



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

29th October 2023

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Wilford Urmaza and Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint

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 30/10/2023-5/11/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	30/10	6.30pm
Tuesday	31/10	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	1/11	9.30am
Thursday	2/11 All Souls Day	9.30am & 6.30pm
Friday	3/11	9.30am
First Friday Devotions		7.30pm & Midnight
Saturday	4/11 First Saturday	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	4/11	5.00pm
Sunday	5/11	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 30/10/2023-5/11/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	30/10	No Mass
Tuesday	31/10	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	1/11	9.30am
Thursday	2/11 All Souls Day	7.30am & 6.30pm
Friday	3/11	7.30am
Saturday	4/11	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	4/11	6.30pm
Sunday	5/11	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	4/11	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 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 2023—SR MARY FERMIO rsj

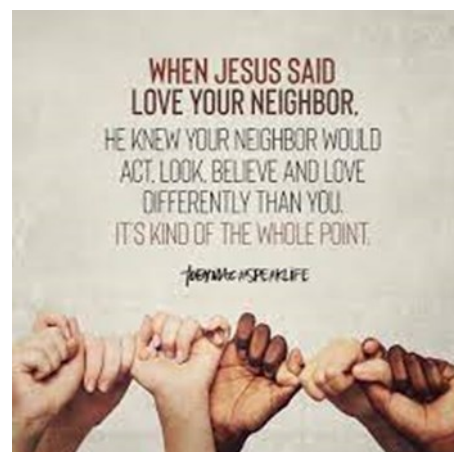
When couples make a marriage commitment, they give themselves entirely – to love each other in sickness and health, rich or poor, till death. This is 100% whole heart, soul and mind – total giving and loving whatever the future holds.

God loves us in the same way – 100% and invites us to return that love 100% - heart, soul and mind. Not 70%, not 90% but Whole-heartedly. God loves us 100% despite our messy lives, the times we fail – not just the good bits. Jesus also said to love others as I love myself. **Do I love myself?** God made me as I am, and God loves me 100%, so I should love myself in the same way. If not, why not? Because, the extra step we are asked is to love others as I love myself - not less, not differently, not just politely, but with our whole heart and mind and soul.

So like the marriage commitment it means the whole of me, rich or poor, good times or bad times, with all my heart and soul and mind.

To love God, myself and others in this way- **WHAT A CHALLENGE!**

But remember Jesus said, "I am with you always!"



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 few weeks Tuesdays 7.15pm Mackillop Room, St Anthony's Church, Melton South. **Lesson 6 The Life of Christ.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We had a special collection last weekend for World Mission Sunday. St Anthony's Parish collected \$805.00 and St Bernard's Parish collected \$676.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

*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 these ministries 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 this Sunday, 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.

BINGO

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!

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

OFFERTORY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners, this weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS.

The Social and Fundraising Group is organising a Christmas Raffle. Please leave donations for the raffle in the basket provided in the foyer. Donations such as chocolates, puddings, biscuits, toys, wine, body products, and gift cards, greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ST. BERNARD'S CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

December 10th - SAVE THE DATE! More details to follow.

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS

As the number of volunteers have been gradually decreasing, we are calling for parishioners to consider becoming Readers and/or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist at weekend Masses. If you are interested, please put your name and contact details on the clipboard in the church foyer.

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: 4th & 5th November

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: Liza Fernandes

8.30am: Leonia Jessop

10.30am: Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Ann Tennakoon

8.30am: Geoff Sutton & Ron Howard

10.30am: George Bonello

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Coleen & Godwin

8.30am: Josephine & Godwin

10.30am: Leonia & Godwin

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Dominican Sisters

10.30am: Samantha Butler

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: John Thorne

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 4th & 5th November

6.30pm: Sonia Smith

8.30am: Volunteer needed

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: John Thorne

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

November: John Thorne

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Francisco Alatrsta, Robert G Coleman, Muriel Kratochvil, Ooi Mooi Lee, Karen Micallef, Joy Nicholls, Leo Noonan, Keith Rowe, Neil G Rowely & Joe Stellini.

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 the recently deceased:

Chris Haintz & Maureen Orr.

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

Kevin Bridges, Eileen Closter, Janet Henderson, Mark Henry, Mario Kovacevic, Maree Larkin, Patricia May, Patricia Shanahan, Paul Wheelahan & William Vallenge.

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, Yvonne Feliciouz, 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: 4th & 5th November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Lorraine Tellis
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Lorette Soba

CHURCH FLOWERS

November: Rosabella

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.
ress: 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 : 4th & 5th November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Jan & Colm
Sunday: 8.30am: Jan Farmelo



CHURCH FLOWERS

Novmeber: Natalia Klenkowski

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

November: Stuart Robertson & Sean Giani

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 17

Commentator: I love you, Lord, my strength.

All: I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading: Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10

Second Reading: 1Thess 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Mt 23:1-12



The Holy Eucharist XXXVI

My Eucharistic Day

(3) Before the Altar Throne: Sunday

Who Is There?

Let us remember that He who is in the Host is the God who made us, who has given us everything, who loves us and who alone can understand the secrets of our hearts. Christ the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who became man, born of the Virgin Mary, is present. The same Jesus Christ still is with us, really, truly and substantially. He will remain with us till the end of the world.

Why Is Jesus There?

Jesus is in the Host because He loves us and could not leave us alone on earth, because He knows our miseries and wishes us to be able always to find therein the Heart of a friend, a Heart that will answer to ours.

What Does Jesus Do in the Host?

He adores his Heavenly Father. He thanks him for all benefits and blessings, makes reparation for our sins and prays for us, and the whole world. Because He loves us, He is thinking of each one of us in particular. He is there hour by hour, preparing for us the graces that we need. He looks for us; He is waiting for us, ready to welcome us.

What Does Jesus in the Host Wish?

Jesus wishes us to go to Him as we would go to our Father ... asking Him for all that we need with the implicit trust of a child and confiding to Him our joys, our wishes, our hopes and fears and the souls dear to us.

What Does Jesus in the Host Wish Us to Remember?

That He loves his Heavenly Father and each one of us. That all earthly things pass quickly ... worldly positions may be lost, friends disappear, and little by little even our illusions pass, but Jesus remains in the Host, loving us always with the same affection.

What Does Jesus in the Host Teach Us?

Jesus is there to help us to go to Heaven, to find that neither poverty nor misery is a disgrace or a misfortune, that if we possess His friendship and know that we can find Him in the consecrated Host, we have found a Pearl of great price, which no man can take from us.

What Does Jesus in the Host Ask of Us?

Let us not forget that intimacy is born of conformity. That Jesus in the Host is silent, and desires us to be silent in regard to our neighbour and ourselves, and sacrifice for Him the thousand useless trivial thoughts.

By St Peter Julian Eymard, catholicculture.org

Monday

Who Is There?

In the Host there is the Infant-God who came upon earth for love of us, the same Jesus who worked and suffered for us, who consoled the afflicted, pardoned sinners and did good to all.

Why Is Jesus There?

Jesus is there to help us to go to Heaven, to find in His Presence and His love the assistance we need, to purify us in His Precious Blood in the Holy Sacrifice and to nourish us in Holy Communion.

What Is Jesus Doing in the Host?

Jesus in the Host is praying for us. Every morning He offers himself on the altar for our needs. He asks the Father to have mercy on our sins ... He intercedes for each one of us and obtains for us all graces, especially that of a happy death.

What Does Jesus in the Host Wish?

Jesus wishes that we should go to him present in the Host (as the Apostles of old went) ... to ask of Him light in times of doubt, and in moments of temptations and danger to find a refuge in His Heart ... to ask Him to teach us to accept His holy Will.

Of What Does Jesus in the Host Remind Us?

He reminds us that the free indulgence of our passions only produces sadness and bitterness, that afflictions are numerous here below, that living in the Host Jesus alone gives the only true joy, and that near Him there is no sorrow without hope.

What Does Jesus in the Host Teach Us?

Let us remember that if Jesus laboured it was to teach us that labour is a law of expiation, and an obligation to all and not a humiliation, that he who works while thinking of Him, present in the Blessed Sacrament, proves his love to Jesus, merits His graces, and will be rewarded by Him.

What Does Jesus in the Host Ask of Us?

Jesus asks us to imitate Him in His patience and meekness. He tolerates the indifferent, who pass Him by without a salutation, the tepid, who approach Him without love, the sacrilegious and those who profane Him. For love of Him, let us bear with those who weary us, those who are ungrateful, those who hurt or offend us.