



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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT -YEAR B

10th December 2023

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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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

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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 11/12/2023-17/12/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	11/12	6.30pm
Tuesday	12/12	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	13/12	9.30am
Thursday	14/12	9.30am
Friday	15/12	9.30am
Saturday	16/12	5.00am & 9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	16/12	5.00pm
Sunday	17/12	5.00am, 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 11/12/2023-17/12/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	11/12	No Mass
Tuesday	12/12	7.30am
(No Holy Hour)		
Wednesday	13/12	9.30am
Thursday	14/12	7.30am
Friday	15/12	7.30am
Saturday	16/12	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	16/12	6.30pm
Sunday	17/12	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 KOROBEIT MASS TIMES

VIGIL	16/12	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 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023- Fr Alex Clemente

God's word during this second week of advent is loud and clear, "*a voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord!*" (Mk. 1:1-2)

St John the Baptist who heralded the coming of the long-awaited savior, was crying out in a wilderness.

We are asked to go to "wilderness" and make our preparation there for Jesus' coming birth. Mr. Google defines wilderness as a place undisturbed by human development. I imagine it to be a very quiet place without electricity nor any fun fares around but nature in its purest form.

But why should wilderness be the place to welcome Jesus? I guess it's a place where we can listen attentively, see without distractions and feel the real gift Jesus brings to us and to the world.

Deep in our heart, we can find a "wilderness" which provides a sacred space where there is solitude and silence.

Let's revisit that place within us as we come close to Christmas day. There, we can find the true meaning of the consolation that Isaiah, announces in the first reading, the Lord's kindness that the responsorial psalm longs for, and the promise of peace that St Paul in the second reading speaks about.

In touch with our inner "wilderness", may we truly feel the beautiful Christmas carol:
"*silent night, holy night and all is bright, all is calm; round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace.*"



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

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

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION-SPECIAL COLLECTION-THIS WEEKEND

This 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

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY-CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal, with a special collection next weekend. Each year, the Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community.

Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5.9 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating to our special collection next weekend or by calling **13 18 12**, OR visit our website www.vinnies.org.au

FREE CLOTHING AVAILABLE

Our St Vincent de Paul Society has received a donation of clothing. The items of clothing will be free and available to everyone. If you are interested please go to the Padua Hall after our Sunday Masses this weekend 10th December.

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

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.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS-5.30PM 24th December

Dear fellow parishioners, we are strongly encouraging all children who come to the 5:30pm Christmas vigil Mass on 24th Dec to help create and join in the spirit by coming dressed as a biblical Christmas character: e.g., Mary, Jesus, Joseph, shepherd, angel, wise man, star, drummer boy. Let's celebrate 'Jesus' birthday' !

ST BERNARD'S

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.

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.

HOLY HOUR

Dear Parishioners please note we will not be having Holy Hour on Tuesday 12th December.

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 Eve	24th Dec	11.00pm Mass
Christmas Day	25th Dec	10.30am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES

New Year's Eve	31st Dec	11.00pm Mass
New Year's Day	1st Jan	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

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICES

New Year's Day	1st Jan	10.30am Mass
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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: 16th & 17th 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: Aloysious Dacunha & Marian Muller

8.30am: Mercy Seufatu & Geoff Sutton

10.30am: Rosabella Tuala & Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Ann Tennakoon

8.30am: Ron Howard & 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: Lillian & Josephine

10.30am: Annonika & Lillian

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: John Thorne

8.30am: Nathan Costin

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Vikki Benson

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 16th & 17th December

6.30pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Moira Ross

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Colin Remedios

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

December: Jan Carragher

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Zofia Dzwonkowski

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

Arthur Abela, Mark Clarke, Alessandro Di Martino,

Anthony Mercieca, Frederic Radford & Felix Scotto

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:

Sr Margaret Barry (Romuald) rsj, Damien McConnell, Myra O'Leary, Robert Taggart & Dorothy (Dot) 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, 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: 16th & 17th December

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Julie Sequiera

8.30am: Ineke Allen

10.30am: Lorette Soba

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. res: 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 : 16th & 17th December

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Carmel Shea

Sunday: 8.30am: Margot Short

10.30am: Natalia Klenkowski



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

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89

Commentator: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us
your salvation.

All: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that
with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a
thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry
out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he
is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and
everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the
Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will
vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and
all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be
living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of
God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the
elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he
promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you
are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that
he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of
God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to
him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they
confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he
lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching
he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the
strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT –YEAR B

First Reading: Is 61:1-2, 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



The Holy Eucharist XLII

My Eucharistic Day

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

(Continued from last Sunday)

Morning Offering

O my God, in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition, I offer you the actions and sufferings of this day in union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, in order to render to that adorable Heart dwelling among us the debt of justice and love due to his august Presence, and moreover to offer to your Divine Majesty through him, with him and in him the glory that he himself renders you here on earth. Lastly, I make this offering to obtain by means of that Almighty Mediator peace for the Church, salvation for our country and all the other graces for which we call on you. Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary ...
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary ...
V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina Coeli

During Eastertide, from Holy Saturday till Trinity Sunday, instead of the Angelus the Regina Coeli is recited standing.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:
R. For he whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant, we beg you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist is the continuation of the Incarnation. — The Word made Flesh, became the Bread of our soul.

Three times a day, stop a minute to thank God for his wonderful blessing, by saying the Angelus.

