



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR C

31st July 2022

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday 1.00pm. Please email judyparishnews@gmail.com or call 0414 007 009

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 1/8/2022-7/8/2022

MASS TIMES:

Monday 1/8	6.30pm
Tuesday 2/8	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday 3/8	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday 4/8	9.30am
Friday 5/8	7.30am & 9.30am
First Friday Devotion	7.30pm & Midnight
First Saturday Devotion 6/8	8.30am

Rosary 9.00am before 9.30am weekday Mass.



Sunday Masses

Saturday 6/8	5.00pm
Sunday 7/8	8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 1/8/2022-7/8/2022

MASS TIMES:

Monday 1/8	No Mass
Tuesday 2/8	7.30am
Holy Hour	7.30pm
Wednesday 3/8	9.30am
Thursday 4/8	7.30am
Friday 5/8	9.30am
Saturday 6/8	No Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6/8	5.00pm
Sunday 7/8	8.30am & 10.30am

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBET

VIGIL MASS

6.30pm

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

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.

REFLECTION 18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-Sr Mary Fermio

Some years ago, I heard an interview of two women in England, who had won forty million pounds in a Lottery. After giving their children one million each (which they considered enough) using some for themselves, giving millions to charities, they still had twenty million over. For them this was a problem. Where do we go now? What do we do? Obviously, it had them worried.

Jesus warns us about being greedy, that security and happiness does not come from owning more and more possessions.

People die suddenly every day, without any warning as did the man in the parable. Having possessions is not the problem though- it is greed, or avarice, in wanting more and more. Can I translate harvests and barns into a second car, a bigger house, a better phone, etc – the latest, the biggest!

Jesus is calling me to evaluate my priorities – where is my wealth, my real security, my happiness?

Is Jesus asking me today – How do I share what I have? I may not have much of this world's goods, but I do have time. Can I use the richness of my time to help those in need –

Vinnies, Soul Food, Visiting, Neighbours Place, Parish Council, Church activities, Church grounds...Be courageous! Be daring!



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Looking for love? Needing hope? Seeking God's love? Find peace, hope and love through the Catholic Faith. Call our Catechist Naim Chdid to learn more 0437 004 790. Classes begin on the 23rd August at 7.00pm at St Anthony's Church of Padua, 67-75 Exford Road, Melton South (Age 16+).

FOSTERING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH FAITH By Dr. Benjamin Arulanandhu

These sessions are intended to strengthen our knowledge about mental health, and how to improve mental health outcomes through faith. Who should attend? All are welcome and is not limited to those with mental health concerns. These sessions are intended to journey together in Faith. 8 sessions, every Wednesday starting from 17th August in St Anthony's Meeting room 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL-THIS WEEKEND

We will have a special collection this weekend to support the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. The annual Winter Fundraising Appeal plays a vital role each year in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result in order to sustain our varied good works into the future. The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is 'Make it Stop', focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence. Domestic violence is a major cause of poverty, while the experience of poverty can also make it harder for women to break free and start a new life. Please give generously, thank you.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 13th August 2022 from 2.00pm -Our Lady of Ta Pinu Shrine. Please see flyer on notice board.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENTS-CLOSING SOON

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2024 at our Melton West and Cobblebank campuses are due Friday 19th August 2022

Apply online now [Enrolment Contact - Catholic Regional College Melton \(crcmelton.com.au\)](http://Enrolment Contact - Catholic Regional College Melton (crcmelton.com.au))

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEA MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

WINTER FIESTA & LAUNCH OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Take a break from Melbourne's cold winter and get together with young people from across Melbourne for a night of prayer, live music, food and fun. Thursday 4th August 2022, 6.30-8.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

ST ANTHONY'S

VINNIES SOUP VAN SERVICE IN THE MELTON AREA.

We are looking for expressions of interest to help with the Soup Van Service. The program would provide a regular evening meal service at a fixed location and time to people experiencing disadvantage and homelessness in the Melton Area.

Email us at soupvans@sudp-vic.org.au or scan the QR code on the notices on the Church noticeboards. Thank you.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES- 27th April 2022

Copies of the PPC minutes are available for collection in the church foyer.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CORPORATE DINNER

VENUE: Tabcorp Park 2 Ferris Road Melton 3337

DATE: 22nd October 2022

TIME: 6pm till late

DRESS CODE: Black Tie

ADULT: \$100 per head (3-course meal)

CHILD: \$50 (12 years and under)

LIVE BAND—FUN FOR ALL—GROUP ENTERTAINMENT

RSVP: 1st October 2022

YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND WILL GO

TOWARDS FUNDING THE EXTENSION OF PADUA HALL

CONTACT: JULIE S: 0402 182 458

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ST BERNARD'S

ST VINCENT de PAUL FESTIVAL MASS & CELEBRATION OF 60th ANNIVERSARY OF BACCHUS MARSH CONFERENCE

Parishioners are invited to our Festival Mass on Sunday August 28 at 10.30am Mass. If you would like to join us for a light lunch following the Mass, please RSVP to Margot Short 0419 507 438 or margotmshort@gmail.com.

BACCHUS MARSH JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

A reminder that on Thursday 11 August we will celebrate belatedly Saint Mary MacKillop' feast day by attending 9.30am Mass at St Ambrose church, Woodend and followed by brunch at Cosy Corner Cafe in Woodend. All welcome.

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 9.30am MASS

Due to Confirmations in the Parish on Saturday morning, we will not be having the 9.30am on Saturday 6th August.

SAFEGUARDING

The first St Bernard's Safeguarding Circular is available from the gathering space. Our committees recently met with Ryan Gardiner, Safety officer with the Professional Standards Unit, CAM. His advice relating to further safety measures in our parish was helpful. Children who need to use toilets whilst attending church services or functions in the Parish Centre are to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Parishioners using the chapel for private visits are to record entry and exit times and date in the book provided. Any chapel keys in the possession of parishioners are to be registered with Dolores at the parish office. Keys are not transferable. Children and young people under eighteen are not to visit the chapel without a parent or carer. Some work has been done on the uneven concrete slabs in front of the Church. More is needed and will be done as finance becomes available. Margaret Love

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 6th & 7th August

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 Vigil: Gavin Pereira
8.30am: Amy Honrade
10.30am: Anastasia Mavaega
5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Aloysious Dacunha
8.30am: Lillian Christian
10.30am: Doris Bonello
5.00pm: Not rostered

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Godwin & Coleen
8.30am: Godwin & Leonia
10.30am: Godwin & Natalie
5.00pm: Godwin & Carmen

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Angela Aquilina, Joseph Aquilina, Veronica Butler, Angelo Camilleri, Maria Camilleri, Rose DeBono, Joseph Saliba, Jack Tolhurst, Michael Turcsan, Charlie Zammit & Carmen Zarb

Please pray for the Sick:

Hazel Michael, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaró, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Paul Nowak, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Samantha Smith, 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

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD : THIS WEEKEND

5.00pm: Evana Miesen
8.30am: Maggie Kratochvil
10.30am: Samantha Butler

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 6th & 7th August

5.00pm: Sonia Smith
8.30am: Gerard O'Shea
10.30am: Charlotte Lindorff

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

August: John Wilson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Mary Evans, David Fava, William (Bill) Griffith), John McMahon, Audrey Peasley, Mary Shea, Nadia Vescovi, & Gerard Wheelahan.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, George Farrell, 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

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

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 6th & 7th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Lorraine Tellis
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Judy Van Hoos

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS 27th & 28th August

5.00pm Vigil:
8.30am: To be advised
10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Gloria



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.
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.
Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

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.



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 6th & 7th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Piety Stall will open after Saturday 5pm Mass & Sunday 8.30 Mass
6th August: Jan & Colm
7th August: Jan Farmelo

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Deborah Hosking



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

August: Stuart Robertson & Sean Giani

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

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

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

Dear Parishioners

Keeping in line with the Archbishop's vision for Mission, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's have put together a new Baptism Preparation Program, for any parents who wish to have their child Baptised.

Preparations for Baptisms will take place on Saturdays alternating between both Parishes.

A welcome Mass must be attended prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will be held on

Saturday mornings at 11.00am. Parents must attend two sessions.

Sessions will run from 12.00pm-4.00pm. Godparents must attend the 2nd session.

Bookings must be made to attend these sessions. Please visit our website for a detailed

description of the new program. Contact the Parish Office to book your Preparation and Baptism.



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 Samuel or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

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

Group 1: Anna Samy 0435 258 230

Group 2: Gavin & Allison Pereira 0419 178 970

Group 3: Ben & Geetha 0478 112 996

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



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 God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89

Commentator: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

All: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS-

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9;

Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2,8-19;

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48



St Lawrence of Brindisi II

Saint and Scholar

Lawrence is generally represented contemplating the crucifix and holding the book of his sermons; or holding onto the Cross as in battle; or celebrating Holy Mass, the Child Jesus appearing before him.

The Capuchin breviary says of him on July 23: "Ordained a priest, he devoted himself entirely to the salvation of souls. He did not spare labours, vigils, nor life itself, which was in danger more than once, so that he could win all to Christ. He entered the courts of princes, as well as gatherings of Jews and heretics; and he traversed almost all Europe showing the people the way of eternal salvation.

"He converted innumerable sinners and some very wicked women; he brought heretics to abjure false doctrines and confuted the Jews. God Himself confirmed by following signs the sanctity and wisdom of so great a man. [The victory over the Turks is mentioned — see last Sunday's bulletin.] He was conspicuous for all the virtues in a heroic degree as well as for the gifts of counsel and prudence ...

"Remembering the sufferings of Jesus Christ, he could not refrain from tears. He honoured the Mother of God with a very tender love, and to her he ascribed whatever he had received from Christ. Greatly devoted to prayer, he used whatever time he could for it and was often lifted up in ecstasy.

"He was famous for the gift of prophecy and the reading of hearts. On account of his eminent sanctity he was most acceptable to the Apostolic See and to nearly all the princes of Europe."

His *Opera Omnia* ('Complete Works')

Despite all his travelling, preaching, and diplomatic missions, St Lawrence wrote (either entirely or at least in résumé) some 800 sermons in Latin (only nine in Italian), which fill 11 of his 15 huge *Opera Omnia* volumes, published in a critical edition from 1928 to 1956. Sacred Scripture is used extensively to illuminate the entire exposition of the truths of Catholic faith and morals.

The saint attracted audiences by his clear doctrine, his forceful arguments, his exquisite use of Holy Scripture from both Old and New Testaments, and his profound erudition. History, mythology, law, legend, science, and art are pressed into service, together with theology and philosophy, to make his sermons exemplars of the art of preaching.

From the critical edition of the saint's writings, we can understand why his contemporaries universally praised the faith, the zeal, and the scholarship of the humble Capuchin. All this is confirmed in pontifical acts and in the breviary for his feast.

Lawrence not only taught, but was busy also in the ministry. In his sermons one finds topics that are not treated by the *Summae* of the Scholastics: for example, the Royalty of Christ and the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. His missionary and doctrinal activity is comparable to that of his confrere and fellow Doctor, St Anthony of Padua.

Mariologist

Specialists in Mariology declare that the 62 sermons of Lawrence's *Mariale* form a complete *summa* of this matter, prominent in Marian literature not only at his time, but ever since. The saint explains the primary principle of Marian theology: the physical and divine maternity of Mary in regard to Christ, the God-Man, and her spiritual maternity in regard to all Christians.

He develops also the secondary principles: uniqueness, convenience, eminence, and likeness to Christ the Redeemer in regard to Marian truths. The saint proves the singular privileges of the Mother of God: her immunity from all sins, even original; her fullness of grace; her perpetual virginity of soul and body, and her glorious Assumption into Heaven, body and soul. Lawrence also presents and defends the specific mission of Mary, both in the eternal decrees of God and in the facts of her being the Mother of Christ and the spiritual Mother of His Mystical Body. He teaches also that she is Mediatrix of all graces and Queen of the Universe.