



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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The 1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

1st March 2020

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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Mon 9.00am-4.00pm **Tue** 1.00pm-5.00pm

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Please contact Judy Johnson for any Parish news you would like published in the Newsletter

Articles must be received by midday Wednesdays. Email: judyparishnews@gmail.com

For appointments with Father Fabian please call Judy on 0414 007 009

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

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 2nd-8th March

Monday:	7.30pm	FFS
Tuesday am:	9.15am	FAA
Tuesday pm:	6.30pm	FAA
Wednesday:	7.45am	FLM
	9.15am	FFS
Thursday:	7.45am	FAA
	9.15am	FLM
Friday:	7.45am	FLM
	9.15am	FAA
Stations of the Cross	12.30pm	
Adoration and Confession	6.00pm	
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	
First Friday Devotions	7.45pm	FFS
	12.00midnight	FAA
Saturday: (1st Saturday Devotions)	8.30am	FLM
Saturday Vigil: School Mass	5.30pm	FAA
All Welcome		
Sunday:	8.30am	FAA
	10.30am	FAA

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

30 min. before and 30 min. after every weekday Mass.



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 2nd-8th March

All weekday Masses (except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday:	5.30pm	FLM
Wednesday :	9.30am	FAA
Thursday :	9.30am	FAA
Stations of the Cross	10.00am	
Friday:	9.30am	FLM
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	
Saturday Vigil :	5.00pm	FLM
Sunday :	8:30am	FFS
	10.00am	FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.

ROSARY: Prayed every Monday at 7.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour. Rosary is also held on the first Friday of the month following morning mass.

Next Date : **Friday 6th March**

ADORATION: 30 minutes before every weekday Mass. Adoration is held every first Friday 10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 6th March**

PROVIDENCE MASS: Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **13th March**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Next Senior's Mass: **Friday 20th March**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm FFS

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or

phoning 1800 024 413.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

YEAR 7 ENROLMENT PROCESS

The enrolment process for Year 7 2022 is **now open** and will close on **Friday 21st August 2020**. Enrolment packs will be delivered to all Year 5 students in our feeder Catholic primary schools and will be available on request to parents from Catholic parishes and other school settings.

1. Application forms will be available from the College from Monday 17th February 2020.
2. Applications for Year 7 2022 close on 21st August 2020. The application must be returned with a photocopy of the child's Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate, last school report and an application fee of \$50 (If born outside of Australia a copy of the VISA and/or Australian Citizenship Certificate is required).
3. Families who do not have a child attending the College will be required to attend a College Tour and will be interviewed by a senior staff member at a later date.
4. All families will be required to attend an interview with their Parish Priest. Families who belong to the Parish of Melton are required to contact the Parish office. Families from the Parishes of Bacchus Marsh and Melton South will be contacted by the Parish office.
5. Applicants are notified by mail of the result of their application by Friday 16th October 2020.
6. Families wishing to accept the offer are required to confirm their acceptance by completing the Enrolment form and returning it to the College with a \$100 deposit which is deducted from the first term fees. This deposit is non-refundable. The paperwork and deposit needs to be returned by Friday 6th November 2020.

Please collect a Year 7 Enrolment Process sheet from the foyer/rear of the Church for further information.

LENTEN CALENDAR

Lenten Calendars are available for collection at the foyer/back of the Church.

WORLD DAY PRAYER COLLECTION

Last weekend we had a special collection for World Day Prayer 2020. St Anthony's collected \$303.00 and St Bernard's collected \$430.00. Thank you for your generosity.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

DONATIONS FOR HEATING AND COOLING FOR CHURCH

If you would like to make a direct online donation to the heating and cooling fund you can do so with the following details

Account Name: St Anthony's Parish Annual Appeals

Account No: 083347/025471925

Reference: 110116461. Thank You.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

The Lenten Prayer Group will meet on Monday mornings at 10.30am in the Holy Family Room.

Contact Marion Muller 0400 007 286

NEW PARISHIONER BLESSING-THIS WEEKEND

If you are new to our Parish and would like to receive a blessing you will be invited to stand and receive a blessing during Masses this weekend.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE WORKING BEE

We need volunteers to help with our Thanksgiving Envelope working bee. The working bee will be held on Wednesday 4th March after the 9.15am Mass. Light refreshments will be served.

***Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model
of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.***



Source: Catholic Online

ST BERNARD'S

LENTEN REFLECTION

Beginning on **Tuesday 25th February 10.30am to 11.30am** at St Joseph's Convent 68 Lerderderg St and for the following 5 Tuesdays. Please contact Sr Mary 5367 2078 if coming.

GETTING TO KNOW MARY MACKILLOP

Next gathering on Thursday 5th March 10.30 am at St Joseph's Convent 68 Lerderderg St Topic: Mary's devotion to St Joseph

ST BERNARD'S PARISH ANNUAL FETE

Friday 13th March from 3.30pm onwards. Lots of fun for everyone! Rides, Stalls, Plants, Cakes, Lions Train, Food, Drinks and lots more.

BAKING DAY FOR SCHOOL FETE

Thursday 12th of March – Parish Centre 8.30am – 2.30pm

Come for as little or as long as you like! Little people welcome. The plan for the day is to cook for the cake stall at the fete! We are thinking slices, cookies, truffles etc. – open to suggestions. Anyone that is **unable to help on the day**, you can donate baking ingredients such as: eggs, lemons, biscuits, cocoa, icing sugar, butter, or vouchers to purchase ingredients, or paper plates, labels, freezer bags. You are also welcome to cook from home – **your items must clearly be labelled with ingredients**. Anyone that would like to bake some **gluten free options** – we would love your assistance. Anyone that can **man the cake stall at the fete**, please let us know. Goods can be delivered to the hall on Thursday between 9-2 or to the school on Friday. Any questions, please contact:
Jac – 0428 678 686 Linda – 0447 969 391

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES UPDATE

MARCH 4: GET TOGETHER We will meet at the Neighbour Centre in sunny Woodend. It is in Forest St, and it will commence at 11.30 am and go to 2.30pm. Lunch will be provided. Friendship and prayer will reign. **MARCH 11:** Enveloping the Newsletters, if anyone would like to help Diane Corro and Chris envelope the March newsletters please let Chris know, 11am at the Heritage Centre. **MARCH 14: LEADERS' DAY** at the Heritage centre. It commences at 9.30am for a 10 am start and finishes about 3pm. The theme is SERVICE AS NEIGHBOUR. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Donation is \$20 and the Heritage shop will be open.

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 7th & 8th March MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Patrick Ilustrimo
8.30am: Mercy Seifatu
10.30am: Elaine Lacey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira & Ann Tennakoon
8.30am: Ineke Allen & Ron Howard
& **Volunteer Please**
10.30am: Doris Bonello & Richard Tuala

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Stephen Fernandes & Carmen Vella
8.30am: Lina Calleja & Julie Seufatu
10.30am: Josephine German & Annonika

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Josh Djie-Spiteri & Jonathan Dacunha
8.30am: Rhys Tuala & Andre Oqueli
10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Ethan Porter

If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Leo Cachia, Maria Calleja, William Joy, Alice Kelly, Lavina Mascarenhas, Carmelo Micallef, Foaleleiga Pennacio, Anthony Savian & Pennacio Sio

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Liza Fernandes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Brendan Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, 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.

(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: 7th & 8th March MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Trish Davine
8.30am: Kratchovil family
10.00am: Lindorff family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Mary Beaton
8.30am: Ben Kratchovil
10.00am: Tup Shea

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

March: Dianne Corro

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 **5th March**

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

George Borg, Michael Duck, Wilma Fowler, Andrew Monteith, Kevin Punshon, & Julie Anne Scott.

Please pray for the Sick: Mary Wadeson

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, 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 Johnson David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, 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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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 7th & 8th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis

8.30am: Ineke Allen

10.30am: Imalsha Silva

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppas after Mass will return after the Church Renovations are completed.



CHURCH FLOWERS

Lent—No Flowers



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.30am.

New members most welcome, training provided.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon— Thurs: 10.00am—3.00pm

Friday : 10.00am—12.15pm

School Holidays : 10.00am—12.30pm

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

ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 7th & 8th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Trish Davine

Sunday: Margot Short

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Is held on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: **1st March 2020**

Host: **Parent & Friends**



CHURCH FLOWERS

Lent—No Flowers



COUNTING TEAM # 3

Cheryl Rogers

Lyn Shea

Graham Hooper

Michael Love

Sean Gianì

Margaret Love

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (March)

Front Garden: Stuart Robertson

Back/Side Garden: Volunteer Please

Parish Centre: Ron Geurts

Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts

Back Paddock: Colm Carragher

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

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

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.

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 26th March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th May**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father. 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.** Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander, Fr Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander or Fr Lucas .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

FATIMA STATUE

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

Group 1: **Theresa Anderson** 0420 820 118

Group 2: **Elaine & Edward Rodrigues** 0405 956 724

Group 3: **Philip & Cristina Anyayahan** 0403 171 918



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 22nd March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th May**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh. Bring completed registration form with a copy of birth certificate to the program. Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program. **Please be advised that Baptism applications must be submitted 2 months in advance.** Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Alexander, Fr Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Justin & Katie

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.



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.



NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : 50

Comm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given, . There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4;

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10;

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



Catholic worship and piety: Lent 2020 II

Five Lenten prayers

This Lenten Season take a step closer to the Lord with these special Lenten prayers.

A Lenten Prayer called the Passion

Dear Lord Jesus,

by Your Passion and Resurrection You brought life to the world. But the glory of the Resurrection came only after the sufferings of the Passion.

You laid down Your life willingly and gave up everything for us. Your body was broken and fastened to a Cross, Your clothing became the prize of soldiers, your blood ebbed slowly but surely away, and Your Mother was entrusted to the beloved disciple.

Stretched out on the Cross, deprived of all earthly possessions and human aid, You cried out to Your Father that the end had come. You had accomplished the work given You, and You committed into His hands, as a perfect gift, the little life that remained to You.

Lord, teach me to accept all afflictions after the example You have given. Let me place my death in Yours and my weakness in Your abandonment, Take hold of me with Your love, that same foolish love that knew no limits, and let me offer myself to the Father with You so that I may rise with You to eternal life. **Amen.**

Country Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realise anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realise ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realise that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. **Amen.**

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A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instil in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that, having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. **Amen.**

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father,

look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing.

By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**