



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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1st Sunday of Lent-Year B

21st February 2021

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

Officers: Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.

If you need a Priest in the case of an emergency please call 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 22/2-28/2 MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES:

Monday 22nd Feb:	6.30pm
Tuesday 23rd Feb:	9.15am & 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th Feb:	7.30am & 9.15am
Thursday 25th Feb:	9.15am
Friday 26th Feb:	7.30am & 9.15am
Holy hour and Confession:	6.00pm
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
 Saturday Vigil 27th Feb:	 5.00pm
 Sunday 28th Feb:	 8.30am
	10.30am
	5.00pm

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Holy Hour will be held each Tuesday evening at 5.30pm

ST BERNARD'S 22/2-28/2 BACCHUSMARSH

MASS TIMES:

Monday 22nd Feb:	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd Feb:	7.30am
Wednesday 24th Feb:	9.30am
Thursday 25th Feb:	7.30am
Friday 26th Feb:	9.30am
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm
Saturday 27th Feb: (EF Latin 1962)	9.00am
 Saturday Vigil 27th Feb:	 5.00pm
Sunday 28th Feb:	8.30am
	10.00am

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Holy Hour will be held each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.

ANointing OF THE SICK Anointing of the sick can be organised with the Priests directly, please call them.
Father Fabian 0403 435 471
Fr Lucas 0478 768 141 /Fr Marcus 0468 367 893

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

MASS TIME

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

LEARN ABOUT THE LATIN MASS—The Postures and Responses

Due to the recent lockdown, Father Marcus will run only one more session on the Latin Mass—The Postures and Responses 10.00am-11.00am on the 27th February in the St Bernard's Parish Hall.



First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

ST BERNARD'S

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK Volunteers could you please check if your WWCC is still current, If you need any assistance please contact Lesley 9747 9692 (St Anthony's) or Dolores 5367 2069 (St Bernard's).

THE STRENGTH OF VIRTUE – RETREAT DAY – SATURDAY 27th MARCH

What does it mean to be a virtuous woman? How do we acquire the virtues in a stable way, to live out our vocation as one made in the Image and Likeness of God? How does the practice of virtue rehabilitate us to our true selves and free us to act in accord with the teachings of Christ? Join Father Paul Rowse, O.P., Anna Krohn, and the Dominican Sisters for a day of reflection on what it means to be a woman of strength, a woman of virtue. 9:30am– 4.00pm, St Bernard Parish Hall. Lunch is provided. Babies are welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES

The Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are located in the Church Foyer.

LENTEN WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION

This Lent St Anthony's is hosting a weekly faith formation series looking at St Joseph: Model of the Spiritual Life. The series will be run by *Sapientia*, a group of theologians from Melbourne. Each night will consist of a talk, a period of discussion, and hospitality. Come along to hear about and discuss the litany of St Joseph and his titles of Promotor of Social Justice, Model of Virtue, Protector of Christ, and Son of David. Mondays 22 Feb, 1, 15, 22 Mar, 7pm in the Meeting Room ALL WELCOME Register at <https://tinyurl.com/meltonsouth>. Flyers available in Church foyer.

VALENTINES DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

Fr Fabian drew the raffle at the conclusion of last Sunday's 10.30am Mass (live-streamed). 1st: Anna Taunuu 2nd: Carmen Vella 3rd: Josilly Pador. The Social Committed thanks everyone who supported the raffle, we raised \$330.00.

MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS

Our Movie Nights are back! We will have a Movie Night on the 4th Sunday of the Month. Our next date is 28th February at 6.30pm. BYO snacks.

CUPPA

Our cuppa weekends will be on the 4th Weekend of the month. Our next cuppa weekend will be held on the 27th & 28th February, after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am Masses. It will be great to be able to catch up with our fellow Parishioners in our new gathering space.

BINGO

St Anthony's Bingo has recommenced. Start time: 7.00pm Finish time 9.45pm. We have 3 sessions per evening with a cost of \$9.00 a set (45 games). Come and have a great social evening with your fellow parishioners and friends. Coffee and tea provided and canteen services available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

The WDP host country for 2021 is Vanuatu. This year the service will take place at St Catherine of Siena Church, Bulman's Rd on **Friday 5th March, at 11am**. All welcome especially women and children. Our parish will be having a leaving collection, at all Masses on the weekend 27-28th Feb, to raise money for the needs of the Women and Children at risk. I trust you will give generously as you have in previous years in support of our brothers and sisters in Vanuatu. God Bless. Any queries, contact Marian 0400007286.

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Register at <https://tinyurl.com/sapientiabacchusmarsh>.

Flyers are available in the Church foyer.

CHOIR FOR ST BERNARD'S SUNDAY 10.00AM MASS

Rehearsals for the choir are as follows:

7.00pm Wednesday 24th February (Church)

9.00am Sunday 28th February (Parish Centre)

7.00pm Wednesday 3rd March (Church)

New members welcome.

THE JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

The Josephite Companions, formerly the Josephite Associates, are having their annual Leaders meeting on the 27th February. It will be at the Heritage Centre in East Melbourne. It will begin at 9.30. Chris N. Van Order is attending and although numbers are limited, if anyone from the group would also like to attend then please contact Chris V. O. 0474 090 977. It will be a learning, friendship and prayerful day.

Lord, enlighten the eyes of my mind, so that I can understand your Word. Make me worthy to be not only a hearer. But also a doer of your Word, so that, yielding good fruit, I may at last be worthy of the Kingdom of heaven.

Source: Book– A year with the Church Fathers
Mike Aquilina



WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 27th & 28th Feb MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am:

10.30am: Roster Pending

5.00pm:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am: Roster Pending

10.30am:

5.00pm

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm Vigil: Annonika & Carmen

8.30am: Lina & Julie

10.30am: Lillian & Godwin

5.00pm: Pat & Leonia

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Fr Malo Nun-Toon

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

Francisca Emilia Barton

Please pray for the Sick:

Martha Baice, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Sabina (Ina) Faux, Chinnamma Joseph, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Damien Michael, Kevin Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

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



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 27th & 28th Feb

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Miesen Family

8.30am: Peter Lafranchi

10.00am: Diane Corro

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Vikki Benson

8.30am: Colm Carragher

10.00am: Jenny Kearney

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Guido Boratto, Jessica Cato, Telly Agatha Khomar & Marija Magdic

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

Freddie Borg, Rini Dominquez, Wilma Fowler, Emmanuel (Lily) Freeman, Chris Heslington, Stanley McGonegal, Carmela Pinti, Martin Vrbec., Noeline Wadey, Stanley Walsh, and Laurie Wheelahan.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, 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, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 27th & 28th Feb

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am:

10.30am: Roster Pending

5.00pm:

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil:

8.30am:

Roster Pending

10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

February: No Flowers during Lent

CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help 9747 9692. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting 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.

Thank you.

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.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 27th & 28th Feb

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Sean Giani

CHURCH FLOWERS

February: No Flowers during Lent



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-

Front Garden:

Back/Side Garden:

Parish Centre: Roster Pending

Carpark/Pines:

Back Paddock:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, 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 \$1500 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

God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our Churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow with Jesus Christ offering to you their gifts and talents.

Amen



FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

The Baptism Preparation Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Time: **6.30pm-7.45pm.**

Next preparation meeting : **Thursday 25th February**

Location: **St Bernard's Parish Centre**



Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate.

Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Roster Pending

ADULT PREPARATION

Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Marcus or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

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



Group 1: **Barry & Rosanna Melder 9743 5063**

Group 2: **Julius Caan Can 0452 411 388**

Group 3: **Santos & Liz Schembri 0466 854 476**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the Month-3.00pm

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

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.

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

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.

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

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 WEEK'S READING

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18;

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34;

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



The Psalms IX

The prayerbook par excellence

From Pope Benedict XVI's Wednesday catechesis, June 22, 2011 (Part Three of three parts)

But beyond the book's general title, the Jewish tradition has also given specific titles to many of the psalms, attributing them in great part to King David.

A figure of notable human and theological depth, David is a complex personality who passed through the most varied experiences fundamental to life. A young shepherd of his father's flock — passing through the ups and downs and at times dramatic events of life — he becomes king of Israel, the shepherd of God's people.

Although a man of peace, he fought many wars; an untiring and tenacious seeker of God, yet he betrayed His love, and this is characteristic: he always remained a seeker of God, even though he sinned gravely many times; a humble penitent, he received divine forgiveness, even divine pity, and he accepted a fate marked by suffering.

Thus, in all his weakness, David was a king "after God's own heart" (cf. 1 Samuel 13:14); that is, a passionate man of prayer, a man who knew what it meant to petition and to praise. The connection of the Psalms with this illustrious king of Israel is important, then, for he is a messianic figure, the Lord's Anointed, in whom the mystery of Christ is in some way foreshadowed.

Just as important and meaningful are the ways and frequency with which the words of the psalms are repeated in the New Testament, taking up and underscoring the prophetic value suggested by the Psalter's connection with the messianic figure of David.

In the Lord Jesus, who during His earthly life prayed with the Psalms, they find their definitive fulfillment and reveal their fullest and most profound meaning. The prayers of the Psalter, with which we speak to God, speak to us of Him, they speak to us of the Son, the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15), who fully reveals to us the Face of the Father.

The Christian, therefore, in praying the Psalms, prays to the Father in Christ and with

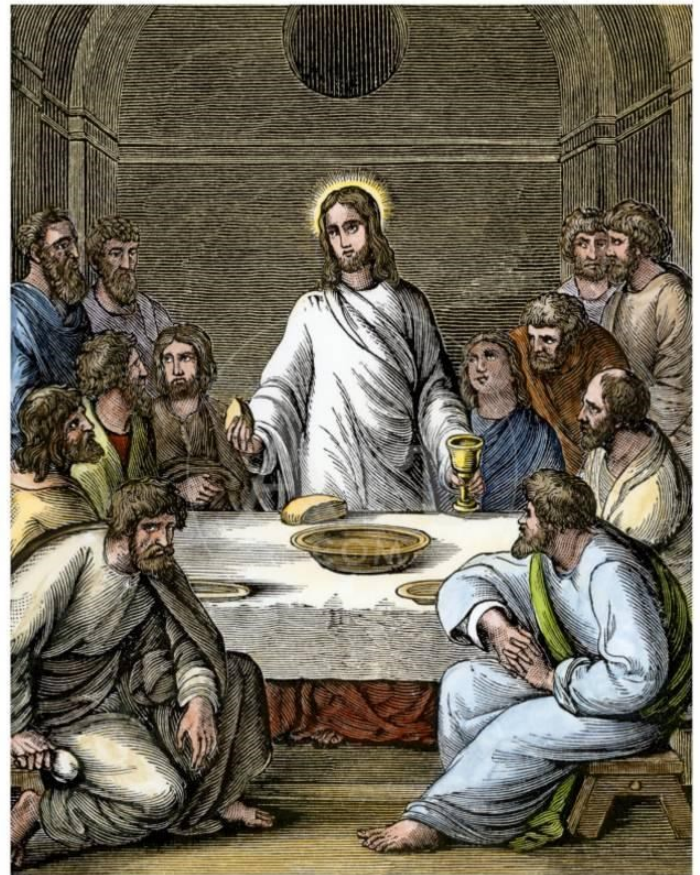
By Pope Benedict XVI, discerninghearts.com

Christ, taking up those songs within a new perspective, which finds its ultimate interpretative key in the Paschal mystery. Thus do the horizons of the one who prays open up to unexpected realities — each Psalm acquires a new light in Christ and the Psalter is able to shine in all its infinite richness.

Dearest brothers and sisters, let us take this holy book in hand; let us allow ourselves to be taught by God to address ourselves to Him; let us make the Psalter a guide that helps us and accompanies us daily along the way of prayer.

And let us, like Jesus' disciples, also ask: "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1), opening our hearts to receive the Teacher's prayer, in which all prayers attain their fulfillment.

Thus, made sons in the Son, will we be able to speak to God calling Him "Our Father".



Jesus sang from the Psalms with his Apostles at the Last Supper.