

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

SOUTH MELBOURNE



WHAT'S ON

Craft Club

Mon 26, Wed 28
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

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

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 this 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.

Confirmation Mass

The 2018 Confirmation Mass for will be next Sunday 25th November, 10am. Bishop Elliott will be the celebrant of the Mass

PLAY READING GROUP

The last play reading of the year will be on Monday 26th November, 1pm in the Bookshop

EHM Christmas Drinks

The Emerald Hill Mission Committee invites you to an informal get together to celebrate and thank the supporters of EHM

Tickets: <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.



NEXT 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

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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 Cecilia - Nov 22

Although there is little historical evidence concerning the life of Saint Cecilia, she is one of the famous martyrs of the Church in Rome. According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

