

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH

SOUTH MELBOURNE



25th November, 2018

WHAT'S ON

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

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Mon 3 Dec,
12pm

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

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,

CONFIRMATION MASS 2018

Congratulations to all the candidates that will receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday

Pray for: Gabrielle Buhagiar, Lola Callan, Luke Cannard, Noah Evans,
Marc Inguanti, Mark Leonard, Lewis Lupoi, Liam McCashin, Abbey McShanag

The rite of Confirmation recalls and renews the promises made at Baptism and invokes a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus received the outpouring of the Spirit at his baptism in order to carry out his messianic mission, the Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the Body of Christ grow in unity and missionary zeal. The gift of the Spirit is communicated through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism. Saint Paul sheds lights on the meaning of these sacramental signs when he says that "God... has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts" (2 Cor 1:21-22). Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we are configured more closely to Christ and strengthened to bear witness to him in our world. May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new.

Pope Francis

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Thank you to all who
helped make the event
last Sunday such a
wonderful time

Christmas-Is-Coming Party

The parish is hosting a Christmas-is-coming party for its Open House drop-in centre guests on 7 December. Will you volunteer to help set up the parish hall for the event on Thursday, afternoon, 6 December. Please leave you name at the back of the church if you can help for at least half an hour between 5.30 and 7.00 or contact Margaret on 0421 067 068.



SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & TWILIGHT MARKET

Join us on Sunday 16th December for our 3rd annual Christmas Carols concert and Twilight Market.

NO MIDDAY MASS THIS WEEK

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

PLAY READING GROUP

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

Emerald Hill Mission 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.



CRAFT GROUP STALL

After the Mass this Sunday, the craft group will have some stalls in the hall where they will be selling many of the things they have been making over the past months. There will also be a raffle and the winners will be announced at the end of the gathering.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

The luncheon on Monday 3rd Dec is fully booked. For those who have booked please pay Kevin or Geraldine after Mass.

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

**"The Son of God
became a man to
enable men to become
sons of God."**

C.S. Lewis

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Andrew - Nov 30

In the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), Peter and Andrew—whose Greek name means "manly"—were called from their fishing by Jesus to follow him, promising that he would make them "fishers of men." In The Gospel According to John, Andrew is the first Apostle named, and he was a disciple of St. John the Baptist before Jesus' call. He is the patron saint of Scotland and Russia.

