



# STS PETER & PAUL'S

## CATHOLIC PARISH

### SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (B) Sunday

#### In The Storm

“Do you not yet have faith?” Our Lord’s question in today’s Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” In the weeks ahead, the Church’s liturgy will have us journeying with Jesus and His disciples, reliving their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today’s Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them. Mark’s Gospel today also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travelers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated (see **Jonah 1:3–16**).

But Jesus is something greater than Jonah (see **Matthew 12:41**). And Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw—that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea (see **Isaiah 50:2; Psalm 18:16**). This is the point of today’s First Reading.

If even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn’t we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church. In their fear today, they call Him, “Teacher.” And it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ—who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him (see **Psalm 116:6; Romans 8:31**).

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as today’s Epistle tells us—as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake.

**Scott Hahn**

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#### MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Mon - Sat: 8am

#### Confession Times:

(currently no confession)

Sat after 8am Mass

Sat 5:15pm

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*“Let Him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you.”*

*1 Peter 5:7*



*Hello Father Gary and Sts Peter and Pauls parishioners, may I start by saying we trust you are well and safe during these uncertain times.*

*On behalf of the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) we would like to acknowledge and thank you and the community of St Peter & Paul in South Melbourne for thinking of our work with your Mothers Day Raffle donation.*

*The AKF doesn't accept any funding from government, so your donation allows us to carry on our work and speak freely for the Koala – our Aussie icon.*

*From our humble beginnings in 1986, we have now funded over \$15 million worth of research and conservation projects, including the Koala Habitat Atlas which has now become KoalaMap – a wonderful tool allowing Australians to protect their own piece of paradise and keep Koalas safe!*

*Due to the generosity of our supporters the AKF has been able to map the entire geographical range of Koala habitat in Australia which is nearly 20% of the continent. A massive achievement. That will now lead the way to garner support from our political leaders to endorse a Koala Protection Act which will safeguard any identified koala habitat. This legislation will change environmental laws forever and will change the way we view conservation legislation. We thank you for allowing us to continue our mission which is to ensure that all Koala habitat will be protected for future generations.*

*AKF needs the support of all those who love Koalas because it is difficult to protect trees from being bulldozed. Only good mapping and good science can achieve that goal.*

*We cannot do it alone, and we hope you will continue to journey with us. For further information please go to our website [www.savethekoala.com](http://www.savethekoala.com).*

*Kind regards*

*Julie Edwards*

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## Pope at Audience: On the Cross, Jesus prayed for each of us

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis concludes a long series of catechetical lessons on “prayer,” focusing on the priestly prayer of Jesus.

**By Christopher Wells.**

As he concluded his catechetical cycle on prayer – which began over a year ago, in May 2020 – Pope Francis said “the most beautiful thing to remember” is “the grace that we do not only pray, but that, so to speak, we have been ‘prayed for,’ we have already been received in Jesus’s dialogue with the Father, in communion with the Holy Spirit.” Prayer, the Pope said, “is one of the most evident features in Jesus’ life... because the dialogue with the Father was the incandescent core of His whole existence.”

Core of Christian proclamation

Although Jesus prayed throughout His earthly life, said the Pope, His prayer became even more intense in the days and hours leading to His Passion and Death, the “central core” of the Christian proclamation, which shed light on the whole of Jesus’ life.

Jesus “was not a philanthropist who took care of human suffering and illness: He was and is much more,” the Pope said. Jesus offers us “total salvation, messianic salvation, that gives hope in the definitive victory of life over death.” And so, Pope Francis added, “in the last days of His final Passover, we find Jesus fully emersed in prayer”: In the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He confidently addressed God as 'Abba,' Father, a word expressing intimacy and trust; and on the Cross, “obscurely shrouded in the silence of God,” where once again He calls on God the Father.

Cross fulfills Father's gift

On the Cross, said Pope Francis, “the gift of the Father is accomplished — who offers love. That is, our salvation is accomplished.” When Jesus cried out to God on the Cross, saying, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit,” the Pope explained, He offered “everything. Everything is prayer, in the three hours of the Cross.”

Jesus' prayer, the Pope said, “is intense, the prayer of Jesus is unique and also becomes the model for our prayer.” Pope Francis insisted, “Jesus prayed for everyone, He also prayed for me, for each one of you. Each one of us can say: 'Jesus prayed for me on the Cross.' He prayed. Jesus can say to each one of us: 'I prayed for you, at the Last Supper, and on the wood of the Cross.'”

We are never alone

Pope Francis said we must “keep this in our heart, we must never forget” that Jesus prayed for each of us personally. “We were willed by Jesu Christ, and even in the our of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, everything was offered for us.”

So, the Pope concluded, “with prayer and with life, all that is left for us is to have courage, hope, and with this courage and hope to experience strongly the prayer of Jesus and go forward: so that our life might give glory to God in the awareness that He prays for me to the Father, that Jesus prays for me.”

Source: vaticannews.org



### FEAST OF THE WEEK **Saint Cyril of Alexandria** 27<sup>th</sup> June

Saints are not born with halos around their heads. Cyril, recognized as a great teacher of the Church, began his career as archbishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with impulsive, often violent, actions. He pillaged and closed the churches of the Novatian heretics—who required those who denied the faith to be re-baptized—participated in the deposing of Saint John Chrysostom, and confiscated Jewish property, expelling the Jews from Alexandria in retaliation for their attacks on Christians.

Cyril's importance for theology and Church history lies in his championing the cause of orthodoxy against the heresy of Nestorius, who taught that in Christ there were two persons, one human and one divine.

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, Grace.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary time

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Job 38:1. 8-11

The book of Job deals with major issues such as the problem of suffering and the issues of faith and doubt. The natural experience is connected in this reading to the Gospel scent of the stormy seas and how Jesus challenged the faith of His disciples.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders He does in the deep.

For He spoke; He summoned the gale tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; Their souls melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and He rescued them from their distress He stilled the storm to a whisper; all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm and He led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for His love, the wonders He does for men.

**Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We hear St. Paul's encouragement that Jesus is the centre of the new creation and that " we might live no longer for ourselves but for him..."

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. Alleluia

### Gospel – Mark 4:35-41

St. Mark focuses on the person of Jesus as He forms His disciples, both in Galilee and then as He forms them moving towards Jerusalem.

**Next week's readings:** 1 Acts 12:1-11  
 2 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
 Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**We pray together:**

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and our Priests. May they continue to help us on our journey of faith.

We pray for nations in the storms of violent conflict. May they one day come to rejoice again in the calm of peace.

We pray for peace and spiritual comfort in the midst of pain. May those who suffer in body, mind or spirit find support and come to praise God's healing mercy.

We pray for those who question God's presence or purpose in their lives. May they find in us a loving support and in God's love an ultimate answer.

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 Anthony Ryan, Greg Welsford, Margaret Clarke, Fr. Kevin Kincade, Jeff Foley, Elizabeth Merlo.

Collections: June 12/13, 2021

1st Collection : \$545

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection : \$418.40

Online (May) per week: \$1,040

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

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	Readers	E.M.E	Flower Arrangement
Sat 19	Janet		Doris & Hai
Sun 20	Mario & Gerry	Rick	
Sat 26	Andy		Doris
Sun 27	Olwen & Ann T	Mario	