



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBEIT
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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

22nd October 2023

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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

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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email judyparishnews@gmail.com

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 23/10/2023-29/10/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	23/10	6.30pm
Tuesday	24/10	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	25/10	9.30am
Thursday	26/10	9.30am
Friday	27/10	9.30am
Saturday	28/10	9.00am

Rosary **9.00am prior to weekday masses &**

Rosary **8.30am prior to Saturday morning masses**



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	28/10	5.00pm
Sunday	29/10	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 23/10/2023-29/10/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	23/10	No Mass
Tuesday	24/10	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	25/10	9.30am
Thursday	26/10	7.30am
Friday	27/10	7.30am
Saturday	28/10	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	28/10	6.30pm
Sunday	29/10	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 KOROBET MASS TIMES

VIGIL	28/10	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 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 2023—MISSON SUNDAY— BY FR LUCAS KYAW MYINT

Theme: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is due to God."

Gandhi: After admiring the photograph of Gandhi and Jesus Christ, an admirer of Gandhi said: "Well, I bow down before Gandhi, but Kneel down only before Jesus." Yes, worship is due only to God. Man is socio-political being, he has to play a balance role in society; his social concerns should evolve from an interior revolution, a conversion from within.



Double Citizenship: 'We enjoy a double citizenship.' We are citizens of a country, we have to obey and respect its civil regulations. We have to contribute our share to the welfare of our state in this world. As Christians, we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God. In matters of conscience and religion, our responsibility is to God. Therefore, we have to give God what is His due.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Mt. 6:33)

Cyrus the Great: God chose Persian king Cyrus to deliver His chosen people from Babylonian exile. He cooperated with God by allowing the exiled Jewish people to return to their homeland and even helped them to rebuild their Temple in Jerusalem. If non believer king was chosen for God's mission, we Christians have more responsibilities to participate in God's mission of universal salvation. Give God glory, honour and thanksgiving.

Thessalonians: St Paul, St Silvanus and St Timothy praised the Thessalonians for accepting the teaching of Christ, doing charitable works and preserving in their faith, through hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflections: How much do we have life commitment to God? How much do we have selfless service to the people in need? Start your day in union with the Lord through prayers and end your day by doing something for common good. As Christians, we pay tax to government for common welfare and we return God's blessings lifelong commitment generously and pray to Him with great devotion. Render to Caesar what is his and to God, what is God's.

PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE?

To learn more how the Creed can become the source of joy, join us in this study over the next 7 weeks Tuesdays 7.15pm Mackillop Room, St Anthony's Church, Melton South. **Lesson 5 The God-Man and His Mother**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—THIS WEEKEND

We will have a special collection this weekend to support World Mission Sunday. The Sisters and the Church in Venilale –Timor-Leste need support to maintain and stock the clinic with the required resources this is why they invite you to support this essential program which will positively impact those most in need. The Sisters provide medical care and health education.

Envelopes will also be available in the foyer. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Classes for our Sacramental Program will begin early in 2024. If you have a child who is attending a non Catholic school, and would like that child to receive their sacraments, please go to enrol4sacraments@gmail.com and leave your contact details and the child's details, age, grade and sacraments already received. Please note the child must be baptised.

ALL SOULS' DAY-Thursday 2nd November 2023

Extra Masses will be held on All Souls' Day at **St Anthony's 9.30am & 6.30pm** and **St Bernard's 7.30am & 6.30pm**. During the month of November the Church calls us to pray for all our departed members. If you wish Mass to be offered for your loved ones, please fill in the envelopes in the foyer and then place them in the box provided. Then please add your loved ones name to the clipboard provided. Their names will then be included in a Memorial Book which will be processed in and placed on the Altar at all weekend Masses in November.

FR ALEX CLEMENTE'S INSTALLATION-SAVE THE DATE

Fr Alex's Installation as Parish Priest will be held on Saturday 18th November 2023 5pm at St Anthony's Church.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be in attendance and a reception will be held after the service in Padua Hall the reception will conclude by 10.00pm. To help us ascertain the numbers for catering please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer. If you are able to bring a dish to share at the reception, please add your details to the second clipboard. Thank you

ST ANTHONY'S

WORKSHOP -SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

We would like to invite all our current Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and any of our Parishioners who would like to join this ministry to attend a workshop on Saturday 4th November at 10.00am.

Please add your name to the clipboard in the foyer.

PRIME TIMERS

Our October outing, Tuesday 31st, will be to The Black Horse Hotel, 80 Bulla Rd. Bulla. Lunch for 12.30pm. A senior's menu is available. We can meet in the former Bunnings car park at 11.45 to 12pm. Afterwards, for those who wish, there can be a stroll through the Alister Clark Memorial Gardens which are close by. RSVP Sunday 29th to confirm booking numbers. Ineke 0400120401 and ineke49@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH COMMUNITY BASKETBALL EVENT

All Parishioners are invited to join the St Anthony's and St Lawrence community for a sausage sizzle on 29th October, this will be followed by Yr5/6 Basket ball competition.

To register you must be a St Anthony's or St Lawrence student.

Mass: 10.30am Lunch: 11.30am-12.15pm Games: 12.30pm.

Please see flyer on notice board.

MEN'S RECOLLECTION- 24th OCTOBER 2023 7.00pm-9.30pm

A time of prayer, learning, making resolution's and fellowship.

Topic: The foundation of Opus Dei-vocation in the middle of the world.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE ROSARIES AND ROSES

We received \$1400.00 in donations for the Rosaries and Roses.

The funds have been used to purchase the roses and a donation was given to the Nuns who made the rosaries. Left over funds will be used for further Marian Devotions and activities.

MONTH OF OCTOBER—DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Our Parish will be dedicating the Month of October to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Rosary will commence 30 minutes before Mass on Saturday mornings and at the weekend Masses. You are most welcome to bring flowers from home for a special tribute to our Lady before the final blessing.

ST BERNARD'S

ALL SAINTS DAY In honour of ALL SAINTS DAY we are inviting all the families to join us, and for the kids of St Bernard's to dress as their favourite Saint, or bring a statue or picture, on Sunday 29th October, after the 8.30am Mass in the hall!

There will be games with prizes and a sausage sizzle (\$2) cool drinks (\$1) tea and coffee (free) ending in a saints parade! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

CRAFT AND CUPPA GROUP.

Come and join us as we create items to sell as a Fundraiser for our Church. Bring your craft, your ideas, or just watch and learn. Or join us just for a cuppa and a chat!

We meet every First and Third Thursday of the month in the Parish Centre at 9.00am. See the notice board for more details.

O Mary, our Lady of the Rosary

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption.

May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining all the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul and those of my family. Amen



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: 28th & 29th October

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: Gavin Pereira

8.30am: Mercy Sefatu

10.30am: Romeo Sacris

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan & Aloysious Dacunha

8.30am: Geoff Sutton & Roa Seufatu

10.30am: Doris Bonello

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Ron & Natalie

8.30am: Julie & Godwin

10.30am: Leonia & Josephine

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm:

8.30am To be advised

10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Colin Remedios

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 28th & 29th October

6.30pm:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: John Thorne

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

October: Greta/Grace Kratchotvil

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased;

Laurie Sultana

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

Peter Biechun, Paul & Hazel Harding, Laura Leslie, Douglas Leslie & Louise Pereira.

John and Angelina Micallef

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 Manicaro, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Troy Saliba, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Sina, Saleri, 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:

Mary Doran, Teresa Laszcz, Veronica McGregor, Ingrid Middlemast, Joan Pickin, Maryanne Polidano, Carmela Provenzano, John Schifferle, & James Wilkie.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Stephen Beaton, Peter Bennett, Carmel Berry, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Tracey Burn, Alex, Fred Capuano, Charlie, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Brendan Coburn, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Evelyn, 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, Joe, 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, Troy Saliba, 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, Nathan Witmore, 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

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

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 28th & 29th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Fernandes

8.30am: Judy Johnson

10.30am: Geetha Vincent

CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Ana

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS— November

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: To be advised

10.30am:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 1st Tuesday of the month in the Mackillop 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. res: 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 : 28th & 29th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Dianne Shelly

Sunday: 8.30am: Marj Tung

10.30am: Natalia Klenkowski



CHURCH FLOWERS

October: Beatrice Younger

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

October: 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 \$2000 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,

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:	Willy & Regima OGumdama	0469 715 690
Group 2:	Angelo & Rita Harinos	9746 6752
Group 3:	Michael & Monica Kratochvil	0439 837 252

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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 95

Commentator: Give the Lord glory and honour.

All: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and honour

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS -

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

First Reading:	Ex 22:20-26
Second Reading:	1 Thess 1:5-10
Gospel:	Mt 22:34-40



The Holy Eucharist XXXV

My Eucharistic Day

(2) : Twelve rules for a Eucharistic life

First Rule

In the morning, when you wake, go in spirit to the foot of the Tabernacle where during the night, Jesus remained out of love for each one of us. Make an offering of your day to this gentle Saviour, ask him to bless you, to preserve you from all sin and to give you his love.

Second Rule

When beginning your morning prayer, place yourself in spirit before the Tabernacle. Ask Jesus, who is there praying for you, to present your petitions to God the Father, and under his gaze tell him of your plans for the day, asking him to bless them.

Third Rule

If at all possible, attend Mass every morning. The days when this is impossible choose a moment — preferably after morning prayers — to be present in spirit at the Holy Sacrifice. Go in spirit before the Tabernacle and place yourself in the Heart of Jesus.

Unite yourself to the Masses which are being offered up at that moment — since there is not a minute of the day or night that the Holy Sacrifice is not being offered in some part of the world — and offer Jesus to the Heavenly Father, as a Victim, begging him to pardon in his name, all sinners, particularly yourself, and ask him to enkindle his love in all hearts to increase the number of saints.

Fourth Rule

Never begin any work or occupation of any kind, never perform any action, nor go out mornings, afternoons or evenings, without having first gone in thought to the Tabernacle, to ask Jesus for his blessings.

Fifth Rule

Before and after your midday and evening meals, withdraw for a moment and kneel down. At least never omit to go at these times in thought, to greet Jesus, whose presence is so much forgotten by so many of our Catholic people. Recall to your mind the thoughts which have come to you at his feet.

Sixth Rule

Send a loving thought towards the Tabernacle several times a day — for example, when the clock strikes. Tell him how much you wish to love him, ask him to help you, and say the prayer, "Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar", or a similar prayer.

Seventh Rule

Form the habit of a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament even if it should have to be when you are on your way to work, so that at the hour of death, Jesus will in his turn visit you. If time permits, profit by this visit to put in practice the directions of Rule Nine.

If it should happen that you cannot make your usual visit to the Blessed Sacrament, make a spiritual visit

before retiring and remain a few minutes in Adoration thinking of him who is in the Tabernacle only because of his great love for you.

Eighth Rule

When you begin your night prayers, place yourself (as in the morning) in spirit before the Tabernacle. Ask Jesus to help you to pray; and then under his gaze, humbly examine your conscience. Think that it is Jesus himself who recalls to your memory what you have done during the day.

Ninth Rule: The Most Important of All

Go and place yourself at least in spirit, before the Tabernacle under the gaze of Jesus. Read over one of the questions which you will find following this Rule. Pause and reflect for a moment, and think of what your answer will be. Then looking with the eyes of your soul at Jesus who knows your thoughts, say to him: "Lord, make me understand, make me see, speak to my soul. Speak Lord and thy servant shall hear."

Ask the God of the Eucharist to speak to your mind and heart, even as he did to those who came to him when he was on earth, and be careful to keep in your mind the question that formed the subject of your meditation, asking Jesus to fill your soul with it.

Tenth Rule

If during the day, some trial or trouble should come to you, go at once in spirit to the Tabernacle and confide it to Jesus. In contradictions speak to him at once, asking him to make you patient. If you are alone, go in spirit to keep him company. He is so often abandoned by us in his Tabernacle. Your own isolation will then seem to you less painful. If you are suffering, go and rest your tired head on his Heart, and tell him your trials.

Eleventh Rule

In your thoughts, accustom yourself to stay as constantly as possible under the gaze of Jesus — under this all-powerful virtue which comes from the Tabernacle.

As the Jews of old brought their sick to him to be healed, so will you go to him, to offer him the supplication: "Lord, you know my desires, Lord, heal my soul! Lord, make me see! Lord, make me love you."

Twelfth Rule

Work without ceasing to realise in your thoughts the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Give him your first thought, your first glance when you enter the church. Let him be the centre of all that takes place there, prayers or ceremonies or sermons.

Let all your prayers pass through his lips for he is present in the Sacred Host. Place in his Heart all your good thoughts and wishes. Learn to adore him in his Eucharist that you may know how to adore him in Heaven. Perform all your pious exercises under his gaze, for he is watching you from the Tabernacle. Under his gaze receive the Sacrament of Penance. May the Eucharistic God become daily more and more your best Confidant and your most intimate Friend.