

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation! (Ps 37:22-23)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (6:2-6)
Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I commanded you this day shall be upon your heart." *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. R./

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his King and shown his love for his anointed. R./

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord. (Ps 15:11)

Entrance:
God We Praise You

God, we praise You!
God, we bless You!
God, we name You sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by Your church adored:
All creation shows Your glory,
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
while Your church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the king of glory,
Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother,
Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

Offertory:
Take my life and let it be
Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments
and my days,
Let them flow
in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow
in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands,
and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



ORDER OF MALTA Extend an invitation to each and everyone to the 2018 Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday 1st December at 10:30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (7:23-28) The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. You have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!** (Mt 11:28)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark(12:28-34)

One of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

CHRISTIAN DEATH

(71) *Serialised presentation of the "Compendium of the Catechism"*

362. What is eternal happiness?

(1720-1724;1727-1729) It is the vision of God in eternal life in which we are fully "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4), of the glory of Christ and of the joy of the trinitarian life. This happiness surpasses human capabilities. It is a supernatural and gratuitous gift of God just as is the grace which leads to it. This promised happiness confronts us with decisive moral choices concerning earthly goods and urges us to love God above all things.

I believe in the communion of saints

194. What is the meaning of the "communion of saints"? (946-953;960) This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (*sancta*): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interests" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor.

195. What else does "the communion of saints" mean? (954-959;961-962) This expression also refers to the communion between holy persons (*sancti*); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on the earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ one family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity.

Reminders:

* **How does the Christian Community celebrate the Funeral?** The family members, comforted by the community present, entrust to the love of God the deceased person in faith and hope of an eternal life. Therefore, the liturgical service in church and at the cemetery is done with prayers, reading of the word of God, liturgical songs and participation to the Eucharistic Celebration as an act of faith and thanksgiving to God. Cultural forms contrary to the belief of life eternal and secular songs are to be avoided as not suitable to the Catholic rite.

* **In the Eucharistic Celebration (Holy Mass) who can receive Holy Communion?** Holy Communion can be received only by those who profess the Catholic faith and are spiritually prepared to receive it by living a life in conformity with the Catholic faith.

* **Can a particular memorial be made of the deceased person in the liturgical celebration?** In accordance with particular cultural practices, an appropriate form of memorial of the deceased (eulogy and/or video) can be made. Its content and length should respect the priority of the liturgical celebration.



LA MORTE CRISTIANA

Dal Compendio del Catechismo (71)

362. Che cos'è la beatitudine eterna? (1720-1724;1727-1729) È la visione di Dio nella vita eterna, in cui noi saremo pienamente «partecipi della natura divina» (2 Pt 1,4), della gloria di Cristo e del godimento della vita trinitaria. La beatitudine oltrepassa le capacità umane: è un dono soprannaturale e gratuito di Dio, come la grazia che ad essa conduce. La beatitudine promessa ci pone di fronte a

scelte morali decisive riguardo ai beni terreni, stimolandoci ad amare Dio al di sopra di tutto.

Credo la comunione dei santi

194. Che cosa significa l'espressione comunione dei santi? (946-953;960) Tale espressione indica anzitutto la comune partecipazione di tutti i membri della Chiesa alle cose sante (*sancta*): la fede, i Sacramenti, in particolare l'Eucaristia, i carismi e gli altri doni spirituali. Alla radice della comunione c'è la carità che «non cerca il proprio interesse» (1 Cor 13,5), ma spinge il fedele «a mettere tutto in comune» (At 4,32), anche i propri beni materiali a servizio dei più poveri.

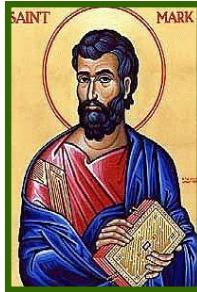
195. Che cosa significa ancora l'espressione comunione dei santi? (954-959;961-962) Tale espressione designa anche la comunione tra le persone sante (*sancti*), e cioè tra quanti per la grazia sono uniti a Cristo morto e risorto. Alcuni sono pellegrini sulla terra; altri, passati da questa vita, stanno purificandosi, aiutati anche dalle nostre preghiere; altri, infine, godono già della gloria di Dio e intercedono per noi. Tutti insieme formano in Cristo una sola famiglia, la Chiesa, a lode e gloria della Trinità,

Ricordiamo:

* **Come la Comunita' Cristiana celebra le esequie?** I familiari del defunto, circondati dalla comunità, affidano all'amore di Dio la persona defunta in un atto di fede e di speranza nella vita eterna. Il servizio liturgico, perciò, in chiesa e al cimitero, si compie con preghiere, lettura della parola di Dio, canti liturgici e partecipazione alla Celebrazione Eucaristica come un atto di fede e di ringraziamento a Dio. Forme esagerate di cordoglio e canti popolari non religiosi si devono evitare perché contrari alla fede cristiana.

* **Nella Celebrazione dell' Eucarestia (S. Messa) chi puo' accostarsi alla S. Comunione?** La S. Comunione può essere ricevuta solamente da chi professa la fede cattolica ed è spiritualmente preparato a riceverla con una vita conforme alla vita Cristiana.

* **Si puo' fare ricordo alla vita della persona defunta nella celebrazione liturgica?** Pratiche culturali appropriate possono includere il ricordo (eulogia e/o video) della persona defunta che però non tolga, nel contenuto e lunghezza, la priorità della celebrazione liturgica.



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