



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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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT -YEAR B

3rd March 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 Anthony's School **Principal:** Damien Schuster
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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan
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Pastoral Worker for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Parish Office Hours:

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Principal: Marlene Jorgensen **Phone:** 8099 6000

109-141 Bulmans Rd, West Melton, 3337 / Bridge Rd, Cobblebank 3338 **Website:** www.sfcc.vic.edu.au

In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Godwin Barton	0425 734 449
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EX-OFFICIO: Fr Alex Clemente PP, Fr Wilford Urmaza,
Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint, Damien Schuster and Bill Hill
Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rob Brennan OLHC	0430 312 684
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EX-OFFICIO:
Fr Alex Clemente PP, Fr Wilford Urmaza, Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint and
Sr Mary Sarah Galbraith

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Coordinator/Officer: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's - Lorraine Tellis 0409 110 259 Geetha Vincent 0478 112 996
St Bernard's - Margaret Love (0437 247 779) Ron Geurts, Vikki Benson &
Marj Tung

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 4/3/2024-10/3/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	4/3	6.30pm
Tuesday	5/3	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	6/3	9.30am
Thursday	7/3	9.30am
Friday	8/3	9.30am
Stations of the Cross after morning Mass		10.15am
Exposition/Stations of the Cross/Talk		6.00pm

Includes 7.30pm 1st Friday Mass

Saturday	9/3	9.00am
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Rosary 9.00am prior to weekday masses &

Rosary 8.30am prior to Saturday morning mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	10/3	5.00pm
Sunday	10/3	8.30am & 10.30am

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

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 4/3/2024-10/3/2024

MASS TIMES:

Monday	4/3	No Mass
Rosary and Adoration		7.00pm
Tuesday	5/3	7.30am
Holy Hour		7.00pm
Wednesday	6/3	9.30am
Thursday	7/3	7.30am
Friday	8/3	7.30am
Stations of the Cross		<u>7.00pm</u>
<u>Please note change of time for Stations of the Cross</u>		
Saturday	9/3	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	9/3	6.30pm
Sunday	10/3	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

9/3	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.

"Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in everyone's best interest"

By opening an account, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of accounts, including 5.55% p.a.* on a 12-month Term Investment, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code below, or email Anton Pan-Cassin apancassin@melbcdf.org.au or Bernard Docherty bdocherty@melbcdf.org.au

**Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.*

REFLECTION THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—SR MARY FERMIO

As a senior student at school, I helped Sr Cleopha clean the sanctuary of the Church, separated in those days by marble altar rails, do the vases for the three altars and set the vestments. Most of us at regular times give the house a thorough clean – windows, walls etc.

The Temple, built for prayer and worship, became a marketplace, selling cattle and sheep and birds for sacrifice, and a place for trading coins by those from all over the Roman Empire, to the coins demanded to be used as a tax towards the daily sacrifices in the temple, especially at Passover time. Jesus' actions are a powerful symbol of the end of Temple Sacrifices.

Our present Church can need a cleansing action when material matters become more important than spiritual ones; when nostalgia for past liturgical practices resists the Holy Spirit into a future called for by Vatican II; when we refuse to tolerate alternative religious practices.

"For us, living stones in the Temple of Christ's Body, Lent is a time of cleansing the deep sanctuary of our hearts, for driving out of our lives whatever clutters our discipleship, blocks our ears to the Word of God, and distracts us from trading justly

and lovingly with the gifts God has given us". Cf Welcoming the Word in Year B – Vera A. Holyhead

How is my Lenten cleansing progressing? What am I letting go of?



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, this Wednesday 28th February at 7pm for 3 weeks, last session 20th March. Gerard will also present the same study at St Anthony's this Thursday 29th February for 3 weeks, last session being 21st March.

LENTEN CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN: Is on again this weekend for 3 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.

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's,

Archbishop Peter will be coming to the 5pm Mass on Saturday 9th March to install me as the Parish Priest of St Kevin's, 120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park. You are most welcome to attend if you are able. Please keep me in your prayers. I was the 8th Parish Priest of Melton South for 14 years. Now I will be the 8th Parish Priest of St Kevin's, Hampton Park for at least that long.

Many blessings from Fr Fabian

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

As you are aware your current envelopes run out at the end of this month. Due to logistical issues we won't be issuing envelopes until the middle of the month. Envelopes will be dated until October as we will be having a Campaign then. **But in the meantime** I would like to encourage Thanksgiving Members to start contributing via a Direct Debit format of your choice.

I am not forcing this and if you are uncomfortable with this that is perfectly fine, you can remain on envelopes.

The Parish Office has moved over to new software and Direct Debit payments are very secure now.

But if you have been thinking about it recently, as it would be more convenient for you, please contact the Parish Office and we can talk about it. *Kind regards and God Bless from Lesley Morffew*

ST BERNARD'S

"BUY A PAVER" 150TH

To commemorate St Bernard's 150 year history, engraved pavers will be laid to acknowledge all parishioners, past and present. Order forms are available in the foyer. Pavers are \$50. Payments including EFTPOS can be made at all Masses this weekend, or at the Parish office. Orders close 2nd April. For more information contact Ellen Xanthoulakis 0422 571 527 or Margot Short 0419 507 438

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS

The board of VMCH will be attending the Providence & Friends Mass on Friday 8th March at 11am. **They will be providing lunch so kindly bring a plate.** If transport is required please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short on 0419 507 438.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

Please place Easter themed donations in the basket in the church foyer by Sunday 17th March. We are also asking for donations of baskets or gift boxes. All donations gratefully received.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - 10th MARCH

This is a traditional liturgical event where we celebrate our Baptism in the church and honour our mothers. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after the 8.30 & 10.30am Mass. All Mother's will receive a blessing.

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY FEAST DAY - SUNDAY 17th MARCH

We will celebrate this event with a BBQ, games and Best Dressed Irish costume competition after the 10.30 Mass. It will be a social & fundraising event. Save the date!!

ST BERNARD'S SAFEGUARDING CO MESSAGE:

All groups arranging **any** social and/or fund-raising events on behalf of the parish, are required by law to ensure risk management sheets are obtained from the parish office or from the folder in the Gathering Space, be completed and returned to the parish office three days prior to the event. **All** volunteers are also required by law to have a current Working With Children Check and to have signed a St Bernard's Code of Conduct. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE-St Anthony's Parish

First Rite of Reconciliation Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm – 8.00pm
During and after Mass.

Monday of Holy Week 25th March Mass at 6.30pm

Tuesday of Holy Week 26th March Mass at 9:30am & 6:30pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 27th March Mass at 9.30am

Holy Thursday 28th March No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

followed by **Adoration** until **Night Prayer** 10.00pm

Good Friday 29th March

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm then

Veneration of the Cross until 7.00pm

Evening Prayer 7.00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 1st April Mass of Easter Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am



HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE-St Bernard's Parish

Monday of Holy week 25th March Rosary & Adoration 7.00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week 26th March

No Holy Hour in the Evening First Rite of Reconciliation 7.00pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 27th March Mass at 9:30am

Holy Thursday 28th March No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

followed by **Adoration** until **Night Prayer** 10.00pm

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Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

Mass of Easter Sunday (**Korobeit**) 8.30am

Mass of Easter Sunday (**St Bernard's**) 8.30am

Mass of Easter Sunday (**St Bernard's**) 10.30am



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: 9th & 10th March

Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator

15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Marian Muller & Lisa Marshall

8.30am: Leonia Jessop & Amy Honrade

10.30am: Rosabella Tuala & Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Aloysious Dacunha

8.30am: Roa Seufatu & 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: Natalie & Ron

8.30am: Josephine & Lillian

10.30am: Annonica & Olen

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th March

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

6.30pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Dominican Sisters

10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Vicki Benson

8.30am: Tup Shea

10.30am: Cheryl Stevens

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

March: Cheryl Stevens

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Maria Calleja, Alice Kelly, Ramonette Magny,

Lavina Mascarenhas, Carmelo Micallef,

Francis Xavier Micallef, Faaleleiga Pennacio, Penaacio Sio and Maria Zahra.

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:

Caryll Pereira

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

Mary Delahey, Peter Anthony Gavin, Reginald Kirwan, Edward Kula, Margaret Linard, Domenico Sgarbossa, and Greg Whelan.

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, John & Frances, 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.

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: 9th & 10th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH FLOWERS

March: No flowers during Lent

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 : 9th & 10th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Margot Short
Sunday: 8.30am: Carmel Shea
10.30am: Natalia Klenkowski

CHURCH FLOWERS

March: No flowers during Lent

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:	Ellen Johnson	0418 200 144
Group 2:	Elizabeth Underwood	0422 882 562
Group 3:	Kristina Scerri	0458 857 479

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 TO ST JOSEPH SPOUSE OF MARY

O glorious St Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance. To work conscientiously with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop the gifts received from God. To work with order, peace, moderation and patience. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, St Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." *Pope Francis.*



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 18

Commentator:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

All:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. R.

SECOND READING Cor 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.'

Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

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1ST READING: 2CHRON 36:14-16, 19-23

2ND READING: EPH 2:4-10

GOSPEL: JN 3:14-21



The Holy Eucharist LI

Seven Facets of the Eucharistic Mystery (1)

The Eucharist always eludes our efforts to understand it, for it is a mystery of God. The divine mysteries are not puzzles that we can solve with enough time and effort; they are aspects of the very life and action of God, which we frail creatures, in principle, cannot master.

But God wills that we enter into the divine mysteries, and constantly be enriched by them. They are like an infinite gold mine, never exhausted, daily enriching us. We can attain true, though always imperfect, insights into what we encounter in the Eucharist.

As we gaze into the mystery of the Eucharist, it is helpful to distinguish several facets, like those of a diamond. Each, in turn, will help us gain some limited but sure awareness of the reality of the Eucharist.

1. The Eucharist is a sacrament

In a sacrament, God comes among us in a visible way, acting divinely on our human level.

The perfect sacrament is Jesus: the second person of the Blessed Trinity actually takes on our human nature, and lives our life as it is meant to be lived. He is “Emmanuel” — God with us — quietly entering into our life, and inviting us to respond in faith.

Through this sacramental approach, God respects our human freedom, for we can choose not to respond. Many indeed, walked away from Jesus.

The Church is a sacrament. Down through the ages, God is with us through the human family of faith established by Jesus, and sent out on its mission at Pentecost. Within the life of the Church, God touches us directly through the seven sacraments, in which earthly signs communicate divine life.

The Eucharist is the Blessed Sacrament. Bread and wine, common food, utterly ordinary and

insignificant, are transformed by an act of God, through the words of the priest, who is ordained to take the part of Jesus. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. “It is the Lord.” He comes quietly, in a visible way, gently inviting our response of faith.

2. The Eucharist is a participation in the sacrifice of Christ

Jesus offered himself on Calvary in generous, unselfish love, in the midst of evil-giving and not counting the cost. In each celebration of the Eucharist, Christ allows us to experience the life flowing from the one sacrifice of Calvary.

We, the baptised, through the sacramental sacrifice of the Mass, are joined to the one sacrifice of Jesus, and are invited to live daily in the generous self-giving spirit of the Lord whom we receive in Holy Communion.

3. The Eucharist is an act of thanksgiving

“Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”, and in the celebration of each Eucharist we express to God our duty of thanks for all that he has given us, and especially the new life we have received through Jesus. We join in the great prayer of thanks that Jesus has given to his disciples.

To be continued

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