



St Anthony's Parish



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Year A

19th April 2020

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

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A CORONAVIRUS HEALING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness”. At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

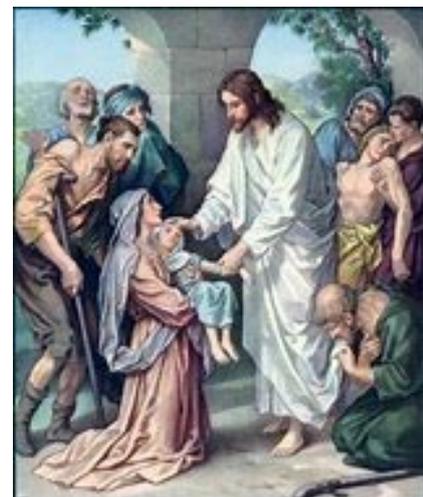
Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us . Amen.



PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING

Masses are now being live streamed from the St Anthony's Parish. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonyofpadua.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 TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Monday-Saturday: 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
6.00pm Mass
Sunday: 9.30am Mass

Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday: This Sunday 19th April 3.00pm
Prayer/Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction/Holy Mass

'Without God's Mercy Mankind has no chance for peace.'

(Our Lord's words: St Faustina's diary number 300)



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES/RECENT DEATHS & THE SICK

The list of our sick Parishioners and the Death Anniversaries will be placed on the Altar for every Mass, at both Parishes. If you know of anyone who is ill and you would like to add their name to the sick list or if you have recently lost a loved one and would like to add their name to be mentioned at the Mass that is being live streamed please send a text or leave a message for Judy Johnson 0414 007 009 or email judyparishnews@gmail.com.

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.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: [CDFpay for St Anthony's Parish, Melton South](#)

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: [CDFpay for St Bernard's Parish, Bacchus Marsh](#)

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

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Parishioners please note you can return your Project Compassion Boxes to the Parish Office:

St Anthony's: Tue-Friday 10am-1pm

St Bernard's: Tue/Thu/Fri 10am-1pm

Thank you.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

PALMS

Palms were blessed on Palm Sunday and will be available for collection after the suspension of Church services has ended.

HOLY WATER

Sufficient Holy Water was blessed at the Easter Vigil and will be available for collection after the suspension of Church services has ended.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

NEWS FROM ST BERNARD'S PARISH

CATHOLIC MUSEUM OF BACCHUS MARSH

The National Trust Heritage open days scheduled for Sunday 19th April and Sunday 17th May have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH-ANNIVERSARY

On 12th April 1890, 130 years ago, Sr Bernard, Mother General of the Sisters of St Joseph, arrived at Bacchus Marsh with four Sisters who settled into the house purchased for them by Archbishop Carr which was situated next to the two-storied building, built by the Sisters in 1900. For those 130 years there has always been at least one Sister living in Bacchus Marsh. Saint Mary MacKillop visited Bacchus Marsh at different times, once to make a retreat, as recalled by Sisters who had attended the school next to the convent.

Submitted by: Sr Mary Fermio



THE MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee

I stand sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions,

but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

Source: Catholic Online



WORSHIP NEWS

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:

Jennifer Barrow, Denis Castelino, George Firth, Josephine Pullicino & John David Schuler

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Liza Fernandes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Kevin 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)

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:

Leslie Crowe, Bob McGregor & Theo Van Alkemade.

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 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, Mary Wadson, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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FATIMA STATUE

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

Group 1: **Darian & Hoan Pertzell** **0413 961 958**

Group 2: **Agata & Inri Kubala** **0405 470 372**

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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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone.

Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117

Comm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

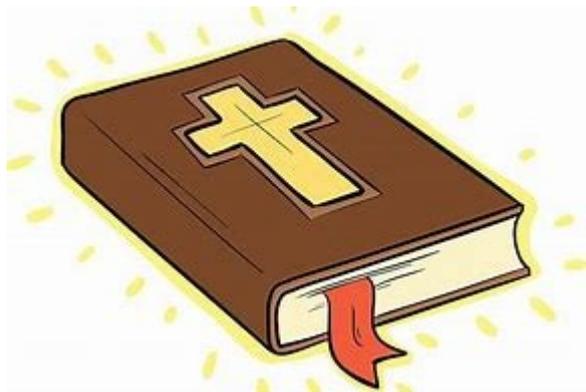
Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S READING-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-23;

Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21;

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35



GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

The life of Catholic worship and piety XIII

Ten Misconceptions about the Rosary

Today, the Rosary is still the easiest way to acquire the ancient skills of meditative prayer, and it is the most effective way to gain the graces that this most powerful way of prayer can obtain.

Look at the times. Crime seems to be entirely out of hand, and nobody is really safe on the streets or even at home. Families are in disarray, too. The Sacrament of Matrimony is despised or at least no longer understood.

But these are not necessarily *our* times. These same things were going on around 999 in the England of St Ethelwold, around 1099 in the Italy of St Peter Damiano, and around 1199 in the France of St Dominic. It was the same again in the France of 1699, in the time of St Louis de Montfort, and even worse in 1799.

The difference today is precisely that for so many people it is unthinkable that the situation can be redeemed by prayer; in those days everybody assumed that prayer was the only way that it could be. In each of those cases, the great reforming saints turned things around by encouraging people to practice meditative prayer: above all the Rosary, or its immediate ancestors.

But the ways of Christian prayer are not taught as much as they ought to be these days, and too many people seem to be put off by lingering misconceptions about what the Rosary is and how it works.

1. It's just for old people

Actually, the Rosary developed as a form of family prayer, centred not in the church but in the home. It was usually the way that children learned the Church's basic vocal prayers and the key mysteries of Christ's.

Pope John Paul II has often repeated the age-old call for families to pray the Rosary together. World peace passes through the peace of families, the fundamental cells of the whole human family, he says, and praying together helps to make a family more united, serene, and faithful to the Gospel.

And if the family takes the word devotion literally, the little ones will see that joining in the prayers is a privilege and a pleasure and parents will see that the Rosary makes better people of those devoted to it. It is morally impossible, the saints say again and again, for children to go wrong when they have the chain of the Rosary linking their families together. As Father Patrick Peyton said, "The family that prays together stays together".

2. It's boring

Not if you are doing it right. Pay attention to the words that you're saying; the words of vocal prayer are not meaningless. It is a fault to babble them out without paying any attention to them (cf. Mark 7:6), but words have meaning and, because the human mind operates in terms of language, words have the power to change the way you think. And, as St Cyprian of Carthage asked back in the third century, how can you expect God to listen to you, if you're not even listening to yourself?

In fact, this attitude is often a symptom of a more serious disorder of the soul. The whole desire to pray comes from conversion, the turning of the heart towards God. Sometimes conversion happens all at once, as to those who heard Christ preach, or to St Paul on the road to Damascus. Often it happens only gradually. But sooner or later there comes a pivotal point in conversion, after which nothing can possibly be the same anymore.

Anybody who sees at last the goodness of God, anybody who comes to know the inexpressible joy of that supreme goodness, wants more and more to turn his gaze to God in praise, thanksgiving, and simple adoration: that is, to pray. And a good many of these people who must look again at this world can do nothing other than offer the continual sacrifice of the lips, praying constantly in atonement for sin, and begging God's mercy without ceasing.

Christ Himself wrote the Our Father, and the Hail Mary consists largely of Bible verses. The words alone are a fit subject for infinite meditation. And that is what the Rosary really is: not just vocal prayer but meditative prayer. For the converted no prayer is boring, but meditative prayer in particular fascinates the mind as it enthral the soul.

3. It's just repeating prayers over and over

There's nothing wrong with repeating vocal prayers. Matthew 6:7, "use not vain repetitions", in the King James version, is a warning against confusing quantity with quality. It really means, "don't talk more than you need to". The original Greek and approved Latin editions use no word that indicates "repetition". In fact, like pious people in the Old Testament, Christ Himself spent whole nights in prayer; He repeated what He said time and again (Matthew 26:44), and He said more than once that repeated prayers work even beyond the claims of justice (Luke 11:5-8, 18:1-8; James 5:16-17).

Besides, He taught us the Our Father as the pattern for our prayer (Luke 18:1). So, the repetition of vocal prayers follows Christ's own instructions and example. If you're saying a prayer right, you can't say it too often; and if you're not, it doesn't matter how often you say it.

Still, you're not supposed to just repeat the prayers of the Rosary. This is meditative prayer, and the repetition of vocal prayers is basically just a way to focus your mind so that you can meditate. Without these meditations, Pope Paul VI reminded us, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation is in danger of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas.

Christian meditative prayer is exactly the opposite of the Oriental meditation, which is thinking about nothing, simply emptying the mind of all conscious thought. Christian meditative prayer is thinking about something, about God or something related to God. Christian meditative prayer calls upon your whole mind, your whole heart, and your whole soul. It demands the right use of reason, and requires you to know as much as you can possibly learn about the mysteries, those crucial episodes in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Continued next Sunday