



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 IN LENT -YEAR B

18th February 2024

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew
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Parish Office Hours:

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan
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In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

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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 19/2/2024-26/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	19/2	6.30pm
Tuesday	20/2	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	21/2	9.30am
Thursday	22/2	9.30am
Friday	23/2	9.30am
Stations of the Cross after morning Mass		10.15am
Adoration & Benediction/Stations/Talk		6.00pm
Saturday	24/2	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	24/2	5.00pm
Sunday	25/2	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 19/2/2024-26/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	19/2	No Mass
Tuesday	20/2	7.30am
Holy Hour		6.30pm
Wednesday	21/2	9.30am
Thursday	22/2	7.30am
Friday	23/2	Mass followed by Stations 7.30am
Saturday	24/2	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	24/2	6.30pm
Sunday	25/2	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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET MASS TIMES

24/2	5.00pm
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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.

REFLECTION FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2024 Reflection by: Fr Wilford Urmaza RCJ

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of Mark describes an abbreviated version of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, unlike other gospel narratives describing a profound three-fold test of Jesus.

In Mark's prologue, the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God, provides us with a synthesis of His identity—the gospel or the good news.

And what significance do we find in this situation?

Preceding this story is the baptism of Jesus by John. Upon coming out of the water in Jordan, the Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends upon him, and a voice reverberates that reveals Jesus' identity as the Son of God and is well pleasing to Him. The same Spirit led him to the desert to be tempted by the devil, which marks the inauguration of his earthly mission. Jesus' wilderness experience showcases the battle between good and evil and the victory over sin. The wilderness or the desert is a battleground of faith, whether one is for God or for the devil, and there is no middle ground. For us, the place of encounter is our heart. Do we easily give in to temptations, or do we assert our identity as children of God? Our choice! Since the time of fulfillment is already at hand, which signifies that the kingdom has come, all are invited to intense self-examination and spiritual discipline to enter the realm of the kingdom of God. Jesus provides us with a model of faithfulness and perseverance in the face of temptation, reminding us that we can overcome such trials on our spiritual journey. And only His grace can sustain us on this.

Our faith in the gospel -Jesus, behooves us to a constant reflection of our character and scrutiny of our perspective of Him. Our forty-day lenten preparation provides an avenue to seek Him with our whole heart and renew a right relationship with Him to be worthy of His redeeming sacrifice. Only then can we proclaim that His resurrection is worth longing for and relevant in our lives.

PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

FAITH FORMATION for 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 this Wednesday 21st February at 7pm for 5 weeks, last session 20th March. Gerard will also present the same study at St Anthony's this Thursday 22nd February for 5 weeks, last session being 21st March.

LENTEN CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN: Is commencing this weekend for 5 Sundays from 12pm to 1pm at St Anthony's In Padua Hall, Ages 7-12. Parents will need to fill in a Safeguarding Form when you drop your children off.

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
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!!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer 2024. Fellow parishioners WDP is here again. You are warmly welcome to come to pray for our fellow Christian's in Palestine. **The service in Melton will be held at: Christchurch, Anglican Church, 2-4 Unitt St, Melton, @ 10:30am. Our annual St Anthony's WDP collection will be held at all masses on 23rd-24th Feb.** Over the past 80 years the Jewish people have tried to establish Israel as a Jewish state. The five million Palestinian □ Christian's , 2% of the population have been pushed further and further into small pockets of land, The West Bank and Gaza areas. Conflict in these areas has intensified. **The money raised will go to the Palestinian Bible Society.**

PRIME TIMERS CHANGE OF VENUE

We will now be going to the Deer Park Hotel, 760 Ballarat Rd. The rest of the details are still in place. RSVP Friday 23rd. To confirm numbers contact Ineke ineke49@yahoo.com or 0400 120 401

SOCIAL COMMITTEE SUPPER RUN

Thank you to our Social Committee, their hard work raised \$1012.00. And thank you to our parishioners for your support.

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 0409 445 552.

"BUY A PAVER" 150TH

To commemorate St Bernard's 150 year history, engraved pavers will be laid to acknowledge all parishioners, past and present. Engraved pavers can now be ordered for \$50 to create a lasting legacy for you and your family. Order forms are available in the foyer. Please tell your friends, family and past parishioners. For more information contact Ellen Xanthoulakis 0422 571 527 or Margot Short 0419 507 438

GARDENERS WANTED In an effort to get the surroundings of our beautiful church and presbytery looking good for the 150th Mass on Sunday 23rd June, 2024, we need your help. No particular skills are required, just a will to pitch in and help with some weeding and tidying up. Once a week for a couple of hours should set us on a good path to achieving our objective. Retirees male and female, and other folk that could spare the time, will be welcomed. If you can assist, please contact me - Carmel Shea on 0439 654 779, and I shall follow up with the start date.

This project needs to start sooner rather than later.



17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.

This is **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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



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: 24th & 25th 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: Michelle Tennakoon & Gavin Pereira

8.30am: Leonia Jessop & Amy Honrade

10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood & Rhys Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Aloysious Dacunha & Dolores Turcsan

8.30am: Philip Anyayahan & Geoff Sutton

10.30am: Doris Bonello & George Bonello

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Olen & Julie

8.30am: Josephine & Lillian

10.30am: Annonica & Godwin

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 24th & 25th February

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

6.30pm: John Thorne

8.30am: Liz Warburton

10.30am: Chris Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Vicki Benson

8.30am: Peter McPhan

10.30am: Cheryl Stevens

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:

Arturo Melchor

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

Tamafuata Sefo Amoa, Gina Barker,
Francisca Emilia Barton, Arthur Chiles,
Falanai Aukuso Kelsall and Anthony Marmara.

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:

Bohdan Cywinski

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

Freddie Borg, Joseph & Josephine Camilleri, Rini Dominquez, Emmanuel (Lily) Freeman, Chris Heslington, Stanley McGonegal, Carmel Pinti

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

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: 24th & 25th February

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Mercy Seufatu
10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood

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.
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 : 24th & 25th February

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Jan & Colm
Sunday: 8.30am: Jan Farmelo
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, Fr Lucas or Naim Chdid .

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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING *Genesis 9:8-15*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 24

Commentator:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

All:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

SECOND READING *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL *Mark 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

1ST READING: GEN 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2ND READING: ROM 8:31-34

GOSPEL: MK 9:2-10



FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS
LENT 2024

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements.*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social.*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
 - (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
 - (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
 - The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.
All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2024 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.



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