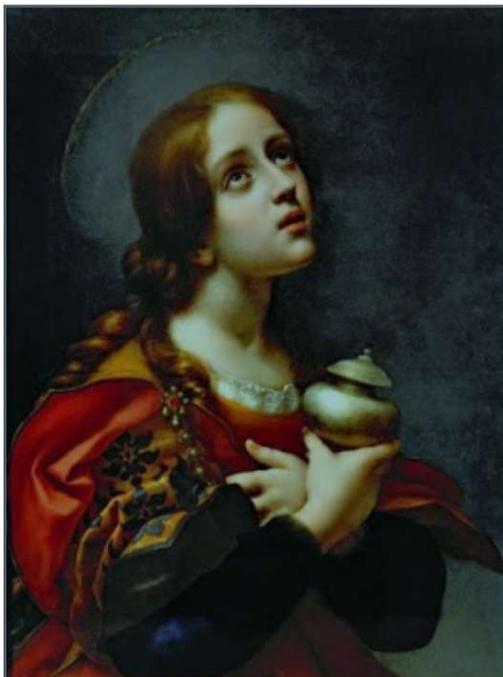
Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For all deacons, guardians of the service in the Church, that their faithful service to the Word, altar and to the poor may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church¹. Let us pray to the Lord.
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Mary Magdalene - 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene was a Jewish woman who traveled with Jesus as one of his followers. She is mentioned by name 12 times in the canonical Gospels, more than most of the other Apostles. Her epithet 'Magdalene' most likely means that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was popularly believed that she was a prostitute before meeting Jesus, but this claim has been disputed. Despite the vagueness of her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. Mary likely watched Jesus' crucifixion from a distance. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to find the stone rolled away and Christ very much alive. After this, legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After 14 years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude in a cave.

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:
Sr Annunciata, Valda Hogan, 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, Teresa Sheehan, Bob White, Joseph Barbara, Helen Keighery, Dale Cocker, Grace, Lucie Rodriguez.



16th Sunday in Ordinary time

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah challenges us to remember that it is the Lord who speaks through His Word. In spite of the lack of care of the shepherds, the Lord promises He will gather a remnant of His flock from all countries which is now our challenge to fulfil.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing that I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and Green are the pastures where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing that I shall want.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 2:13-18

St. Paul's passionate appeal to the Ephesians – and to us – is that God has created a single body in reconciling us with the Father and it is His Spirit that guides us to the Father.

Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 6:30-34

The Twelve report back to Jesus. His compassion for the crowd inspired Him to act because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Next week's readings: 1 2 Kings 4:42-44
2 Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel John 6:1-15

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

We pray for our world leaders. May they follow the ideal of the Good Shepherd truly to be at the service of the people of our one world.

We pray for those whom society has abandoned. May the Good Shepherd lead them to someone who cares and reflects God's love.

We pray for each other. May you grant us the gift of compassion, help us to listen carefully so that we may hear the sufferings of others, and respond with gentleness.

We pray for those kept apart from loved ones because of COVID travel restrictions, especially those who are gravely ill, that the pain of their separation will soon ease.

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 Rocco Soriano, Flo O'Hara and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Jean & Joe McInerney, Len Webster, Vera Berger, Esme Foreham, Annette Kibell, Denise Penrose, Gregory Bourke, Shirley Meyers, Fr Peter Tollis.

Collections: July 10/11, 2021

1st Collection : \$985

2nd Collection : \$774.95

Online (June) per week: \$840

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	Flower Arrangement
Sat 17	Michelle H		Doris & Hai
Sun 18	Olwen & Rhoda	Geraldine F	
Sat 24	Geraldine C		Doris
Sun 25	Merlyn & Carmel	Carmel	