



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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR B

3rd December 2023

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Parish Office Hours:

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

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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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ST BERNARD'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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Judy Johnson's Office Hours 9.30am-1.30pm Tuesday-Thursday 0414 007 009

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

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 4/12/2023-10/12/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	4/12	6.30pm
Tuesday	5/12	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	6/12	9.30am
Thursday	7/12	9.30am
Friday	8/12	9.30am
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Rosary 6.30pm	Mass 7.00pm
Saturday	9/12	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	9/12	5.00pm
Sunday	10/12	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 4/12/2023-10/12/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	4/12	No Mass
Tuesday	5/12	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	6/12	9.30am
Thursday	7/12	7.30am
Friday	8/12	7.30am
Providence Mass		11.00am
Saturday	9/12	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	9/12	6.30pm
Sunday	10/12	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	9/12	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 1ST ADVENT 2023– Sr Mary Fermio

At this time, we can spend many hours preparing for comings – visitors to stay, a Christmas gathering, writing cards, planning menus, buying and wrapping gifts. In fact, we can make it a hectic time without any thought about WHY?

WHAT do we celebrate at CHRIST-MAS?

The most important coming is that of Jesus, who tells us to stay awake, to be ready for his coming, for which we must also plan.

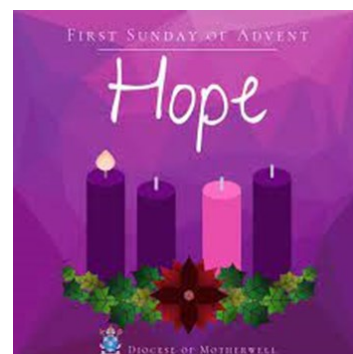
Paul tells us that while we are waiting, God will keep us steady. The Jewish people waited for hundreds of years for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when he came, most did not recognise him. The early Christians expected him to return soon.

Yet 2000 years later we are still waiting. But Jesus tells us to recognise him in the ordinary.

Will Jesus come to me as a stranger, a friend, a neighbour, on the street, on my walk!

Will I recognise him, welcome him, or will I be too busy, too distracted, to even notice him?

Try to take 5 mins each day to ponder what **Advent** means – who's coming am I preparing for.
Our first candle is a symbol of HOPE. What do you hope for? Pray for those who have no hope in their lives. Can you bring hope to one person this week?



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 11 The Glorious and Final Things**

ADVENT REFLECTION TALKS Prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus through in depth Reflection and Study on the Sunday Advent readings. 7.15pm – Monday 4/12 Tuesday 12/12 & Monday 18/12. Reflection will be in the Mackillop Room at St Anthony's Church.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION-SPECIAL COLLECTION-NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the Melbourne Overseas Mission. The programs are based on a Christian motivation of commitment to the poor with strong objectives to encourage self-help and self-reliance, respect human rights and enhance gender equality. The Mission provides programs in education, training, literacy & health. Please give generously.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES (SIMBANG GABI)-16th December-24th December

We will be celebrating Mass at **5.00am each morning from Saturday 16th December– Sunday 24th December** at St Anthony's Church. Please join us in this spiritual preparation for Christmas. Please stay after mass for a cuppa and fellowship.

ST ANTHONY'S

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8th DECEMBER

Novena to the Feast of Immaculate Conception will be recited daily at each mass beginning Wednesday 29th November until Thursday 7th December. Please join us on Friday 8th December for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Rosary: 6.30pm Solemn Mass: 7.00pm followed by a procession and veneration of Mary Immaculate at the Padua Hall. The evening will conclude with a sausage sizzle, salad and cake.

We will have a collection at the 7.00pm Mass on Friday 8th December, to cover the expenses for the whole evening's celebration.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH If you or your family are on your own on Christmas day and don't have family or friends to share a Christmas meal with. You are welcome to join us for lunch. When: Christmas Day Where: Padua Hall Time: 12.00noon till 4.30pm. If you are joining us, please add your name and phone number on the clipboard provided in the foyer. For more information please contact Elizabeth 0422 882 562

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION December women's recollection will take place on Thursday December 7, from 7pm - 9pm.

Description: A mini-retreat that offers an opportunity to review your life, renew your relationship with God, and make firm resolutions for the future. Topic for this month: Welcoming the Lord who comes.

TRASH AND TREASURE MARKET

Our Social Committee held a market last weekend. We raised \$2053.90. Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser. Thank you to our Social Committee members and parishioners who ran stalls at the market. All money raised will go towards the extension of Padua Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers for our Christmas services, please place your donation in the box provided on the sanctuary. Thank you.

ST BERNARD'S

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Novena to the Feast of Immaculate Conception will be recited daily at each mass beginning Wednesday 29th November until Thursday 7th December.

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS

Last Providence and Friends Mass for 2023 will be held on **Friday 8th December 11am.**

Please bring a plate of festive food to share for lunch. If transport is required, please contact Margot 0419 507 438 or the Parish Office.

ST. BERNARD'S CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

Come and join us after the 10.30am Mass on SUNDAY 10th December for Christmas Fundraising Fun! We will have an Advent Pageant, BBQ, Drinks, a Craft Stall, Games for the children and adults young at heart, and a visit from St. NICHOLAS with lolly bags.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Available after all masses this weekend.

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Eftpos available.

ST VINCENTS DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Bacchus Marsh St Vincent de Paul Conference is providing a hamper of essential pantry items to families we have assisted during the year.

Through the generosity of St Bernard's Primary School families, we will have sufficient items to make up the hampers, although we do require funds to purchase gift cards for the children of the families we are assisting.

If you wish to make a contribution donation can be placed in the poor box in the Church or by contacting President Margot Short 0419 507 438 or Treasurer Peter Kennedy 0407 778 119.

PIETY STALL

Christmas cards now available \$3.00 (pack of 5)

Columban calendars \$10.00 each

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be held at St Anthony's Church after the 6.30pm mass on Tue 12th December and will cease at 9.00pm.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS PRECEDING ALL MASSES

Christmas Eve	24th Dec	5.30pm Mass
Christmas Eve	24th Dec	8.00pm Mass
Christmas Day	25th Dec	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	25th Dec	10.30am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be held at St Bernard's Church after the 6.30pm mass on Sat 9th December and will cease at 8.30pm.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS PRECEDING ALL MASSES

Christmas Eve	24th Dec	6.30pm Mass
Christmas Eve	24th Dec (Korobeit)	8.30pm Mass
Christmas Eve	24th Dec	10.00pm Mass
Christmas Day	25th Dec	10.30am Mass

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: 9th & 10th December

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 & Michelle Tennakoon

8.30am: Leonia Jessop & Amy Honrade

10.30am: Rhys Tuala & Romeo Sacris

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan & Aloysious Dacunha

8.30am: Geoff Sutton & Philip Anyayahan

10.30am: George 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: Lillian & Josephine

10.30am: Annonika & Lillian

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Sonia Smith

8.30am: Dominican Sisters

10.30am: Charlotte Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: John Thorne

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 9th & 10th December

6.30pm: John Thorne

8.30am: Nathan Costin

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Vikki Benson

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

December: Jan Carragher

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Greta Mascarenhas & Lafaele (Ralph) Mataia.

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:

Fr Gerard Dowling & Mary Farrell.

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

Brian Barry, Ann Bourke, Bill Cassar, Betty Condon, Laurie Cumper, John Dodd, John Glide, Franky Gomes, Joseph Gonsalvez, Kevin Leonard, Kerry Lindsay, Gnaire Lockman, Marita Miesen, Helen Rayner & Gavan Shea.

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 Gagiarbi, 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

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 9th & 10th December

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Chdid
8.30am: Judy Johnson
10.30am: Merla Veloso

CHURCH FLOWERS

December: Gloria

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS—

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's 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 : 9th & 10th December

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Jackie Tabone
Sunday: 8.30am: Lyn Shea



CHURCH FLOWERS

December: Melinda Martin Blooms

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

December: Colm Carragher & Ron Geurts

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:	David & Anne Leheny	0405 621 232
Group 2:	Kalolaine & Sam Foma	0432 295 121
Group 3:	Maria Peter	0450 052 327

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 lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 79

Commentator: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

All: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT –YEAR B

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:-1-8



The Holy Eucharist XLI

My Eucharistic Day

**Examine Your Conscience in the Morning
Under the Eyes of Jesus in the Host**

On awakening, make the sign of the cross.

On arising, say:

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God."

Adore our Lord as your King who has called you today to work in his amiable service and for his honour and glory. Render him this day the homage of your mind, your heart, your body and your life for he deserves it all.

Thank our Lord for having kept you alive; thank him for all the graces received during your life (baptism, first communion, vocation). Rejoice at the honour and the happiness of spending this whole day in union with our Divine Lord in his Sacrament of love: such a day may be worth an entire life, the whole of Paradise.

Acknowledge your weakness and your defects in your particular vocation. Confess your offences of yesterday. Detest the power of self-love, the feebleness of your will, the distractions of your mind. Promise our Lord that you will correct your ruling passion; foresee the occasions of relapse and the opportunities of practising opposite virtues. Remember your resolution for this month and determine for yourself a certain penance in case of failure to keep it.

Ask our Lord for the grace of being more faithful today. Recommend yourself to the Blessed Virgin, to your Guardian Angel and begin work with the help of God's grace.

Consecrate the whole day to our Eucharistic Jesus. Place yourself in spirit, in his presence and humbly adore him on his nearest throne of Perpetual Exposition or in the nearest Tabernacle.

O sweet Jesus, your goodness and your might
Have brought me to this morning's light.
Keep and preserve me every hour,
From sorrow, sin, temptation's power.
Grant me your blessing, Lord, this day,
On all I think and do and say.
Jesus for your help I plead.
Mary for me intercede.

After making this offering, form your intention to gain all the indulgences of the day. Then hasten to the church for your morning prayers, Holy Mass and Communion.

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Morning Prayers

Most holy and adorable Trinity, one God in three Persons, I believe that you are here present; I adore you with the deepest humility and with my whole heart render to you the homage which is due to your sovereign majesty.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Say the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Creed.

Adorable Jesus, my Saviour and Master, model of all perfection, I resolve and will endeavour this day to imitate your example; to be like you, mild, humble, chaste, zealous, charitable and resigned. I will redouble my efforts that I may not fall this day into any of those sins which I have heretofore committed (here name any besetting sin), and which I sincerely desire to forsake. I have the intention to gain all the indulgences I can in favour of the poor souls in Purgatory.

O my God, you know my poverty and weakness, and that I am unable to do anything good without you; deny me not, O God, the help of your grace, proportion it to my necessities, give me strength to avoid anything evil which you forbid and to practise the good which you have commanded and enable me to bear patiently all the trials which it may please you to send me.

(Continued next Sunday)