



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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B

11th February 2024

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

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday 9.30am-4.30pm
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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan
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Parish Office Hours:

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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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For any queries regarding the newsletter please contact Lesley Morffew 9747 9692

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

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 12/2/2024-18/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	12/2	6.30pm
Tuesday	13/2	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	14/2 ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am & 7.30pm
Thursday	15/2	9.30am
Friday	16/2	9.30am
Adoration & Benediction/Stations/Talk		6.00pm
Saturday	17/2	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	17/2	5.00pm
Sunday	18/2	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 12/2/2024-18/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	12/2	No Mass
Tuesday	13/2	7.30am
Holy Hour		6.30pm
Wednesday	14/2 ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am & 6.30pm
Thursday	15/2	7.30am
Friday	16/2	Mass followed by Stations 7.30am
Saturday	17/2	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	17/2	6.30pm
Sunday	18/2	8.30am & 10.30am

(Rosary in the Chapel 10.00am on Sundays)

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commence.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

If you would like to spend 1 hour with Jesus 2 time slots are available: 8-9pm & 10-11pm. Just 1 hour a month commitment. If interested please call Colm Carragher 0413 223 400

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET MASS TIMES

17/2	5.00pm
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LENTEN REGULATIONS ARE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE EACH CHURCH

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, and wish to pay electronically 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE TO CDF/PAY USERS

Firstly, thank you for your generous contributions via the CDFpay Portal. This is just a message to clarify something:

*If you are choosing the **Stewardship** option and are not a Thanksgiving member and wish to be one, you are invited to join our Thanksgiving Program which supports the Parish, which is the Second Collection. You can get a form from the Parish Office so you can attach a Thanksgiving number to your contribution if this is the collection you wish to support.

All payments that don't have a number attached are automatically considered support for the 1st Collection which supports our priests unless I am familiar with your name. For info please contact Lesley at the Parish Office on meltonsouth@cam.org.au or 9747 9692.

REFLECTION 6TH SUNDAY ORD TIME 2024 Reflection by: Fr Alex Clemente, RCJ

In biblical times, Leprosy was a horrendous sickness which devastated the whole person. The disease deforms and gradually eats up the body, imputes a feeling of rejection and condemnation by the community and a clear sign of being punished by God. Deformed, outcast and cursed, a leper, then, is completely miserable.

Jesus in The Gospel works as a divine physician bringing cures to illnesses of all kinds. He shows that beyond medicine and science, healing definitely comes from God. His miracles are symbolic of the total well-being he offers to humanity.

When the leper humbly pleaded "if you want, you can cure me",

Jesus was quick to respond "Of course, I want to!"

Faith coupled with humility, an all embracing cure proceeded.

We all have our own sicknesses to bring to Jesus. But let's aspire for higher gifts.

We need to seek not only for physical health but also emotional wellness and most importantly spiritual restoration. God is our only true hope who can give us strength and inspiration to continue our journey together towards fullness of life.

May Jesus renew his healing miracles among us.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

FAITH FORMATION-ADULTS talks continue in the Mackillop Room, St Anthony's Church Tuesdays at 7.15pm.

THE STUDY ON CHURCH HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CATHOLIC TEACHING

Gerard O'Shea started these talks last year at St Bernard's, it will continue this year, commencing Wednesday 21st February at 7pm for 5 weeks, last session 20th March. Gerard will also present the same study at St Anthony's on Thursday 22nd February for 5 weeks, last session being 21st March.

LENTEN CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN: Is commencing on the 18th February for 5 Sundays from 12pm to 1pm at St Anthony's In Padua Hall, Ages 7-12. there are clipboards in the Church Foyer for an idea of numbers.

ST ANTHONY'S

MOTHER'S DAY BINGO SPECIAL-7th MAY 2024

Join us for a night of fun. \$200 package=47games
Deposits are being taken from until 30/4.

Join us for a night of fun. \$200 package=47games
Minimum deposit \$20.00. Tickets Non Refundable.

42 X \$400 games

2 X \$999 games

2 X \$2000 games

Last Jackpot 1 X \$10,000

Contact Rose for further details on 0460 672 571

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE BINGO RUNNING EVERY WEEK ON A TUESDAY NIGHT . THIS INCLUDES MR JACKPOT WHICH WE HAVE HAD A FEW WINNERS IN LATELY!!

PRIME TIMERS

Firstly, congratulations to: John Brewis who has accepted the role of President of Prime Timers. Lois Brewis has accepted the role of Treasurer and Ineke Allen has agreed to continue as Secretary.

Our next Outing will be at the Deer Park Club, 780 Ballarat Road on Tuesday 27th February. Seniors menu is available. We will meet at the OLD Bunnings car park at 11.30am. If you require a lift please call Ineke on 0400 120 401 or ineke49@yahoo.com. New members warmly welcome.

ST BERNARD'S

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM

We need enthusiastic parishioners to help us co-ordinate events for our parish to build up social connections and raise much needed funds for our Church. If you can join the team or just help when available, please leave your name on the clipboard in the foyer or call Natalia on 0409445552.

"BUY A PAVER" 150TH COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN PATH

To commemorate St Bernard's 150 year history, a path will be laid to acknowledge parishioners past and present. Engraved pavers can be sponsored for \$50 to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

Details will be made available over the coming weeks.

For more information contact Ellen Xanthoulakis 0422571527 or Margot Short 0419507438

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS #1 2024

The February meeting of the Knights of the Southern Cross will be a social night on Monday February 12, commencing 7:30.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Come and celebrate with us on 13th February in the Parish Centre @ 6.00pm. We will have a selection of savoury & sweet pancakes served with tea or coffee. Fr Alex will give a short Lenten Talk followed by the burning of Palms.

A GOLD COIN DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH



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: 17th & 18th February

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: Mary Felix & Marian Muller

8.30am: Mercy Seufatu and Geoff Sutton

10.30am: Rosabella Tuala and Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Felix Leo & Gavin Pereira

8.30am: Ron Howard and Roa Seufatu

10.30am: Frank Carreon & Cita Carreon

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Annonica & Julie

8.30am: Lillian & Godwin

10.30am: Leonia & Godwin

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 17th & 18th February

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

6.30pm: Sonia Smith

8.30am: Moira Ross

10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Colin Remedios

8.30am: Peter La Franchi

10.30am: John Wilson

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

February: Jill Braithwaite

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased: Loreto Clemente

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

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: Loreto Clemente

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time: Jessica Cato, Alan Dovaston, Mary Grech, Ronald Knight, Greg Light, Tom Thompson, John Tippetts.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, 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, 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: 17th & 18th February

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Julie Sequira

8.30am: Ineke Allen

10.30am: Lorette Soba

CHURCH FLOWERS

February: Rosabella

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 : 17th & 18th February

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Dianne Shelley

Sunday: 8.30am: Marj Tung

10.30am: Natalia Klenkowski

CHURCH FLOWERS

February: Tup Shea

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

Colm Carragher, Ron Geurts and Michael Love.

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

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 BE ADVISED THERE WILL BE NO PREPARATION ON THE 28TH MARCH 2024 AT ST ANTHONY'S NOR WILL THERE BE ANY BAPTISMS ON THE 15TH JUNE AT ST ANTHONY'S.

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 11/2—25/2

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1:	Lorraine Tellis	0437 658 423
Group 2:	Kathleen McCurry	0429 685 180
Group 3:	Aubrey & Doreen Smith	0433 003 322

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the month 3pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday: 7th April 2024



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.

PRAYER FOR HEALING TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests...(mention your petitions) Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (JB)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 31

Commentator:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

All:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me
with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. R.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

1ST READING: GEN 9:8-15

2ND READING: 1PET:3:18-22

GOSPEL: MK 1:12-15



The Holy Eucharist XLIX

My Eucharistic Day

Your Life of Adoration

Jesus the Divine and Perfect Adorer Reparation

The third great duty of religion is reparation.

Since sin entered the world, it is not possible to have religion towards God which does not contain reparation and expiation of sin. In order to offer to God a reparation equal to the infinite offence, there must be a victim of infinite price and a priest whose holiness is also infinite.

The Priest and Victim is Jesus Christ; he offered himself upon the Cross; he offers and immolates himself upon the altar every day as the Victim of expiation destined to appease the anger of God, to satisfy his justice and to obtain mercy, pardon, merit and graces for us. What a perfect and sweet Victim offering the most holy, the most perfect of lives to immolation.

The life of Jesus from the beginning to the end is that of a Victim delivered up to the divine Justice, a Victim of poverty and labour, a Victim at Bethlehem and Nazareth, a Victim in the desert and on the banks of the Jordan asking Baptism, as if a sinner — St John the Baptist exclaims: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" — victim on Calvary and on the altar. Oh, what humiliation, what annihilation for the Master of the world, for the creator of heaven and earth. "Greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

If only the horrible, unspeakable torture of Gethsemane had ended there, but no — all the causes of his suffering and death are renewed every day — disguised Pilates and Herods are still raging against him.

The cry is heard again and again in our day: "We don't want him to reign over us." The rods of heresy and schism would tear his sacred flesh anew; the thorns of pride and indifference, flourishing as never before, would again pierce his brow; the nails of concupiscence of the flesh, of the eye, of desire that bind so many to a sinful world would once more nail him to the Cross and have, as it were, tied him to the Host of sacrifice to save others from the tyranny of a sensual world. Truly can we not hear the cry from the tabernacle: "O, my people, what is there that I should have done for you that I have not done?"

We were present in his three hours of agony; we

were the criminals; we are the guilty ones.

In his infinite love he offers the means to make reparation. In the Most Blessed Sacrament Christ, the glorious King of Angels and of men, our good Lord, adores, appeases and satisfies the justice of his Father, offers him his past sufferings, his present humiliations, his poverty, his obedience and his love to compensate for the injury, for the crime, for the ingratitude and for the sins that are rampant in the world.

Come and unite your meagre atonement to that of the Divine One and you will be made clean and pleasing to God. Come and make reparation for your sins and the sins of the world. Will you not come and make reparation for all the ingratitude of the world; for those who do not love him, who do not want to serve him and who refuse to come to him?

Petition

The fourth great duty is that of prayer and supplication. Man refuses to render the duty of supplication. He trusts in himself and his strength, and does not pray. But the Word Eternal became incarnate that he might pray to God. He prayed on his knees with sighs and tears, day and night.

Our tabernacles are now the sanctuaries of his prayer: "I pray for those you have given me, O Father, that where I am they also may be. This prayer is for you, adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you will ask the Father in my name it will be granted to you; until now you have not asked anything; ask and you shall receive."

Complete this meditation with your personal thoughts. Remember when you come to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, you may unite yourself to him. Be you poor or rich, saint or sinner, he welcomes you all, wants you all. Listen to what he says to you: "Because you have confessed me before men I will confess you before my Father in heaven."

By your adoration, not only do you perform a sacred and sweet duty, not only do you come and draw at the source of all grace and life, but you will also have the glory which Christ himself has promised, the glory to be proclaimed and recommended to his Father in Heaven — "I will confess to you before my Father" — the grace I wish you all in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.