



# St Anthony's Parish



# St Bernard's Parish

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**The 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time-Year A**

**20th September 2020**

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### PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

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

16 September 2020

To the People and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ,



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*  
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As we now welcome the beginnings of easing in COVID-19 Restrictions in Victoria, I would like to take this opportunity to write to you, the Clergy and people of our Archdiocese. It is great news that regional Victoria will, from tonight, move into the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening, which includes our parishes located outside the metropolitan zone. However, we have a long way to go.

The deprivation in sacramental life has been a profound loss for our people. As well as all the other sufferings of the Pandemic, the sense of estrangement from the Eucharist has been a particular struggle for Catholics. The Mass is our primary means of gathering together in faith; it is the source and summit of our Christian life, and its life-giving nourishment and healing is dearly missed.

In the midst of this loss, I am grateful to our Priests and Deacons for continuing to serve the faithful, for sharing a sacramental ministry even under strict conditions, and for being alongside our people and their loved ones in times of death and grief. Thank you for your faithfulness.

All of us are anxious to open church doors, but I want to emphasise our need to be creative in the ways we do so, especially with the thousands of children who have been waiting for Sacraments of Initiation. Countless Catholic families are awaiting Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for their children. Adults, too, have longed to be received into the life of the Church. We shall be exploring possibilities such as outdoor liturgies in parish and school settings to facilitate these crucial events of grace and welcome.

Throughout the pandemic, I have been advocating directly with the Government, reminding authorities continually of our respectful compliance with each stage of restrictions, and seeking a fair consideration in what is permitted. The Catholic community throughout the pandemic has been constructive and positive. We have, and continue to act in a mature way, caring for the safety and vulnerability of Victorians facing great risk.

Thankfully the signs of driving down COVID numbers are looking good at this moment and Catholics join other people of faith in giving thanks for this outcome and working to ensure the steps ahead do not take us backward.

Now, it is essential that the Government does not treat faith communities as an afterthought to the opening up of other sectors. Our churches are locations for communities of care and essential service, and must be treated fairly and reasonably.

Practically speaking, I have been in discussion with the Premier to thank him for overturning the restriction on spiritual ministry to the sick and the dying, and have assured him that the Catholic Church is able to manage restrictions (including good hygiene, face coverings, social distancing and density requirements). If pubs and restaurants can open, then places of worship should be open under similar conditions and numbers.

If case numbers track well, I expect we will see larger outdoor gatherings in regional Victoria become possible over the next few weeks, and proportionate opportunities for gathering in metropolitan Melbourne. I am hopeful that this may occur sometime in October, which would be a deeply welcomed improvement on the current Roadmap indications. If we can open our churches, even for outdoor gatherings, then we should open them.

The Deputy Premier and the Multicultural Affairs Minister are conducting discussions this month through the Multifaith Leaders Forum. The Archdiocese will be contributing to these meetings. In addition I will continue to engage with the Premier and Ministers directly on the Church's need for opening doors, carefully and safely.

Be assured of my ongoing closeness in prayer and concern. I have heard your cry, and I am working to bring your voice to the authorities. The Lord has promised he will be with us always; let us place our hope in Him.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne

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## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

### 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

### MASS TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

**Monday-Saturday:** 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction  
6.00pm Mass

**Sunday:** 10.30am Mass

### MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING— FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

St Anthony's Parish are live streaming Masses on YouTube.

The Masses are also being live streamed on Facebook. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonypadua.com.au. Click the link for Live Masses.

The Masses are coming through the St Anthony's Facebook page—St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South (you will need to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Masses).

### MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised every week during the COVID-19 restrictions, on Channel 31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs). Also 'Mass for you at Home' is televised on channel 10 every Sunday at 6am. Please share this news with friends and family who might be limited to TV viewing. Please check your TV guides for changes.

### PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION OR PARISH APPEALS

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.

Parishioners are able to make quick and easy recurring thanksgiving payments or can choose a one-off offering from the comfort of their own home.

When making an offertory online, parishioners have the option to choose which collection they would like to partake in, as they usually would during Sunday Mass - first collection, second collection or a parish appeal.

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### [INVITATION TO ALL OUR ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S PARISHIONERS](#)



### LOUIS DE MONTFORT 'TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY'.

As Fr Fabian has consecrated our parishes, a group of us are also doing the Louis de Montfort '**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**' to consecrate ourselves and our families with him. In these uncertain and difficult times when most people seems to struggle to find something to depend on, we should cling all the more to our God Who gives us strength.

St Louis de Montfort wrote "*We ought to belong to Jesus Christ, and to serve Him not only as mercenary servants, but as loving slaves who, as a result of their great love, give themselves up to serve Him in the quality of slaves simply for the honor of belonging to Him*". He also wrote that "*Our Blessed Lady is the means Our Lord made use of to come to us*" and "*The strongest inclination of Mary is to unite us to Jesus Christ, her Son*". So it is fitting that we "*call ourselves and make ourselves the loving slaves of the most holy Virgin, in order to be, by that very means, the more perfectly the slaves of Jesus Christ.*"

The consecration consists of **33 days of preparation** including daily prayer, readings and spiritual exercises to prepare us for the consecration. We will be **starting on the 19th of October**, for **our consecration day to be the 21st of November**, **the Feast of the Presentation of our Lady**.

We will be having a **briefing session on Wednesday the 30th of September at 8pm on Zoom** to talk more about the details of the consecration. If you are interested, please send an email to [stanthonypayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonypayergroup@gmail.com) or send a text to [0403751343](tel:0403751343) and we will send you the link to get onto the Zoom briefing session.

God bless,  
St Anthony's prayer group

### ST ANTHONY'S FACEBOOK

Please visit our Facebook page.:

[St Anthony of Padua](#)

[Catholic Church Melton South Live](#)

Masses streaming from St  
Anthony's daily.



## ST ANTHONY'S RENOVATION



St Anthony's  
Parish

After many months of preparation and works, our renovations are complete!  
A huge congratulations to Fr Fabian and all who worked so hard on the project. Click on this link to watch a video tour and to get a taste of what awaits you when Masses resume!  
<https://stanthonyofpadua.com.au/>



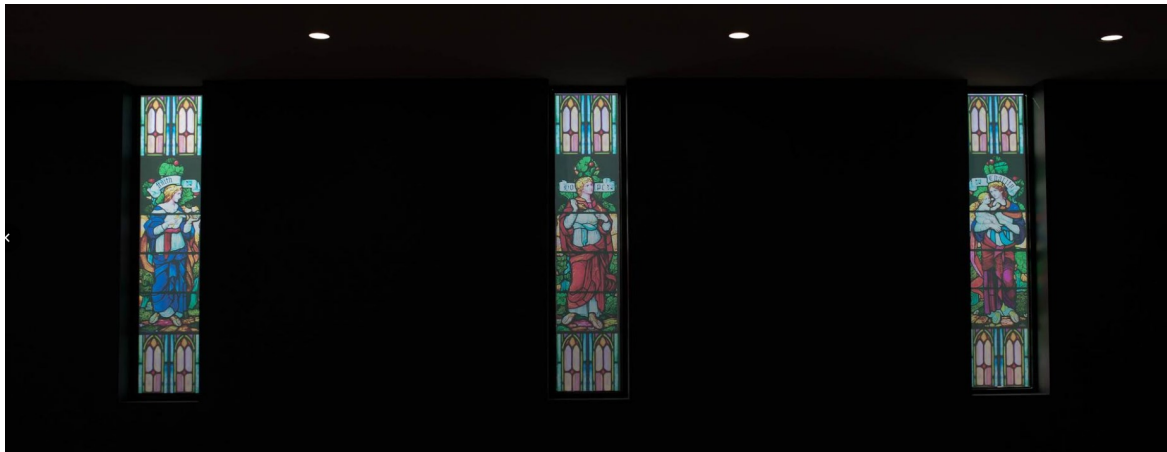
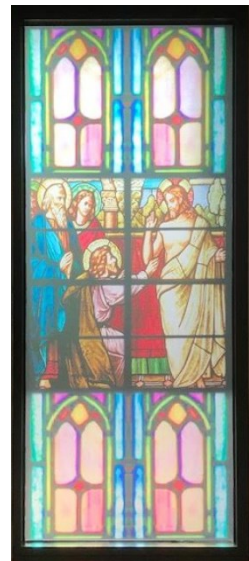
### CHAPEL WINDOWS

These beautiful windows are in our new chapel. The windows cost \$8,000, if you are able to donate towards the cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bank details.  
Acc Name **ST ANTHONYS CHURCH**  
BSB **083 347**  
Account No **641915964**.

Please put in your Full Name for record keeping purposes.

Thank you.



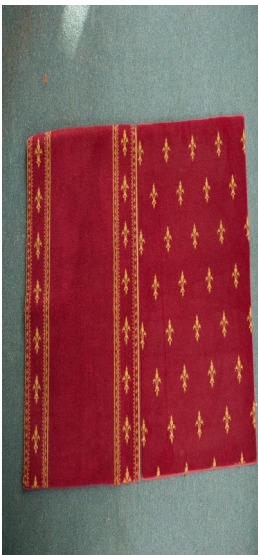
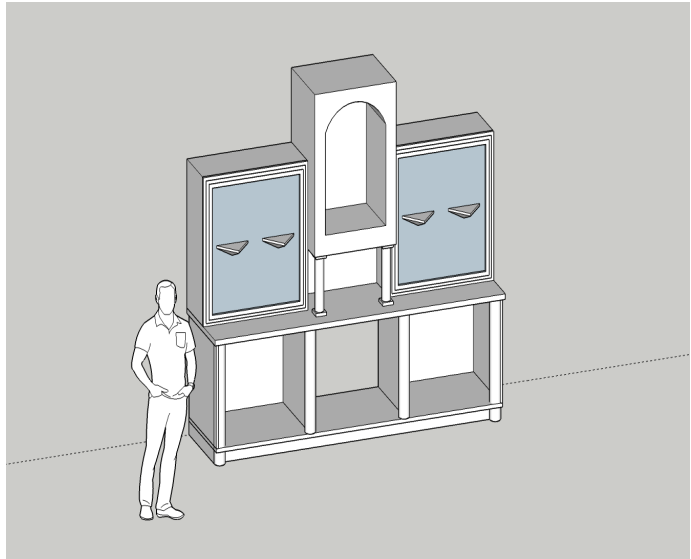


## St Anthony's Parish

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's,

Just an update on where we are at with the furnishings for the new chapel. The following items need you're your generous contribution; **High Altar**, Two White Angels, **St Anthony's Statue**, Carpet, **4 Pews** with upholstery for the seat and kneeler. **Only if you are in a financial position to help make this happen** and wish to contribute towards the furnishings, I am providing our **NAB** bank details. Ac Name **ST ANTHONYS CHURCH**, BSB **083 347** Account No **641915964**. Please put in your Full Name for record keeping. If you need to talk to me please contact me on 0403 435 471.

Many Blessings  
Fr Fabian



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH OFFICE**

Parishioners please be advised that the St Anthony's Parish Office will be closed during the COVID-19 Stage 4 lockdown. The Parish Staff will be working from home. Please contact us for any assistance you need.

**Lesley Morffew** Parish Secretary **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am-4.00pm**

Email Lesley: [meltonsouth@cam.org.au](mailto:meltonsouth@cam.org.au) or call **9747 9692**

**Judy Johnson** Admin Assistant **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10.00am-2.00pm**

Email Judy: [judyparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:judyparishnews@gmail.com) or call **0414 007 009**

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# St Bernard's Catholic Parish

BACCHUS MARSH

Dear parishioners of St Bernard's,

**Masses remain suspended.** At 11.59pm on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, regional Victoria moved to 'Step 2' in the State Government's reopening plan. Whilst this means that restaurants and other similar places of public gathering will be able to have 10 people indoors and 50 people outdoors, places of worship are limited to 10 people outdoors for non-ceremonial gatherings, 20 people indoors for funerals, and 10 people indoors for weddings. The reason for the inequitable treatment of places of worship under the 'Step 2' plan is unclear. The Archbishop is attempting to clarify these regulations and have them amended.

Given these restrictions, it is not yet possible for us to resume public Masses. This may change quickly as further advice is provided to us. Please check our website regularly for updated information. If you have any sacramental or spiritual need, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. We look forward to reopening as soon as possible.

**Archbishop Comensoli's Letter to the Faithful of the Archdiocese.** On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, Archbishop Comensoli published an encouraging letter to the faithful. He reflects upon the sense of spiritual deprivation and loss we feel at the moment and outlines the ways he is actively working to reopen our churches. You can find the letter attached to this bulletin and on our website.

**Pray at Home.** We are working hard to help you keep close to the Lord throughout lock-down. Each week, a Liturgy of the Word is uploaded to our website to help you pray at home on Sundays. Fr Marcus is also recording a homily each week that you can access through that resource. For more information, visit [www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au](http://www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au).

**Parish Annual General Meeting.** On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 we held our Annual General Meeting via Zoom. A huge thanks to all who helped facilitate the Meeting and all who attended. An update from the meeting will be provided in the coming weeks.

## **ST BERNARD'S PARISH OFFICE**

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**Dolores Turcsan** Parish Secretary **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am-1.00pm**

Email Dolores: [bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au) or call **0432 055 992**.

**Naim Chdid** Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper **Tuesday & Friday 10.00am-1.00pm**

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## **Seeking Expressions of Interest**

### **St Bernard's Property Development Advisory Committee**

The COVID-related shutdown of parish activities has highlighted the importance of diversifying our parish's income streams. Previous generations of priests and parishioners have bequeathed to us a number of assets that remain under-utilised. Prudent redevelopment of some of these under-utilised assets could provide the parish with a reliable supplementary source of income.

At our Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, the decision was made to form a Property Development Advisory Committee. This Committee will have the task of canvassing options for the redevelopment of the parish's various properties with the aim of securing the parish's financial future. The first stage of the Property Development Advisory Committee's work will be to prepare a preliminary report that outlines different ways of generating income from the aforementioned properties. This report will be submitted to Father Fabian, the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Parish Finance Committee for review, before being shared with parishioners for their feedback. Following that feedback and the approval of the Finance Committee, the Property Development Advisory Committee may then be tasked to engage professional assistance in refining one or more of these options for further review and realisation. Membership of the Property Development Advisory Committee could, therefore, involve a two to three-year commitment, with meetings held as required.

Parishioners are invited to express their interest in membership of the Development Advisory Committee. The Committee will consist of Father Marcus (chair) and between 4-6 parishioners, at least one of whom must also be a member of the Parish Finance Committee. We would particularly welcome expressions of interest from parishioners with experience in one or more of the following areas: project management, law, construction, finance, local government, planning. Expressions of interest should be submitted in writing by post or email to the Parish Office by close of business Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Expressions of interest should also identify how long you have been a parishioner, any other ways you have been involved in the parish, and any other relevant experience you have.

Many blessings on behalf of the Priest Team

Fr Fabian



## The Seven Sorrows Devotion

The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honour her daily saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and sorrows.

**The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget**

### HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:

1. I will grant peace to their families. |
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and sorrows, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

### SEVEN SORROWS

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.



**1. The prophecy of Simeon:** "And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." – Luke II, 34-35.

**Meditation:** How great was the shock to Mary's Heart at hearing the sorrowful words, in which holy Simeon told the bitter Passion and death of her sweet Jesus, since in that same moment she realized in her mind all the insults, blows, and torments which the impious men were to offer to the Redeemer of the world. But a still sharper sword pierced her soul. It was the thought of men's ingratitude to her beloved Son. Now consider that because of your sins you are unhappily among the ungrateful. **Say one Hail Mary**

**2. The flight into Egypt:** "And after they (the wise men) departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His mother and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell you. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and He was there until the death of Herod." – Matt. II, 13-14.

**Meditation:** Consider the sharp sorrow which Mary felt when, St. Joseph being warned by an angel, she had to flee by night in order to preserve her beloved Child from the slaughter decreed by Herod. What anguish was hers, in leaving Judea, lest she should be overtaken by the soldiers of the cruel king! How great her privations in that long journey! What sufferings she bore in that land of exile, what sorrow amid that people given to idolatry! But consider how often you have renewed that bitter grief of Mary, when your sins have caused her Son to flee from your heart.

**Say one Hail Mary**

**3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple:** "And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him." Luke II, 43-45.

**Meditation:** How dread was the grief of Mary, when she saw that she had lost her beloved Son! And as if to increase her sorrow, when she sought Him diligently among her kinsfolk and acquaintance, she could hear no tidings of Him. No hindrances stayed her, nor weariness, nor danger; but she forthwith returned to Jerusalem, and for three long days sought Him sorrowing. Great be your confusion, O my soul, who has so often lost your Jesus by your sins, and has given no heed to seek Him at once, a sign that you make very little or no account of the precious treasure of divine love. **Say one Hail Mary**

**4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross:** "And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him." – Luke XXIII, 27.

**Meditation:** Come, O ye sinners, come and see if ye can endure so sad a sight. This Mother, so tender and loving, meets her beloved Son, meets Him amid an impious rabble, who drag Him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing His heavy cross. Ah, consider, my soul, the grief of the blessed Virgin thus beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my sins have so cruelly wounded the heart of my sorrowing Mother! And yet I am not moved; I am as a stone, when my heart should break because of my ingratitude.

**Say one Hail Mary**

**5. The Crucifixion:** "They crucified Him. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, He said to His Mother: Woman: behold thy son. After that he said to the disciple: Behold thy Mother." – John XIX, 18-25-27.

**Meditation:** Look, devout soul, look to Calvary, whereon are raised two altars of sacrifice, one on the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross. Ah me! how every blow of the hammer, how every stripe which fell on the Saviour's form, fell also on the disconsolate spirit of the Virgin. As she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on Him, until she knew that He lived no longer and had resigned His spirit to His Eternal Father. Then her own soul was like to have left the body and joined itself to that of Jesus. **Say one Hail Mary**

**6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross:** "Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counsellor, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And Joseph buying fine linen, and taking Him down, wrapped Him up in the fine linen." – Mark XV, 43-46.

**Meditation:** Consider the most bitter sorrow which rent the soul of Mary, when she saw the dead body of her dear Jesus on her knees, covered with blood, all torn with deep wounds. O mournful Mother, a bundle of myrrh, indeed, is thy Beloved to thee. Who would not pity thee? Whose heart would not be softened, seeing affliction which would move a stone? Behold John not to be comforted, Magdalen and the other Mary in deep affliction, and Nicodemus, who can scarcely bear his sorrow.

**Say one Hail Mary**

**7. The burial of Jesus:** "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the passover of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulchre was nigh at hand." John XIX, 41-42.

**Meditation:** Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulchre, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body!

**Say one Hail Mary**

### ST ANTHONY'S CARE TEAM

Dear St Anthony's Parishioners

The Care Team at St Anthony's would like to reach out to all our Parishioners during this difficult time.

Many of us are living in lockdown and isolation. Our Care Team, are available for a chat and to offer some support during these COVID-19 restrictions.

Please give one of our team members a call, they would love to hear from you!

<b>Sue Alexander</b>	<b>0400 171 843</b>	<b>Lillian Christian</b>	<b>0400 441 257</b>
<b>Stephen Fernandes</b>	<b>0439 743 533</b>	<b>Amy Honrade</b>	<b>03 9747 0078</b>
<b>Natalie Howard</b>	<b>0410 478 046</b>	<b>Villy Julita</b>	<b>0403 751 343</b>
<b>Rose Ma'ae</b>	<b>0431 386 473</b>	<b>Sally Markulin</b>	<b>0405 814 490</b>
<b>Kim Nguyen</b>	<b>0431 035 980</b>		

If you know of a fellow Parishioner that would benefit from contact from our Care Team, please give **Judy Johnson** a call on **0414 007 009**, who will be able to organise contact for the Parishioner.

God Bless

### VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC YOUTH, ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE (VCYAM) presents



An evening of faith-filled discussion and reflection on God and suffering. A very appropriate topic for our current times! Please **contact 0403751343** for more information if you are interested in attending this Zoom session. It's free!

### A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

God of infinite mercy, hear our prayer!

In this time of bewilderment and fear, we ask you to give us the courage to take care of one another as Jesus did. For those who are ill, especially those who are frightened and alone, for those who cannot access healthcare, for those who are homeless and lost, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another. For those who are dying, and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who tend them and for those with no one to tend them, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our own anxiety we ask you to give us the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are unexpectedly unemployed, for employers who share what they can, for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all who live on this planet, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers, hear our prayer!

In the midst of our growing awareness that all life on Earth is connected, we ask for the heart to respect and cherish all life.

That all peoples recognize that we are all your children, hear our prayer!

We trust in you and your power working in us. Please hear and answer our prayers.

Amen!

Amen!

Source: *Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea*

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

**ST ANTHONY'S**

**ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE**

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

Fay Blake, Angelo Borg, Leslie Butler, Emmanuel Caruana, Romuald Correa, Christopher John Doyle, Mavis Ferreira, John Galea, Greta Mascarenhas & Lavina Mascarenhas.

**Please pray for the Sick:**

Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Chinnamma Joseph, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Damien Michael, Kevin Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

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**FATIMA STATUE**

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

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**ST BERNARD'S**

**ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE**

**FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP**

Every fortnight on Thursday at 7.00pm. We pray the Rosary, Stations of the cross, Divine Mercy chaplet and do a Bible reading and discussion.

Next meeting **To be advised**

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

Sr Mary Francis Coburn rsj, Francis McGinchee, Hannah Maureen McGeady Joe O'Brien, & Gwen Tottle.

**Please pray for the Sick:**

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, 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, 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, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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**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

# Along the track

## Being Remembered

There is a sign in a hospital foyer I visited recently which read:

*Those who die in God's love go only as far as God . . . and God is very near.*

What does it mean to die in God's love? To answer that, it's worth taking some time occasionally to read the obituaries which appear in the daily newspapers. The great and the unknown are included, the rich and famous, and those who lived their lives on what we might call a smaller canvas. To me, they remind us of the beauty and fragility of life. They are often sad, always heartfelt and those who have written them have done so with love and affection and the desire that this person's life be known and remembered. Universally the values of kindness, love, generosity, laughter and friendship are celebrated.

In these days, we can be very concerned with our own selves, our status, our wealth. They don't get a mention. Ideas like success, power and influence are not included in the best death notices or the obituaries. Humility, generosity, love and kindness are keenly remembered; wealth and social status rarely get a mention. I wonder is that what we mean 'to die in God's love'? Is it that God is very near to those who are generous and loving, open to others and humble in their outlook and the way they have lived their lives? Is that what it means to die in God's love. We used to define that in very narrow terms – being 'in sin' or not. Perhaps we need to look at that with different eyes so that we can understand what it means for us today.

Last year, Gail Kelly, the Chief Executive Officer of Westpac, retired. In her final message she spoke about having seen grown men and women of her age and more, in tears – they had lost sight of who they are, their spirituality, their inner person, she said.

Isn't that sad – these people in tears because of what they have lost along the way: a relationship, a partnership, they may not be connected to their children, maybe they've lost their health, maybe they've got no friends. They have no interests, they've lost sight of who they are, their spirituality, their inner person. They may be rich, powerful and even famous but...

She offered these further thoughts:

Generosity of spirit is an essential ingredient for being successful in your life, as well as your business; practicing generosity of spirit in the way you go about your life and indeed your leadership role in work. If you believe in practicing generosity of spirit, at heart you believe in the power of an individual to make a difference and at heart you treat individuals with deep respect and want to see others flourish.

The people who do not practice generosity of spirit are selfish. People who do not practice generosity of spirit are binary: black or white, right or wrong; they are quick to judge, intolerant, they shoot messengers, they take credit for work that others do (Gail Kelly Chief Executive Officer of Westpac).

In the pressure of the rat race, the rush to succeed and prosper, we can easily lose sight of the inner self. When we are defined as 'economic units' or 'fiscal problems' (the old, the young, the unemployed, the sick for example), when we are cogs in a wheel, when we are refugees away from our homeland and the very things that define us, when we are unemployed or underemployed in a society that defines success in terms of status and wealth, losing touch with the inner self is pretty easy to do.

But when we listen to eulogies or read the obituaries, we hear a very different message. So many of the things that are held to be important today just melt away when death comes; when we come together to celebrate a life, to remember, to mourn our loss.

When I read some of these obituaries, I can't help but think of the welcome he or she must receive when they come into the fullness of God's presence. I know that we tend to 'sanctify' those who have died, we overlook shortcoming and faults but I wonder whether God does too. I wonder whether it will be a case of hearing the Lord saying, "Well done good and faithful Mary or John or...."

Sometimes obituaries write of couples who have died hours, days or weeks apart. I read somewhere that there is no space for "died of a broken heart" on the death certificate. And yet, how else to explain their passing within hours or days of a couple married for 60 or 70 years? I have seen that – not just in the obituaries either!! Isn't it a pity that we don't acknowledge that! What a wonderful tribute to a person – not that he or she died of overwork or climbing the social or corporate ladder but simply missing the one they loved. What a tribute to them. Surely God is very near to them, in life and in death. After all, God IS love. That reminded me of the line underneath the inscription in the hospital quoted above reads: *To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.*

What do you want to be remembered for? Not later, in ten or twenty or thirty years time, but now! It is a sobering thought, isn't it!!!?

Regards  
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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 144

**Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### NEXT WEEK'S READING

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28;  
**Second Reading:** Phil 2:1:11;  
**Gospel:** Matt 21:28-32



### SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

# The life of Catholic worship and piety XXXV

## The Church's gift of time (1)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a

Have you ever thought about how we experience time?

Time is something we take for granted yet is so mysterious. God's plan is revealed in time. Not only in the fullness of time, but in the gift of time itself. It is a gift, as it is a creation of God, and the dimension in which we go about receiving redemption.

What could God mean for us, to number our days?

We know someone whose sect doesn't hold with the celebration of feasts. No festivity for Christmas. None for Easter. To a Catholic who greets every saint's day as if it is the last chance to eat a celebratory bowl of ice cream, this is unimaginable. It makes you start thinking through the different kinds of time that God gives us.

He could have given us, simply, a day, if He thought that a day is what we needed for our sanctification. But then He would have limited our perception of time to that span. In other words, we would always think about time as comprising a day. A week, a month, a season, a year would all be unknown to us, because they would be superfluous to what was required for our nature.

Every day would be enough. We would wake up every morning with a renewed spirit. We would experience the challenges of each 24-hour period without reference to any other changes. In the evening, we would ask for forgiveness for the ways we had strayed when we were awake, and then we would retire. We would speak of being so many thousands of days old! If we wanted to celebrate, we would not have much time to prepare.

Of course, sometimes a day is enough — is all we can apprehend. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). A good part of what we know to be true is contained in those words — that there is no use worrying about tomorrow or crying over yesterday. And, of course, there will come a day when a day is all we have left.

But that cannot be the whole story.

If it were, there would be no need for the week, with its seven days, the uphill climb of work, and then the mercy of rest on Sunday. A week is quite mysterious, by the way, and surely points to the truth of the unique character of Sunday, for whatever would possess all peoples to bunch their days together this way? It seems arbitrary. Why not three days or four? Surely that is more suited to the primitive (and by extension, presumptively infantile) mind, which, as psychologist Jean Piaget has shown, does not count beyond that low number. Or why not count the days by 10, to match the fingers? (Perhaps the Chinese went in this direction, but not for long.)

Even given the lunar calendar — which even the Babylonians found only awkwardly lined up with a

division of seven, yet they persisted — other numbers seem just as workable if we are breaking things up. And yet, seven it is.

There would be no need for the four seasons of the year, with their rhythm of growth, bounty, fading glory, and cold death. Without the seasons — without at least the idea of the seasons for those who do not have four — there would be no mirror of our spiritual life in the nature we see all around us.

And then there would not be the year, with its cycle that resolves into a spiral, going ever upward towards the light of man's span on earth. Recurrence yet forward motion.

Every year brings its reminder of what happened at this time last year. The reminder gladdens our hearts or renews mourning, as the case may be. We reflect more deeply on just what the birth of a long-awaited child meant to us, or just how we were, at the time, stunned by a departure.

Above all, we contemplate the events of salvation in order, with Christ in the centre, yet ever renewing. And that reflection deepens our awareness and our gratitude and our sorrow and our resolve.

But this deepening is not meant to occur only on the personal level. We see whole nations celebrating an event — say, victory over a foe — with the healing that remembrance brings.

The Church does this for us as well in her celebrations of the hours, the week, and the liturgical year. Our little oratory can help us follow her: in our home, we will keep alive the mystery that the Church is ever presenting to us.

We will limit ourselves here to observing the liturgical seasons at the prayer table. The possibilities would expand if we included the many customs the family can take part in to celebrate the liturgical year in the home.

## The day with its hours

The book of Genesis speaks of "evening and morning, the first day", which seems to point to night, really. Think of sleep. It is a bit like not being created yet. It is also a bit like death. How you look at sleep depends, perhaps, on whether you see it as what comes before you start your day or what comes when you are finished with it.

In any case, morning comes with its promise of a new day. Every hour goes by, and it is an hour that has been lived before by all of humanity (including our Lord) — that is to say, noon happens the same way every day. Yet, it is also a new hour that has never been seen.

A day is a unit of sanctification. The Church lives and sanctifies these hours through what is called the Liturgy of the Hours — her liturgical prayer. This treasury of the Liturgy of the Hours covers all the other sorts of time as well — how to live them, how to sanctify them.

**To be continued**