

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

SOUTH MELBOURNE



11th November, 2018

WHAT'S ON

Craft Club

Mon 12, Wed 14
Nov, 12pm

Play Reading Group

Mon 26 Nov, 1pm

Playgroup

Tuesdays
10am

Coffee Club

Thursdays
12:30pm

The Friars' Market

Starting Sat 24
November

The Friars' Bookshop

Open Fridays,
Saturdays,
Sundays
9:30am-3:30pm

The Widows' Faith

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

Scott Hahn

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil). Mon - Fri: 8am Tues & Thurs: 12pm Saturday: 10am
Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:

Sr. Annunciata Fcj, Pauline O'Hara, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr. Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressia, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxas, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Eunice Costa, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Watkins, Bonnie Breen, Maurita Carlisle, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Mary Quirke, Ilse Miranda, Neil Baker, Helen Keighery,

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday 18th November

After the Mass on next Sunday, we will have a celebration to acknowledge the generosity of those in our community who give up their time and share their gifts to assist in the parish.

All are welcome for this special gathering that will include brunch.

NO MIDDAY MASS THIS WEEK

For this week, there will only be the 8am Mass from Monday to Friday

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is a traditional time to pray for deceased family and loved ones. Envelopes are available if you would like to have a Mass offered. Names can also be written in the Books of Remembrance.

Prayer for Remembrance Day

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down
the proud,
be pleased to banish violence
swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve
to be called your children.

Confirmation Mass

The Confirmation Mass for 2018 will be on Sunday 25th November, 10am

EHM Christmas Drinks

The Emerald Hill Mission Committee invites you to an informal get together to celebrate and thank the supporters of EHM
Please book your tickets now at <https://www.trybooking.com/YXJX>
Tickets are \$70 and include finger food and quality beer, wines and soft drinks. For more info: Gerry Vaughan 0409417412
Wed 28th Nov, 7pm "The Chapel" @ MacKillop Family Services
237 Cecil Street, South Melbourne.



SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

OUTREACH CORNER

We're doing a bit of a drive for tins/jars of instant coffee for Open House and the food van. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

Monday & Tuesday

Monday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Evening meal at the parish house, 5pm

Gentle exercise classes – The Hall, 10.30am BYO Mat

Playgroup - The Hall, 10am

Breakfast at the parish house, 10am

Coffee Club in the Cafe, 12:30pm

Gentle exercise classes – Old School Hall, 9.15am BYO Mat

Barbecue lunch, 12.30pm

Please remember to bring non-perishable goods for the Open House Pantry, all donations are greatly appreciated by the Open house team and the people they support



MERCY IN THE CITY

An event for young people from all over Melbourne to conclude the 'Year of Youth'. A night of Adoration, followed by live music, food, & festivities.

Sat 24 Nov, 7pm @ Sts Peter and Paul's



CRAFT GROUP STALL

After the Confirmation Mass on **Sunday 25th Nov**, the craft group will have a stall where they will be selling many of the things they have been making over the past months.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Monday 3rd December.
Mass at midday followed by lunch at the Railway Hotel.
Cost \$22. Booking and payments will be taken after Masses.

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

We'll be having an Advent Gospel reflection group starting in a few weeks. Let Fr Dean know what times/days might suit. All details will be out next week.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

As well as the normal Vigil and daytime Mass for Christmas, this year there will also be a Midnight Mass. More details in the following weeks

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Albert the Great - Nov 15

German Dominican friar and bishop. Considered one of the greatest German philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages.

“The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask.”

