

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE



7th October, 2018

WHAT'S ON

Craft Club

Mon 15, Wed 17
Oct, 12pm

Play Reading Group

Mon 15 Oct, 1pm

Playgroup

Tuesdays
10am

Coffee Club

Thursdays
12:30pm

The Friars' Market

Starting Sat 27
October

The Friars' Bookshop

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

“What God has Joined” - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, B

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The “lawfulness” of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to “the beginning,” interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's “hardness of heart”—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the “woman” born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as “one flesh,” God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was “mother of all the living” (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

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, Robin Advill, Eunice Costa, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Watkins, Bonnie Breen, Maurita Carlisle, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Mary Quirke, Ilse Miranda, Neil Baker, Helen Keighery, Aiden Catherall.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be next Saturday morning. We'd love some extra hands to help work on a special project.
Saturday 13th October, from 10:30am.



THE CRAFT CLUB

The next sessions will be on this **Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th October, from 12pm**. All are welcome. Lots of crafts are involved, including card making and ideas for gifts.



PLAY READING

The next gathering of the play reading group will be on **Monday 15th October, 1pm** (in the Bookshop).
Enquiries - Annie 0423741790, Geraldine 0419115565



WINTER WARMER

The last of our 'Winter' Warmer talks (and dinner) will be held on Wednesday October 24th and our speaker will be John Bowman. John is a County Court judge and the Chairman of the Racing Appeals Disciplinary Board

THE **Friars'** MARKET

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM - 1PM
STS PETER & PAUL'S
CNR MONTAGUE & BANK ST
SOUTH MELBOURNE

Starting Sat 27th Oct

Food, Art, Music and More!

Monday & Tuesday	Evening meal at the parish house, 5pm
Monday	Gentle exercise classes – The Hall, 10.30am BYO Mat
Tuesday	Playgroup - The Hall, 10am
Wednesday	Breakfast at the parish house, 10am
Thursday	Coffee Club in the Cafe, 12:30pm
Thursday	Gentle exercise classes – Old School Hall, 9.15am BYO Mat
Friday	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



THE SPRING BALL 2018 **Saturday 13th October**

The fourth annual Spring Ball is next Saturday night. Young people from all over Melbourne will be coming together for a great night of live music, dancing, and more.

Tickets - trybooking.com/XRHT

VOLUNTEER AT THE PARISH

Looking for volunteers to help with any of these things:

- **Lawn mowing**
- **Bookshop**
- **Playgroup**
- **Children's Liturgy**



And if you would like to receive regular emails about what's happening in the parish, please fill out one of the cards at the back of the church

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St John XXIII (11th October)
Pope from 1958 to 1963

Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections and joyful hopes swept over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness."

