



STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

24th Nov 2019



34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kingdom of the Son

Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, and a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And He calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not by saving His life, but by offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the Kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

Scott Hahn

COMING UP

**Olive Martin
funeral Mass**
Thur 28th Nov,
10am

Bible Study
Fri 29th Nov,
3:30pm

**Gifts of
Christmas**
Fri 29th Nov, 7pm

**Fr Dean
Farewell**
Sun 1st Dec, 11am

Crafts Stall
Sun 1st Dec, 11am

**Holy
Innocents
Mass**
Sat 28th Dec,
12pm

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Mon - Thurs: 8am, Friday: 10am, Saturday: 10am
Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Every Friday 7 to 9pm. From 29th of November to 20th of December. In the hall. Will be a great way to learn about Advent and Christmas, and to invite others to come and explore the faith.

Register at: <https://www.stspeterandpauls.com/gifts>



OLIVE MARTIN

During the week, we heard the news that one of our longtime parishioners, Olive Martin, had passed away. Olive turned 98 years old last Sunday, and was a resident of CaSPA Care for some years. Please remember Olive and her family in your Masses and prayers in the coming week.

Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 28th of November, 10am, here.



***'Faith does not
quench desire, but
inflames it'***

- St Thomas Aquinas

CATECHISM CORNER

"Rejoice, you who are full of grace" (n. 722)

The Holy Spirit prepared Mary by his grace. It was fitting that the mother of him in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" should herself be "full of grace." She was, by sheer grace, conceived without sin as the most humble of creatures, the most capable of welcoming the inexpressible gift of the Almighty. It was quite correct for the angel Gabriel to greet her as the "Daughter of Zion": "Rejoice." It is the thanksgiving of the whole People of God, and thus of the Church, which Mary in her canticle lifts up to the Father in the Holy Spirit while carrying within her the eternal Son.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Welcome and thank you Fr Brendan Hayes EV.



Congratulations to all the children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

"May you always love Jesus as He loves you. Trust in Him, pray to Him, make time for just the two of you. Listen to Him, ask Him, invite Him along on your dreams. Celebrate with Him, thank Him, believe in Him, and share Him."

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND PLANT

Sunday 1st of December from 11am in the hall, run by the Crafts group. A variety of plants and craft will be for sale. All proceeds will go towards the parish.



FAREWELL FOR FR DEAN

Sunday 1st December in the hall

Thank you to those people who have already indicated that they will be bringing something for next week's Farewell Morning tea for Fr Dean. To assist with catering can we ask that if you will be attending there is a sheet at the back of the church where you can register your name and if you would be able to bring a plate of food to share.

CRAFT GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are available after both Masses this weekend for the raffle that the Craft Group are running. All proceeds raised will be go towards Parish maintenance. 3 tickets for \$5.

MASS FOR HOLY INNOCENTS

Sat 28th of December, 12 noon

Mass will be followed by morning tea, then a rosary at the Memorial for Lost Infants (in the front garden in front of the presbytery), and then a BBQ in the Open House. Fr John will be celebrating the Mass.

CONCERT SUCCESS

Parishioner Ann Nguyen's concert was a great success last Sunday afternoon. She took us on a grand tour around the world, playing a number of local pieces at each stop. It was a world-class performance. The generous serving of fried rice and wontons during the intermission was also on point. Thanks to all those who attended.



Parishioner Profile: Gerry Vaughan



You might recognise Gerry Vaughan as one of the collectors at Sunday mass. Gerry is also on the committee of Emerald Hill Mission which, among other things, supports Open House.

How did you come to this parish?

The first time was for 3 months in 1990. Then we moved back permanently in 1998.

The community at St Peter and Paul's is, and always has been, great. One way or another I have been involved in the Open House (and Emerald Hill Mission) since 1998.

But it was when the Capuchins started here that I came back to parish. I just find them really good people.

On Emerald Hill Mission

Emerald Hill Mission (EHM) was born out of the parish, but is not constrained by the parish. It was registered in 1996. When I retired in 2000, Chris Dow got me on the Emerald Hill Mission committee.

In 2001 I took over the books and saw the need to build financial stability in order to develop good programs and attract new support.

It's been little steps but we are now better known in the charity giving area. More money is coming by word of mouth.

Rather than handing out money directly to individuals, EHM collaborates to assist in tangible ways. For example:

- EHM pays for a certain amount of food without a \$ limit to be used by the Friars at Open House
- Friday's lunch is still organised by EHM and parish volunteers

- EHM pays for books and uniforms for individual students for all six years of secondary schooling.

The education program has 95% of supported students completing school successfully. The program has grown from one student in 2003, and EHM is aiming for 150 students in 2020.

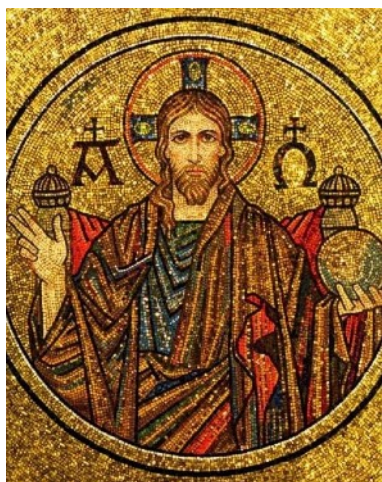
Funding

Donations come from individual supporters, a local government grant, two fundraising events and, increasingly, from Family Trusts and Foundations.

Anything to say to your fellow parishioners?

I encourage you to actively support the Parish and Open House. It gives you a feeling of satisfaction to be helping other people. And you will also get to know parishioners, to hear what is going on.

<https://www.emeraldhillmission.org.au/>



FEAST OF THE WEEK

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
24th of November

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar. It was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which tends to leave God out of the picture. This feast proclaims, in a striking manner, Christ's loving and supreme reign over all things: from individuals, to families, societies, governments, and galaxies. Despite being a fairly new celebration, its theology has ancient precedence. According to Cyril of Alexandria, "the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created."

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, Bonnie Breen, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Alison Fraser, Steven Wallace, Elaine Wallace, Richard, Miles Buntiski, Lachlan Fahy, Colin Crawford.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading – 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The evolution of the Jewish people had led to the desire to have their own King. David is anointed as the King of Israel. In Jewish history it was important for Jesus as Messiah to be descended from the house of David.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I hear them say: 'Let us go to God's house.
'And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

2nd Reading – Colossians 1: 12-20

We read from a letter of St. Paul in which he rises to inspired heights in understanding the Kingship of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel – Luke 23:35-43

At the scene of the crucifixion of Jesus, we hear several direct and indirect tributes to the Kingship of Christ. The repentant thief is given promise for his struggling faith.

Next week's readings: 1st reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, priests and religious that they may work towards the advancement of God's kingdom and its values foundations of which Jesus laid with his life and mission.

Lord, we pray for the children of our Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Look kindly on all them as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

Lord, we pray for our parish and for all those who minister and serve others. May they follow the standard of Jesus and be willing to seek and respond to those who are the least of God's people.

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 Olive Martin and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Vincenzo Mirabella, Gary Watson, Anthony Aliprandi, Tom Salter, John O'Riordan, Ray Watson, Klaus Zimmer, Christine Chan, Danny Ryan, Johannah Kirby, Phyllis Epple, Dennis McDonald, Max Belfrage, Hilda Farnsworth, Michael Fennessy, John Piscopo.

Collections: Nov 16/17, 2019

1st Collection: \$1086

2nd Collection: \$866

Online per week (Sept-Oct): \$337

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	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 23	Ann M			Vinolia & Doris
Sun 24	Confirmation	Merlyn & Doris	Andy & Geraldine	
Sat 30	Adrian			Ann & Priska
Sun 01	Andy & Natalie	Doris & Carmel	Hospitality team	