



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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YEAR C

10th MARCH 2019

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours:

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

Wed—Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

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St Anthony's School Principal: Damien Schuster

Wilson Road, Melton South 3338

Phone: 9743 1401

Email: principal@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

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Catholic Regional College - Melton (Years 7-12)

Principal: Mr Mark Sheehan **Phone:** 8099 6000

Website: www.crcmelton.com.au

ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

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Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:

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St Bernard's School Principal: Emilio Scalzo

19a Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
Lillian Christian	0400 441 257
Stephen Fernandes	0439 743 533
Amy Honrade	03 9747 0078
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Marthese Mercieca	0421 378 691

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal
and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
Shane Cook	0419 999 052
Peter Farren	0418 594 501
David Loxley	0459 974 960
Moira Ross	0400 675 056
Emillio Scalzo	5366 5800
James Waters	0403 822 795

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal
and Emilio Scalzo

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

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

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

For urgent matters only please call on 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 11th March - 17th March

Monday:	7.30pm	FFS
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FJP
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FJP
Wednesday:	9.15am	FFS
Thursday:	9.15am	FJP
Friday:	9.15am	FFS
Stations of the Cross	2..00pm	
Adoration and Confession	6.00pm	
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	
Saturday Vigil:	5.30pm	FJP
Sunday:	8.30am	FJP
	10.30am	FJP
Sunday evening:	5.00pm	

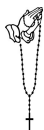
Lenten Talks on prayer by Father Fabian. All welcome.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.
Friday April 12th: 6 - 8.30pm. 3 priests available

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.



ADORATION:

30 minutes before and 30 minutes after every weekday Mass.

CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 11th March - 17th March

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

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday	5.30pm	FFS
Wednesday :	9.30am	FJP
Thursday :	NO MASS	
Friday :	10.30am	
	Seniors Mass	FJP
Saturday Vigil :	5:00pm	FFS
Sunday :	8:30am	FFS
	10.00am	FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.
Tuesday 9th April: 5 - 6.30pm. 3 priests available

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 5th April**

ADORATION:

30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

PROVIDENCE MASS

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am
 The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.
 Next Mass: **Friday 12th April**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

The seniors will celebrate their monthly Mass **next Friday March 15 at 10.30am** in St Bernard's Parish Centre. A warm invitation to all parishioners to come along and join with the seniors in celebration of the Eucharist.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIMES :

Saturday: 6.30pm Mass FFS

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 1: Life in her village in north-western Zimbabwe wasn't easy for 12 year old Thandolwayo. Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students. Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted. Thandolwayo's grandparents sell pearl millet bran to fishermen and farmers for animal feed. They also sell chickens - but the income it brings isn't enough to support the family. Thandolwayo's hope to be a nurse seemed almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tanks. Thanks to Caritas' support, water is now on tap in the village, benefitting the whole community - and Thandolwayo can concentrate on her education. The plentiful water supply has also triggered new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate a better income. "Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up," Thandolwayo says.



PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL PARISH VISIT

Bishop Mark will be visiting the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's in the coming weeks. He will be celebrating Masses on the weekends he is visiting and will also visit the Parishes during the week. He will meet with Parishioners, Parish Council Members, School Staff and Parish Office Staff. We look forward to Bishop Mark's visit.

St Anthony's Visit: The weekend 30th/31st March and Tue/Wed 2nd/3rd April.

St Bernard's Visit: The weekend 6th/7th April and Thu/Fri 4th/5th April.

AUSTRALIAN SAFE KIDS & YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEY

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is working with Australian Catholic University's Institute of Child Protection Studies (ICPS) to understand the safeguarding capabilities of staff and volunteers and to gain information about children and young people's feelings of safety within organisations. All responses are anonymous and will remain confidential. Participation is voluntary.

Children 15 years of age and under (Parent's consent required) <http://bit.ly/2MLXATD>

Young people 16 to 18 years of age <http://bit.ly/2MOqAtV>

Parish Clergy, Staff and Volunteers <http://bit.ly/2DSX1EN>

Survey to be completed by 7th March 2019. For enquiries contact Godwin 0425 734 449

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Sunday 17th March 2019 Josefina Maria's Two Hearts Eucharistic Chapel 274 La Cote Road, Greendale, Vic 3341

1:30pm: Holy Rosary Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena to Saint Joseph **2:00pm:** Holy Mass Followed by: Afternoon tea in the adjoining Saint Joseph's Hall Cost: Free Main Celebrant: Rev. Father Joseph Panackal IV Dei For further details, please contact us on: Mobile: [0425 882 470](tel:0425882470) or [0415 806 217](tel:0415806217) or Email: twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

MELTON JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Gathering on Tuesday 12th March 10.30 am. Melton Parish Room at St Dominic's Church. Bring prayer sheet and newsletter. Interested people are welcome to attend.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesdays until the 19th March. The interim office hours will be:

Monday: 9am-4pm Wed/Thu/Fri: 9am-4pm

(Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)

EASTER LITURGY TIMETABLE

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday - Gather in Hall before Mass for the Blessing of the Palms

Monday 15th April 7.30pm Mass

Tuesday 16th April No morning Mass
Chrism Mass at St Patricks Cathedral East Melbourne. All welcome

Wednesday 17th April 9.15am Mass

Thursday 18th April Holy Thursday
No morning Mass
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Friday 19th April Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord
9.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church

Saturday 20th April 8.00pm Vigil Mass
Please gather at rear of Church For the Service of Light.

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

ST BERNARD'S

CONVERSION: FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

Join us as we begin our Lenten journey of study, discussion and fellowship that will lead to a deeper conversation within our hearts, our families, our parish and our community in Lent.

Dates: Tuesdays March 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Times: Following the 5.30pm Mass; 6-7.30pm

Location: Parish Hall, St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh

More information:

Contact Sister Mary Sarah @ melbourne@op-tn.org

LENTEN PRAYER

A time of Prayer and Gospel reflection at St Joseph's Convent, 68 Lerderberg St Bacchus Marsh

On Wednesdays of Lent at 10.30am – 11.30 am.

Bookings essential: 5367 2078

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

The Josephite Associates next meeting will be held on Sunday March 24 @ 2pm at the Josephite Convent in Bacchus Marsh. All are welcome.

We Follow in the Footsteps of St. Mary of the Cross.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The next KSC meeting is this **Monday the 11th March, 8pm in the Parish Centre.**

EASTER LITURGIES

Please be advised that the St Bernard's Easter Liturgy Timetable will be published next week when they are confirmed. Thank you.

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 16th & 17th March

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes

8.30am: John Brewis

10.30am: Rosabella Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Ann Tennakoon (P) & Mila Little

8.30am : Sue Alexander (P), Lois Brewis & Michael Higgins.

10.30am: Doris Bonello (P) & George Bonello

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Dolores Turcsan & Godwin Barton

8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard

10.30am: Godwin Barton & Anthea Scerri

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Jedi Anyayahan

8.30am: Nixon, Thytus & Aaron Ben

10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Nick Taunuu

If you are unavailable please contact

Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Charlie Calleja and Joseph Micallef.

Please pray for the Sick: Michael Wright, Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, 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

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in his everlasting wings;
Carried and kept safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ be
with you.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 16th & 17th March

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Trish Davine

8.30am: Peter La Franchi & Margaret Love

10.00am: Diane Corro & James Walters

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Vikki Benson

8.30am: Colm Carragher

10.00am: Jennifer Kearney

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

March: Diane Corro

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm:

8.30am: To Be Advised

10.00am:

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

SPIRIT OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11years+ When: Every Thursday fortnight (starting 28th Feb) 7.00pm-9.00pm

Where: Two Hearts Centre, 274 La Cote Road, Greendale

Contact: Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or

Email : twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

Website: www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com



'Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts'

We pray for the recent death of:

George Borg and Kathleen Squires.

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Lara Paige Cameron, Mary Delahey, Peter Gavin, Mary Glasheen, Reginald Kirwan, Edward Kula, Margaret Linard, Brooke Lovel, Christopher Mallia, Mark Sims and Greg Whelan.

Please pray for the Sick:

Terry Sims, Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordan Maryo, Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Danny McRae, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Kevin O'Gorman, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Arabella Periera, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Carol Wells, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young & Hannah Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 16th & 17th March

PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Indika Silva

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **30th & 31st March**
(Bishop Mark's visit)



5.30pm:
8.30am: To Be Advised
10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

Doris Bonello & Josephine German



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

Volunteers are required for the following groups:
Piety Stall & Social Committee.

Contact:

Natalie Howard	0410 478 046,
Amy Honrade	0457 042 695
Lillian Christian	0400 441 257

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.00am.

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

PRIME TIMERS NEXT OUTING

Melton Botanic Gardens for a BYO picnic lunch in the Gazebo Tuesday 26th March at 12 o'clock.

Please contact John or Lois Brewis on 9743 6582 for any information.



ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 16th & 17th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Mandy Harrington

Sunday: Jan & Colm Carragher

We are looking for Piety Stall volunteers! Your commitment would be 30 minutes every 5 weeks. If you can help please call Margot 0419 507 438. You will need to produce a Working With Children Check or show that one is in progress. Thank you.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Host: Rosary & Prayer Group - Contact: Colm Carragher
Date: 7th April (First Sunday of Month after 10.00am Mass)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Deborah Hosking

COUNTING TEAM # 1

Allan Comrie	Jim Scott
Peter Mooney	Margot Short

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

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

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

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH FETE

Friday 15th March 2019 from 3.30pm

Free Admission. Follow us on Facebook

@ stbernardsparishfete



DEVONSHIRE TEA DONATIONS-FETE

We are looking for donations of scones and jam for Devonshire Tea at the fete! If you can help please call Jac Cook 0428 678 686.

PARISH FETE CAKE STALL

We are once again asking for your help in cooking 'Home Made' items for our cake stall. Please find a leaflet with more information in the Gathering Space.



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 28th March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **7th April (No Baptisms on 21st April- Easter Sunday)**

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.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph 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 Patrick or Fr Joseph .

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: **Joe & Jacqueline Spiteri 0402 512 841**

Group 2: **Elena & Joseph Laurel 0432 940 930**

Group 3: **Kim & Godwin Barton 9747 9493**



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 24th March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **7th April (No Baptisms on 21st April- Easter Sunday)**

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. Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Kate & Danny

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

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

WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.



SECOND READING : *Romans 10:8-13*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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 : *Luke 4:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

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

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

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 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XIV

HOW TO RAISE STRONG CATHOLICS

Jesus said: “If you love me, obey my commands.” His Church says the same thing today. Love comes first, then comes obedience. Because of this, my main focus in teaching my five children has been to share the love which I have for God, for Mary, and for the Faith. I believe the maxim to be true, that Faith is easier caught than taught, especially in the case of young children who want to love what their parents love.

THE BEST EXAMPLE IS PARENTS’ OWN OBEDIENCE TO GOD

“If you love me, obey my commands.” Parents’ obedience to God’s commands, especially His difficult commands, is how they demonstrate to their children that they really take God seriously, and that their love for Him is true.

If my children come running every time I call them, but I only call them for treats, I cannot say that I have obedient children. I can only say that my children obey when I call them for treats. So it is with God. A difficult or unpleasant command is the only true test of our obedience to God and therefore of our love for Him. Let the children see you obeying God when it is difficult or unpleasant. It will be an example of faith that they will not soon forget.

OUR STANDARD: THE HOLY FAMILY

We also have a philosophy of the home and the family. We do not believe that the role of the family is to “toughen up” its younger members to prepare them for the real world. Rather, we believe that in the home, life should be lived as it should be lived. The standard is the Holy Family.

The wonderful thing about such a high standard is that, even though we fall short of it, the children internalise it and measure all relationships by it. And when we do fall short and hurt one another, it’s a teaching moment! We discuss how such behaviours are inconsistent with the standard and sometimes discuss relevant Bible stories. Then, we direct their eyes towards Heaven and long with

them for our true home.

THE VALUE OF APOLOGETICS

As for the teaching of the faith and apologetics, we have ample opportunity. For one thing, our children, like most children, have “inquiring” minds concerning spiritual matters. We home-school with the Seton Home Study Program, an orthodox Catholic program (Available from the United States: www.setonhome.org).

Note that “apologetics” does not mean the same thing as apologising. Apologetics is the practice of justifying the Catholic Faith with reasoned arguments for its doctrines.

We know people of many different faiths—Lutheran, Jehovah’s Witness, Anglican, New Agers, Jewish and many confused American Catholics. We explore the problems and untruths inherent in those beliefs and as a family we pray for their conversion and try to convert them.

I think it is very important for children to be alerted to the falsehoods in other religions. They must be made aware that there is a war going on and that they must guard their Catholic faith as their most precious possession. Fortify them ahead of time so that, when they meet these false religions later on, they will know them for what they are—false religions.

Apologetics will not only help them to identify the true religion from the false; it will also deepen their understanding of the true Faith. The way I see it is this. When you are taught the Faith, you learn the answers. When you are taught apologetics, you learn the questions. The answers always make more sense when you know the questions.

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