



St Anthony's Parish

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THE 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

25th June 2023

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Wilford Urmaza and Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
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Mon 9am-12noon Tue 9am-4pm
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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Coordinator/Officer: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's - Lorraine Tellis 0409 110 259 & Geetha Vincent 0478 112 996
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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Tuesday 6.00pm. Please email judyparishnews@gmail.com or call 0414 007 009

Judy Johnson's Office Hours 9.00am-1.00pm Monday-Wednesday

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 26/06/2023-02/07/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday 26/6	6.30pm
Tuesday 27/6	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday 28/6	9.30am
Thursday 29/6	9.30am
Friday 30/6	9.30am
First Saturday Devotions 1/7	8.30am
Rosary at 9.00am prior to 9.30am Masses	

Sunday Masses

Saturday 1/7	5.00pm
Sunday 2/7	8.30am & 10.30am

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.

No Confession on Monday.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 26/06/2023-02/07/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday 26/6	No Mass
Tuesday 27/6	9.30am
No Holy Hour	
Wednesday 28/6	9.30am
Thursday 29/6	9.30am
Friday 30/6	9.30am
Saturday 1/7	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 1/7	6.30pm
Sunday 2/7	8.30am & 10.30am
(Rosary in the Chapel 10.00am on Sundays)	

Every Monday-Rosary and Adoration 7pm-8pm in the church.

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBEIT MASS TIMES

VIGIL	1/7	5.00pm
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PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

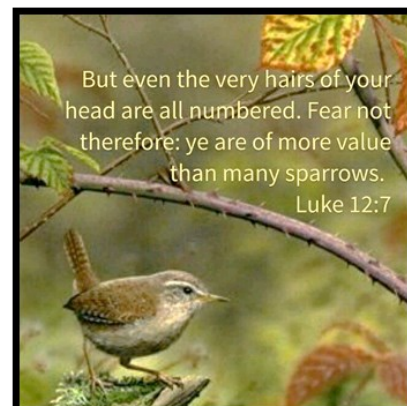
Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

REFLECTION 12th SUNDAY 2023– Mary Fermio rsj

Because of my fear of flying long distances, I have probably missed out on some amazing experiences. So be it! Fear can be a good thing which can protect us, but some fears can prevent us seeking medical help or operations and some fear can stunt personal growth.

Jesus tells us we are so loved by God every hair is counted, so why be afraid? Jesus also knew fear in the garden, when angels came to comfort him. Jesus will stand by us if we stand by him, unafraid to confess our faith, to act out of our faith publicly, standing up for truth and not to be afraid to speak up to protect or help another. Fear can prevent us from going to help. Fear can make us say "What will people think?" I sometimes wonder at the people who film violence – do they intend to use it as evidence and justifiably, are afraid to intervene for their own safety! For we do know of occasions where the one going to help loses their own life or is injured.

Pray for the courage to face the challenges of today, for those who face death because they are Christians, who face persecution or bullying because of their faith, for anyone you know who is fearful of day to day living, facing the future – and of course for oneself.
But I will never fly overseas!!



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP - SAVE THE DATE

Date: Saturday, 15 July 2023 Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Venue: St Anthony's Padua Hall

This Safeguarding Workshop is intended to provide foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm. Also, a clear understanding of one's duty of care and expectations. The workshop is presented by Rosemary Teed from the Professional Safeguarding Unit of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

It is a requirement that all Parish Leaders, Coordinators, current and future Volunteers attend this Workshop to keep abreast with the updates and new required processes. Please bring along your WWCC or VIT card in order to receive a certificate of completion.

This invitation is also extended to all Parishioners, including parents/carers, who have a keen interest in the safety of young children and vulnerable adults. Any enquiries, please call, Godwin Barton (St Anthony's Parish) on 0425 734 449, or Margaret Love (St Bernard's Parish) on 0437 247 779. We look forward to your support. - *Safeguarding Committee*

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION-THIS WEEKEND

The Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this special collection.

ST ANTHONY'S

ST ANTHONY'S 40th ANNIVERSARY AND FEAST DAY

Please find below the money raised during the St Anthony's 40th Anniversary celebrations and the Feast Day.

Masquerade Dinner Dance: \$6010.00

International Food Day: \$5190.00

St Anthony's Feast Day Special Collection: \$525.00

St Anthony's Bread Offering: \$246.20

Chaplet Beads \$360.00

All profits raised will go towards the extension of Padua Hall.

Thank you to everyone who supported our special celebrations.

WEEKDAY MASSES-SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Parishioners please note we will not be having the 7.30am mass on Wednesdays during the school holidays.

PRIME TIMERS

Our June get together is a Movie day at Melton Library at 10.30am Tuesday 27th June, followed by lunch at Degani's Woodgrove. RSVP by 26th June to maryco2@bigpond.com or phone Mary on 0421 778 126.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

We will have a study on the Mass called 'A biblical walk through the Mass'. This study will begin on Friday 30th June and continue for 5 weeks. Please add your name to the clipboard if you are interested in attending.

MEN'S RECOLLECTION

A time for prayer, learning, making resolutions and fellowship. 7.00pm-9.00pm. Tuesday 27th June.
Topic: Love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CHURCH CLEANERS- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with the cleaning of the Church. If you are able to help please contact Lesley in the Parish Office.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -URGENTLY

St Anthony's Bingo needs volunteers to help pack up each Tuesday night after Bingo 9.50pm-10.15pm. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Rose 0460 672 571.

BINGO is held every Tuesday night at 7pm in the Padua Hall, St Anthony's Parish. Complimentary tea and coffee available. Canteen services available. Come along and enjoy a great night, and with a bit of luck you could be one of our lucky winners!

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023-1st-6th AUGUST

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing. Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did. Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace. Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!

ST BERNARD'S

HOLY HOUR

Parishioners please note they will be no Holy Hour this week-Tuesday 27th June.

WEEKDAY MASSES-SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Parishioners please note our weekday masses will be held at 9.30am during the two week school holiday period.

PARISH OFFICE

Parishioners, please note our Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 29th June.

KSC RACING GAME

KSC Racing Game. The full card of 26 participants for 2023 has now been achieved, thanks to those who entered. The first race is this weekend and progress scores will be regularly announced through this bulletin.

ST. BERNARD'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets are now available for our parish trivia night. Get a team together (or come on your own) and join us for a night of fun and games. Saturday 22nd July 2023 Time: 6:30 p.m. Venue: Parish hall Price: \$15 Scan the QR code for more info and to purchase tickets. For any enquiries, please get in touch with Thomas Halloran on 0431 504 402.



WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED.

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 1st & 2nd July

Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator

15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Rebecca Comini

8.30am: Amy Honrade

10.30am: Susan Malinov

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

8.30am: Ron Howard

10.30am: Doris Bonello

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Evana Miesen

8.30am: Dominican Sisters

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Mary Beaton

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 1st & 2nd July

6.30pm: Sonia Smith

8.30am: Nathan Costin

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: John Thorne

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

July: Josephite Companions C/- L Wheelahan

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Cecil Fernandez, Mary Rose Gauci, Antonio Savona & Peter John Thomas.

Please pray for the Sick:

David Bonello, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaró, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Christina Tuigamala, Uatoa Tuigamala, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers. **PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.**

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Violet Borg, Maria Candeloro, Mary Evans, Hazel Glasheen, Brian Glenane, Bronwyn Kays, Stan Mullane, Paul Murray, Rod Osborne, Audrey Peasley, David Rowen, & Ted Shelly.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Carmel Berry, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, George Farrell, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Colin Taffe, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young and all those who have requested our prayers.

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



SERVICE / COMMUNITY

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 1st & 2nd July

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Lorraine Tellis
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Judy Van Hoos

CHURCH FLOWERS

July: Gloria



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330
The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting Room 10.30am.
New members most welcome, training provided.
Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' in the Church foyer.
We cannot accept re-packaged food.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

We're here to support City of Melton residents get ahead through access to our foodbank and other community programs. It's never just about the food or the budget help, it's about recognising the beauty that is in the person and bringing it out so they can be their best.
Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

*The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
Pray therefore (**Rogate Ergo...**) to the Lord of the Harvest that He may send Good workers into His vast vineyard. (Mt. 9:37-38).*

Prayer is the answer to the perennial problem of the lack of good evangelical workers. It is a command and not just a simple request or an invitation. The Church needs holy workers. She needs committed, faithful, and zealous ministers of the Gospel. But if we will not beg the Lord, we will never be blessed with Good and Holy Vocations.

St. Hannibal Ma. Di Francia, the Patron of Vocations said; Vocations come from on High, if we do not pray, vocations will not come. Let us therefore implore the Master of the Harvest with this short prayer:

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 1st & 2nd July

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm Carmel Shea
Sunday: 8.30am Margot Short

CHURCH FLOWERS

July: Tup Shea

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

July: Stephen Millington

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare number 1800 305 330.
Bacchus Marsh Vinnies Store 164-190 Main Street is in urgent need of donations. All donations gratefully appreciated and can be dropped at the Store 7 days a week. Any enquiries please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the **Moorabool Shire**, west of Melbourne Australia, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family and who are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a **No Interest Loans Scheme** for assistance of up to \$1500 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at [77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh](#)
Phone: 03 5367 6222
Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au
Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm
Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's have updated their Baptism Preparation Program.

Baptisms will be held at St Anthony's on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11.00am and Baptisms will be held at St Bernard's on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 11.00am.

Please go to [St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](#) click on 'Faith Formation' and then 'Baptism of Infants' for all the information and the application form.

Please contact the Parish Offices if you need any assistance. Thank you.



ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Alex, Fr Wilford or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1:	Anna Samy	0435 258 230
Group 2:	Pat Fernandes	0416 191 766
Group 3:	Ben & Geetha	0478 112 996

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the month 3pm.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



Lord, we ask you to continue
to be with us as we
' TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL '
together in prayer.
May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
Moving within and amongst us,
And so be transformed Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 68

Commentator: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

All: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,
and thus death has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one
could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned
over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that
of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably
outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so
many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming
through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the
house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls
to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid;
you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I
will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heav-
en. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will
disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time– YEAR A

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42



The Holy Eucharist XVIII

Perpetual adoration (1)

Pope Saint John Paul II spoke often of the great need and power of Eucharistic adoration. In his letter *On The Mystery and Worship of the Holy Eucharist*, he stated: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith, and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

He exhorted us to fill our churches outside Mass times with hours of adoration and periods of exposition as an expression of our personal commitment to our Eucharistic Lord and Saviour.

Jesus himself points to the way, the means, and the source of renewal when he says, “Come to me” for “I will refresh you” (Matthew 11:28). And again: “See, I make all things new.”

Striking is the fact that Jesus did not whisper it, nor did he speak in a normal voice. Rather, he “cried out” when he said: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me. Let him drink who believes in me.” Scripture has it “from within him rivers of living water shall flow” (John 7:37-39).

In speaking of Eucharistic adoration, Pope Saint Paul VI states in *Mysterium Fidei* that Jesus is “Emmanuel, God with us”, and says: “Day and night He is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtues, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak. He proposes his own example to those who come to him that all may learn to be, like himself, meek and humble of heart and to seek not their own interests, but those of God.”

The Pope declares that Christ is reserved in our Churches as the “spiritual centre” of the parish, the universal Church and of all humanity, “since beneath the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible Head of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the centre of all hearts, by whom all things are and by whom we exist”.

For this reason, he says: “How great is the value of converse with Christ, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness.”

The same Pope (Paul VI) professes in the *Credo of the People of God* that the Blessed Sacrament is the “living Heart of each of our Churches and it is our very sweet duty to honour and adore in the Blessed Host which our eyes see, the Incarnate

Word whom they cannot see, and who, without leaving heaven, is made present before us”.

Christianity centres itself on the loving person of Christ; his personhood and presence are found in the Blessed Sacrament. Until we centre ourselves where he is, and where the power of his love flows, we will remain off-centre.

Eucharistic adoration is the spirit of putting Christ first, seeking first the kingdom of God and his way of holiness. There will be no renewal in the Church without Eucharistic renewal.

The absolute necessity of Eucharistic adoration is made clear in the New Testament: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive the power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and praise” (Revelation 5:12). Since the glory and praise of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is directed to the Father, as we offer him the Immaculate Victim along with the gift of ourselves, this verse is definitely and specifically meant to proclaim the dignity, importance and absolute value of Eucharistic adoration. Unmistakably, the Lamb is Christ in his Eucharistic, sacrificial presence.

At the elevation of the Sacred Host, we say Jesus in the Eucharist is “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”. We must continue to proclaim it in our personal prayer life and in our parish – worthy is the Lamb, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, to receive honour, praise, and glory of Eucharistic adoration.

The Father wills it because of all his beloved Son has done in reconciling us to the Father through his sacrifice on the cross. Christ deserves it and wants it — not only for himself, but for us also. For those who adore him, Christ generously gives what he has received — the power of grace, the riches of peace, the wisdom of light, and the strength of love.

From the Lamb flows “the river of life-giving water, clear as crystal” which is the “medicine for the nations” (Revelation 22: 1-3). In other words, the answer to all the ills of man, the world and the Church is found in the all-embracing, powerfully healing love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

He remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament to deepen our union with him and strengthen our personal relationship with him. He stays with us in order to provide an opportunity to repair for the great evils of the world. Each time we adore him and lift up to his Eucharistic Heart a broken humanity, every person in the world receives a new outpouring of his grace, goodness and love.

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