



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
309 MYRNIONG-KOROBET ROAD 3341

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

5th November 2023

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Alex Clemente
ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Wilford Urmaza and Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm

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St Anthony's School **Principal:** Damien Schuster
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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

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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

St Bernard's - Margaret Love (0437 247 779) Ron Geurts, Vikki Benson &
Marj Tung

Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email parishsecretary83@gmail.com

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 6/11/2023-12/11/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	6/11	6.30pm
Tuesday	7/11	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	8/11	9.30am
Thursday	9/11	9.30am
Friday	10/11	9.30am
Saturday	11/11	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	11/11	5.00pm
Sunday	12/11	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 6/11/2023-12/11/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	6/11	No Mass
Tuesday	7/11	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	8/11	9.30am
Thursday	9/11	7.30am
Friday	10/11	7.30am
Providence and Friends Mass		11.00am
Saturday	11/11	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	11/11	6.30pm
Sunday	12/11	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	11/11	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 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 2023—Fr Alex Clemente, RCJ

We often hear the expression "*for the greater glory of God*". But what will truly glorify God?

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet admonished the leaders of his time for glorifying themselves rather than God's name and failing to accompany the people towards the observance of God's laws. In the second reading, we have a successful missionary in the person of Paul whose only goal is to glorify God by preaching the gospel.

He was very much like a mother nurturing her children with gentleness while working for their good. Jesus concluded this Sunday's gospel by saying "*Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted*".

The humble one acknowledges his vulnerabilities and accepts his dependence to the divine grace.

Humility is a great virtue which strongly proclaims the power, goodness and glory of God.

Giving glory to God then means keeping His laws and commandments, 'walk the talk' way of teaching gospel values to others and staying humble at all times.

How are you addressing the temptation to glorify yourself?

Let us pray that all we do may be for the greater glory of God.

Humble Yourself Before God



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 7 God Suffers Death**

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.

CATHOLIC DEAF ANNUAL APPEAL

We will be conducting the Annual Catholic Deaf Appeal next weekend at both Parishes. Please give generously.

FR ALEX CLEMENTE'S INSTALLATION

Fr Alex's Installation as Parish Priest will be held on Saturday 18th November 2023 during the 5pm Vigil Mass 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 in advance and God Bless

ST ANTHONY'S

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! Don't forget our special Christmas Night on the 5th December. For more information Rose at Bingo, to pre-pay and book your table.



SAVE THE DATE!!

On Saturday the 25th November, the Social Club will be conducting a Trash & Treasure Market after the Saturday morning Mass. All proceeds will go towards the Extension of Padua Hall.



ST BERNARD'S

OFFERTORY GIVING CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners, thank you to everyone who picked up your offertory giving envelopes containing pledge cards last weekend. There are still a number though which haven't been collected so please make sure you take yours this weekend. Please read carefully, all material in the envelope. For those who wish to return your filled out pledge cards, you can return them in the first or second collections at Mass, at the parish office or into the designated box in the foyer. You will note the pledge card has provision for both the 2nd collection Offertory (Thanksgiving) and 1st collection (Clergy support). This allows those who wish to give via direct debit or card for both collections to do so. If giving cash in the first collection is your preferred option, that can continue.

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.

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS Parishioners are invited to our monthly Providence and Friends Mass on Friday 10th November 11.00am. Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch.

Prayer for our Dearly Departed

All: O Jesus our loving Saviour, grant we pray you, in your mercy, that through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and all your Saints especially our patron St Anthony of Padua, that our friends, relatives, members of our family and parish community who have passed from this world, may attain a share in everlasting happiness. Amen

Priest: Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord

All: And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Priest: May they rest in peace.

All: 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: 11th & 12th 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: Marian Muller

8.30am: Amy Honrade

10.30am: Rhys Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan & Aloysious Dacunha

8.30am: Roa Seufatu & Geoff Sutton

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: Lillian & Josephine

10.30am: Annonica & Lillian

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Sonia Smith

8.30am Sr Mary Sarah

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: John Thorne

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 11th & 12th November

6.30pm: Volunteer needed

8.30am: Maggie Kratochvil

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Vikki Benson

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

November: John Thorne

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Laurie Sultana

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

Donald Arthur Abela, Regina Tolosa, Lily Wakefield, Patrick Wakefield.

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:

Patricia & John Daly, Lorna Hives, Tilly Nabben, Maryanne Polidano, James Tellis, Millie Thompson, Desmond Trask, & Mary Walsh.

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

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 11th & 12th November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Chdid
8.30am: Merla Veloso
10.30am: Geetha Vincent

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'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: 11th & 12th November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Jackie Tabone
Sunday: 8.30am: Lyn Shea
10.30am: Natalia Klenkowski



CHURCH FLOWERS

November: 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:	Shane & Dolly Barrow	0439 386 130
Group 2:	Kim & Villy Nguyen	0403 751 343
Group 3:	Josephine German	0478 288 761

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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 130

Commentator: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

All: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13



SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

The Holy Eucharist XXXVII

My Eucharistic Day

(4) Before the Altar Throne: Tuesday

Who Is There?

He who is there is the same Jesus who in the Garden of Olives, seeing in advance each one of us, wept for our miseries and suffered for our sins. The God who, when carrying His Cross, thought of us, and who suffered and died for each one of us.

Why Is Jesus There?

Jesus is there that we may find Him who is our help in dangers and temptations. He is there to lift us after we have fallen, to offer us His love, and the courage we need.

What Does Jesus Do in the Host?

Let us remember that for each one of us and at each moment, by His abasement Jesus in the Host offers reparation to the Divine Majesty for the revolts of our pride by His poverty, for our want of detachment and by His privations for our impatience, our indifference, and our daily faults.

What Does Jesus in the Host Wish?

He wishes that we should go to Him like the sick in Judea and show Him our soul and all its miseries. That we should abandon ourselves to Him, and come and purify ourselves in the Holy Sacrifice, strengthening ourselves at the Holy Table.

Of What Does Jesus in the Host Remind Us?

He reminds us that our hearts, made for God, can have no satisfaction except in Him, that we shall be restless until we find Him, that He is in the Tabernacle to answer to this need of our hearts, to give Himself to us and to bring us peace.

What Does Jesus in the Host Teach Us?

To remember that if He chose to be despised and humiliated, it was to teach us that we are wrong when we seek, above all else, the approbation of man. That what we call honour and respect are of no value before Him: all that is needful is to love and serve Him.

What Does Jesus in the Host Ask of Us?

Let us not forget that Jesus accepts the abasement of His Host, the decay of His Temples and the want of care and respect on the part of those who surround Him, that we may learn to imitate Him by depriving ourselves of unnecessary things, and if He desires it, to accept even the privation of things necessary.

By St Peter Julian Eymard, catholicculture.org

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