



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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ST MARY OF THE CROSS—YEAR B

8th August 2021

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint /Father Marcus Goulding

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours:

Mon 9.00-1.00pm Tuesday 9.00am-4.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am-5.30pm Thu-Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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EX-OFFICIO:

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and Emilio Scalzo

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449) **Officers:** St Anthony's -Karina Dunne, Lorraine Tellis & Geetha Vincent
St Bernard's -Dolores Turcsan



St Anthony's
QR code

Location code E2B Y8D



St Bernard's
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Location code C7N T6M

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S 9/8-15/8 MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES:

Monday 9th August	6.30pm
Tuesday 10th August	9.30am
Adoration & Confessions	5:30pm
Novena to St Anthony followed by Benediction	6.15pm
Mass	6.30pm
Wednesday 11th August	7.30am (Chapel) & 9.30am
Thursday 12th August	9.30am
Friday 13th August	7.30am (Chapel) & 9.30am
Saturday Vigil 14th August	5.00pm
<u>If restrictions on attendance remain we will also have a</u>	
<u>Mass on Saturday 14th August</u>	6.30pm
Sunday 15th August:	8.30am
	10.30am
	5.00pm

Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and check-in with the QR code upon arrival.

Confession

Monday—No Confession
Tuesday-Sunday-Confession available 30 minutes prior to Mass

ST BERNARD'S 9/8-15/8 BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES:

Monday 9th August*	No Mass
Tuesday 10th August**	7.30am
Wednesday 11th August	9.30am
Thursday 12th August	7.30am
Friday 13th August	9.30am
Providence and Friends Mass	11.00am
Saturday 14th August –Latin Mass (Novus Ordo)	9.00am
Saturday Vigil 14th August	5.00pm
Sunday 15th August	8.30am
	10.30am

*Rosary and Adoration every Monday evening 7.30pm

** A Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration will be held every

Tues evening at 7.30pm

Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and check-in with the QR code upon arrival.

Confession available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

KOROBEIT

MASS TIME

Saturday Vigil

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 ON THE LOYALTY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop had many a battle with a Bishop. One unlawfully excommunicated her, another banished her from Adelaide, others tried to take over the leadership or change the rule of the Sisters. Where she could, she obeyed. Where it required a change not according to her Vows or directions of Rome, she removed the Sisters.

To Mary, the Rule, sanctioned by Rome, was God's will. When Rome changed the rule stating the Sisters must own property to protect themselves, she did not agree with it, but she obeyed. This point destroyed her friendship of many years with Fr Woods.

Mary MacKillop set her heart on the Kingdom of God, working tirelessly to teach

others how to live according to their faith and the law of love.

She trusted God's Providence would care for her sisters and those they worked for.

But she did not give up, even though at times she was tempted to do so and firmly

kept to what Rome had directed.

Like Mary we need to keep our eyes on Jesus, knowing we are loved, cared for and chosen through our Baptism, remembering Jesus still teaches and guides us through His Vicar on earth, our Pope.

Mary Fermio rsj

Sculptor: Jenny Steiner – Melton College



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

ST BERNARD'S

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Get to know the love of the Lord Jesus and the joy of His Gospel! Our parish will be starting the next cycle of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) soon! RCIA is the formation course for people who are thinking about becoming Catholic. Join us for an inquiry session: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st September 2021 St Anthony's Church Meeting Room Find out more and register at:

www.stanthonyofpadua.com.au/rcia

www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au/rcia

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL –THIS WEEKEND

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

MASS BOOKINGS-PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MASS BOOKINGS

Pre-booking will not be required for weekday Masses.

Attendees at all Masses must wear masks and check in with the QR code, if you are unable to use the QR code service, an alternate check-in method will be available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have an elderly Parishioner living at Sutton Park who would like to attend Mass on weekends. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to share the job of picking her up and dropping her off. If you able to help please contact Lesley 9747 9692 or email judyparishnews@gmail.com Thank you.

NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & READERS WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, 14TH AUGUST 2021

All new volunteers who would like to commit to the role of an Extraordinary Minister or as a Reader, could you please attend the following sessions on **Saturday, 14th August 2021.**

9:30am to 10:30am - Session for Extraordinary Ministers

10:45am to 11:45am - Session for Readers

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes are available to be collected in the Church foyer. Thank you.

PARISH PASTROL COUNCIL MINUTES DATED 20th May

The Minutes for the PPC are available for collection in the Church foyer.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2021

Today is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian saint. Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community

PROVIDENCE AND FRIENDS MASS

The monthly Providence and Friends Mass will take place on Friday 13th August at 11am.

Please bring a plate for morning tea/lunch.

If you know of anyone who previously attended our Seniors Mass, please let them know about the Mass.

Also, if transport is required please let the Parish Office know or call Margot Short 0419 507438.

RESOURCE TO HELP CHILDREN PRAY AT MASS

Children's Mass books are now available in the back of the church for use during Mass. "When I Go to Mass" is a book that reads like a Children's Missal written by Melbourne mother Sarah Hlavcek. Borrow these books during Mass to help your little one engage and keep focused on the Mass and place them back after Mass so they will be where you found them next time. These books are designed to explain the Mass in a simple yet meaningful way. Helping your children follow along with the book in Mass is one great way to help children learn and engage with the Mass. If you would like a copy of this great resource for your home, "When I Go to Mass" is also available to purchase on Amazon and Book Depository in both paperback and hardcover.

KSC RACING GAME

Progress Update at Week 6 of the 26week game.

Paul Miesen 26,5 points

Jill Geurts 26 points

Bill Shea 25 points

Val Dickson 25 points

Thank you for your support.

Knights of the Southern Cross - Bacchus Marsh

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 14th & 15th 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: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: John Brewis
10.30am: Regina Tuala
5.00pm: Dolores Turcsan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Vigil: Ann Tennakoon & Gavin Pereira
8.30am: Lillian Christian & Lois Brewis
10.30am: Richard Tuala & Elaine Lacey
5.00pm: Not rostered

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm Vigil: Godwin & Olen
8.30am: Lina & Julie
10.30am: Lillian & Godwin
5.00pm: Leonia & Annonika

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Maryard Austin, Theresa Buttigieg, Ralph Cinel, Brodie Grevink, George Phelan & Charles Van Hoos.

Please pray for the Sick: Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Melanie Fue Bruce Hynes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Maiava Kuno Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Uatoa Tuigamala, Dolores Turcsan, 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

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 14th & 15th August

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm:
8.30am: Roster Pending
10.30am:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm:
8.30am: Roster Pending
10.30am:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

August: John Wilson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Brian Blood, Veronica Buttler, Jack Dannatt, Ian Dominguez, Mary Noonan, Milos Kratachvil, Sr Mary Lanigan rsj, Lawrence Roberts & Edward Tudball.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Chris, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Theresa Dockter, 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, Dolores Turcsan, 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: 14th & 15th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Geetha Vincent

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS 28th & 29th August

5.00pm Vigil: Melissa Va'a & Technica
8.30am: Ineke Allen & Mercy Seufatu
10.30am: Doris & Emily Bonello

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Gloria



CHURCH CLEANING

Lorelle Porter and a Team of Volunteers.

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. 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 : 14th & 15th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday: Sean Giani

CHURCH FLOWERS

August: Deborah Hosking



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

August: Ron Geurts

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 \$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**

Next preparation meeting :**Thursday 26th August**

Location: **Parish Centre, St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh**

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.**

Visit our website for detailed information and application forms.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: St Anthony's: **Michelle & Shelley** St Bernard's: **Dolores Turcsan**

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: Brian Barker 0408 974 322

Group 2: Gavin & Alison Pereira 0423 960 538

Group 3: Joseph & Carmen Cilia 0418 201 027

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

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth"

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 63

Commentator: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

All: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,

nor about your body and how you are to clothe it.

Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky.

They do not sow or reap or gather into barns;
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, for all his worrying,
add one single cubit to his span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields;

they never have to work or spin;

yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field
which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,
will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?"

It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness,
and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6,10;

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26;

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56



Year of Saint Joseph XXII

Year of Saint Joseph indulgences

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Here is a summary of how you can receive the special indulgences granted by the Holy See for the Year of St Joseph.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated here:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father.
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St Joseph.
- Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between husband and wife.
- Entrust their work daily to the protection of St Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth.
- Pray the Litany of St Joseph, or the **Akathistos to St Joseph**, in its entirety or at least part of it, or some other prayer to St Joseph, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians.
- Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honour of St Joseph, for example "To you, Oh blessed Joseph," especially on:

The 19th day of every month.

Every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint).

The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to:

- The elderly
- The sick
- The dying

www.yearofstjoseph.org

- All those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home, who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honour of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.

Akathistos to St Joseph

O holy and righteous Joseph! While yet on earth, you did have boldness before the Son of God, Who was well pleased to call you His father, in that you were the betrothed of His Mother, and Who was well pleased to be obedient to you. We believe that, as you do dwell now in the heavenly mansions with the choirs of the righteous, you are listened to, in all that you do request from our God and Saviour.

Therefore, fleeing to your protection and defence, we beg and humbly entreat you: as you, yourself, were delivered from a storm of doubting thoughts, so also deliver us that are tempest-tossed by the waves of confusion and passions; as you did shield the all-Pure Virgin from the slanders of men, so shield us from all kinds of vehement calumny; as you did keep the incarnate Lord from all harm and affliction, so also by your defence preserve His Church and all of us from all affliction and harm.

You know, Oh Saint of God, that even the Son of God had bodily needs in the days of His incarnation, and you did attend to them. Therefore, we beseech you: tend, yourself, to our temporal needs through your intercession, granting us every good thing, which is needful in this life (for the sake of life of the age to come).

Especially, do we entreat you to intercede that we may receive remission of our sins from Him Who was called your Son, the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and be worthy of inheriting the Kingdom of Heaven, so that, abiding with you in the heavenly mansions, we may ever glorify the One God in three Persons: the † Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.