



STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

11th October 2020

28th Sunday Ordinary Time A

'Dressing for the Feast'

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see **Matthew 5:35**), Jesus the bridegroom (see **Matthew 9:15**), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see **Isaiah 7:25**). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This is an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see **Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50**).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see **Ephesians 2:11–14**).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need. And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see **Hebrews 12:22–24**).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see **Revelation 19:8**)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see **Ephesians 4:1**).

Scott Hahn

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5pm

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Mon - Friday: 8am & 9am
Saturday: 10am

Confession Times:
Sat 10:30am, 5:15pm

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"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Proverbs 4:23

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One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on the 18th of October. Go to www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to learn more.

Unite in Prayer with thousands of children praying the rosary together

WHAT IS THIS PRAYER CAMPAIGN ABOUT?

The aim of this prayer initiative is first of all to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and consequently has great influence. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary when prayed by children for peace and unity within families, within their own nation and in the whole world!

We are inviting families, catechists, teachers to pray the rosary together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. We have prepared some material for you to spread the word and get inspired.

WHY HAS AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS PRAYER CAMPAIGN?

We not only see ourselves as a pastoral charity, but also as a prayer community. Our founder, Father Werenfried van Straaten, deeply venerated Our Lady of Fatima. There, the Virgin Mary proclaimed to the visionary children, "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world."

THE MEANING OF THE ROSARY:

As Pope St John Paul II wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Rosary, "The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace".

Watch this video to learn more:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ui6Bb1svfdUZnpFLAw454eJVySToezqt/view>



Vale Sr Bernadette

Some of you may remember Sr Bernadette Greene who was a member of our Parish some years ago and lived in the Loreto community in Albert Park. Through Sr's cooking skills we were the recipients of her talents on a weekly basis which in turn raised funds for many parish projects. Sadly Sr. passed away last Thursday. The following is the notice from the Loreto Community.....

The Province remembers with affection Sr Bernadette Greene ibvm who died earlier this week.

Bernadette travelled to Australia from Ireland as a 17 year old and certainly made this land her home.

We honour Bernadette's pastoral outreach, cooking and catering skills, love of family and friends and her indomitable Irish spirit.

Bernadette,

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your fields
May the rain fall soft upon your face
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen

May she rest in peace.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Teresa of Avila

15th October



Teresa of Ávila, also called **Saint Teresa of Jesus** (28 March 1515 – 4 or 15 October 1582), was a Spanish noblewoman who felt called to convent life in the Catholic Church. A Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish mystic, religious reformer, author, theologian of the contemplative life and of mental prayer, she earned the rare distinction of being declared a Doctor of the Church, but not until over four centuries after her death. Active during the Catholic Reformation, she reformed the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. The movement she initiated was later joined by the younger Spanish Carmelite friar and mystic John of the Cross. It led eventually to the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites. A formal papal decree adopting the split from the old order was issued in 1580. 27 September 1970 did Pope Paul VI proclaim Teresa the first female *Doctor of the Church* in recognition of her centuries-long spiritual legacy to Catholicism.

Wikipedia

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 Buneski, Frank O'Connor, Maria Cimino, Teresa Sheehan, Marie Grafen.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

1st Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

Isaiah describes the happiness and liberation that the Messiah will bring when He comes

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

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

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

St Paul has grown to realise that he can do all things through the strength of Christ

Alleluia, Alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Gospel – Matthew 22:1-10

Many whom we consider called will fail, but the down and out will be brought in by God's love.

Next week's readings:

1 st	Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
2 nd	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

We pray for the bishops and congregational leaders of Australia. May they assist in bringing a new church to birth in the aftermath of the pandemic.

We pray for local and international agencies working to alleviate poverty. May they win our support for a just sharing of the world's resources.

We pray for welfare and support organisations facing increased demand as income supplements diminish. May the whole community give them generous support.

We pray for couples grieving the end of a pregnancy or the death of an infant. May their loss not lessen the fruitfulness of their love.

We pray for all who care for people made dependent by age, illness or disability. May they fulfil their role with patience and compassion.

We remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently Sr Bernadette Greene IBVM and those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Carmel Bourke, Norm Staite Marion Moore, Bill & Maureen Weiss, Bernadette Murphy, Brian Foley, Sr. Therese Marie Hilla, Ursula Milligan, Jacques Adler.

Online per week (September): \$1280

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

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Masses have recommenced.

Unfortunately, only 5 people at a time can attend.

Please check our Parish website for Mass times and booking register.

Individual bookings are required for each person attending.