



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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR B

4th 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
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Parish Office Hours:

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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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 5/2/2024-11/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	5/2	6.30pm
Tuesday	6/2	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	7/2	9.30am
Thursday	8/2	9.30am
Friday	9/2	9.30am
Saturday	10/2 First Saturday	9.00am

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

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



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	10/2	5.00pm
Sunday	11/2	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 5/2/2024-11/2/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	5/2	No Mass
Tuesday	6/2	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	7/2	9.30am
Thursday	8/2	7.30am
Friday	9/2	7.30am
Saturday	10/2	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	10/2	6.30pm
Sunday	11/2	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 commences.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBEIT MASS TIMES

VIGIL	10/2	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.

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.

If you require further information please contact Lesley at the Parish Office on meltonsouth@cam.org.au or 9747 9692. God bless.

REFLECTION 5 TH SUNDAY ORD TIME 2024

We all appreciate a compassionate caring doctor or nurse, who makes us feel we are cared for.

Someone we can trust, believe and who takes a personal interest in our well-being.

Jesus had that touch, as we see in today's Gospel. He saw people as individuals, each needing healing, each important and deserving of his attention. Jesus freed people from what affected their minds and bodies, from addictions or habits of sin, envy, greed, bigotry etc. His strength was based on prayer and his relationship with the Father, developed by time spent with God.

Let us humbly come before Jesus and ask for healing of mind, body and spirit.

The following prayer may help.

Read the Gospel slowly and reflectively. Put yourself in the crowd.

Watch Jesus move from person to person.

Look at his face. What do you see?

See Jesus walk towards you. Feel his hands on your head.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

FAITH FORMATION-ADULTS

Our Faith Formation talks continue in the Mackillop Room, St Anthony's Church Tuesdays at 7.15pm.

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Parishioners please note we are back to our normal weekly mass timetable , please see page 2.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Parish will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which falls on February 11th, with a 3 day Novena prior to the Feast after daily morning Mass.

The Feast Day will be honoured on February 10th at the morning Mass (9am) - with the offering of Healing requests and a Special Blessing and Anointment of Healing. A Petition Box and Slips are situated in the Church Foyer.

A social morning tea will follow after Mass—all are invited to join.

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.

Contact Rose for further details on 0460 672 571

SOCIAL COMMITTEE DINNER DRIVE

We are having a Dinner Drive!! Our diverse Parish Community is selling meals on **Saturday Morning 10th February** after Morning Mass. Don't feel like cooking?

Here is your opportunity to sit and relax, have a drink of your choice and a beautiful meal cooked for you by one of our fantastic parishioners. Cost is \$15 per serve.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

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SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING EVENT

Come and celebrate SHROVE TUESDAY on Tuesday 13th February in the Parish Centre at 6.00pm

Enjoy pancakes with a variety of toppings with a cup of tea or coffee. GOLD COIN DONATION.

CRAFT AND CUPPA GROUP

The Craft and Cuppa group runs every First and Third Thursday of the month at 9.00 am in the Parish Centre. Bring your craft and ideas, or learn something new. All welcome! Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

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.

MORNING TEA IS BACK!

Morning tea will be held in the church foyer after the 8.30 and 10.30 Masses on Sunday February 11th. All welcome.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Agatha, Patron Saint of Catania, Agate, born between 229 and 235 A.D. and died in 251, Agatha is the patron of a city that loves and respects her with great devotion. In honor of Saint Agatha, in Catania delicious cassatine are prepared, from the hemispherical shape, reminiscent of a woman's breast, and they are called minnuzze or minne di Sant'Agata. A cake that is prepared in all of Sicily, and whose origin is traced to ancient times.

St Jerome Emiliani: Patron Saint of Orphans. (1486 – 8 February 1537) was an Italian humanitarian, founder of the [Somaschi Fathers](#). Emiliani provided for the sick, the hungry, and orphans; and persuaded others to do likewise. Through his good offices a number of hospitals and orphanages were established in several northern Italian towns. He was canonised in 1767.

St Josephine Bakhita: canonized October 1, 2000; feast day February 8), Sudanese-born Roman Catholic saint who survived kidnapping and enslavement. She is the patron saint of **Sudan** and of victims of human trafficking.

St Paul Miki & Companions: St. Paul Miki was arrested and jailed with his fellow Catholics, who were later forced to march 966 kilometers (600 miles) from Kyoto to Nagasaki; all the while singing the Te Deum. On arriving in Nagasaki, he was crucified alongside Joan Soan (de Gotó) and Santiago Kisai, also of the Society of Jesus, and twenty-three other clergy and laity, all of whom were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.

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: 10th & 11th 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: Lisa Marshall and Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Mercy Seufatu and Geoff Sutton
10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood and Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Aloysious Dacunha and Leo Felix
8.30am: Philip Anyayahan and Roa Seufatu
10.30am: George Bonello and Doris Bonello
If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Natalie & Ron
8.30am: Josephine & Godwin
10.30am: Leonia & Annonica

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 10th & 11th February

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

6.30pm: Vicki Benson
8.30am: Gerard O'Shea
10.30am: Dominic van der Linden

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: John Thorne
8.30am: Colm Carragher
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:

Alfred Magri

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

Mary Winifred Cochrane, Wanda Coleman, Ellen Dodemaide and Stefania Kwiatek.

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:

Doreen Blood, Mary Blood, Ernie Cook, Alma Dowsett, John Fermio, Marija Magdic, Samara Vereker, Noeline Wadey, Stanley Walsh and Milutin Zupan.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, 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 Gagiarbi, 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: 10th & 11th February

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Chdid
8.30am: Pat Chiles
10.30am: Geetha Vincent

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 : 10th & 11th February 2024

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Carmel Shea
Sunday: 8.30am: Margot Short
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 to \$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 be advised there will be no Preparation on the 28th March 2024 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

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

Group 1: Darian & Hoan Pertzell 0413 961 958

Group 2: Naim Chdid 0437 004 790

Group 3: John & Joyce Sultana 9747 9925

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146

Commentator:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

All:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.. R.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YR B

1ST READING: LEV 13:1-2, 44-46

2ND READING: 1COR 10:31—11:1

GOSPEL: MK 1:40-45



SECOND READING Paul 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty
which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not
preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have
been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility
which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my
reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gos-
pel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself
the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For
the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to
all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this,
for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and
John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Si-
mon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they
told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her
by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and
she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who
were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The
whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or an-
other; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow
them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the
house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.
Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and
when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for
you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbour-
ing country towns, so that I can preach there too, because
that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

The Holy Eucharist XLVIII

My Eucharistic Day

Your Life of Adoration

Jesus the Divine and Perfect Adorer

Adoration

See with what perfection Jesus renders to his Father the duty of adoration.

To adore is to recognise by works and with mind, heart and will, the excellence of God; that is to say, his supreme majesty, his infinite perfection of greatness and of power.

No one knows, sees or comprehends all these perfections as Jesus does. "No one knows the Father except the Son," says Jesus. What praises escape from his Soul to the Glory of his Father. Jesus sees all, praises and reveres, honours and exalts all that is in the Divinity of his Father. What a perfect Adorer in spirit and in truth!

God sees his own Son — equal to him in all things — as the divine Victim who renders him more honour and glory than all angels and saints together. How great is the glory which redounds to him from the voluntary subjection of this King of Kings, of this Lord of Lords, true God of true God, annihilated before him through love for you and for me.

Oh, all you who might be afraid to come to adoration, because you feel so unworthy, or because you experience difficulty, you have no reason for not fulfilling your duty of adorers. Here is Jesus Christ who is infinitely worthy. Offer to God, therefore, his adoration, his praise, his love to supply what is wanting in your adoration as God deserves to be adored in spirit and truth.

Thanksgiving

By St Peter Julian Eymard, catholicculture.org

The second duty of religion consists in acknowledging by the act of thanksgiving, the liberality of God and all his benefits which the creature receives without ceasing, from the inexhaustible source of all Good.

To accomplish this duty properly we should understand how good, how beneficial, how generous and how merciful is God who owes nothing to anyone. It is necessary moreover, to understand his gifts, their excellence, their value, their extent and their number. And, lastly, how to use these gifts of God for his glory.

But Jesus alone is capable of paying to God the whole debt of gratitude which he merits. He alone has sounded the depths of his mercy, the riches of his treasures. He sees all his gifts in all creatures. He sees them in himself and yet he says: "I seek not my glory but the glory of the Father who sent me."

From tabernacles all over the world rises an incessant hymn of thanksgiving to God and it is Jesus who chants it in the name of all creatures of whom he is the Head, and all of whose graces are the fruit of his Blood, of his

