



# St Anthony's Parish



# St Bernard's Parish

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**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR C**

**3RD MARCH 2019**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith

**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

**Email:** meltonsouth@cam.org.au

**Website:** stanthonysmeltonsouth.wordpress.com

**St Anthony's School Principal:** Damien Schuster

Wilson Road, Melton South 3338

**Phone:** 9743 1401

**Email:** principal@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

**Website:** www.sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

**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

**Admin Assistant:** Judy Johnson

**Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tue –Thurs 9.00am-1.00pm

**Email:** bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au

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**St Bernard's School Principal:** Emilio Scalzo

19a Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

**Phone:** (03) 5366 5800

**Email:** principal@sbbacchusmarsh.catholic.edu.au

**Website:** www.sbbacchusmarsh.catholic.edu.au

### **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
Natalie Howard	0410 478 046
Rose Ma'ae	0431 386 473
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 0414 007 009

## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

**ST ANTHONY'S** MELTON SOUTH

**MASS TIMES : 04/03/2019– 10/03/2019**

<b>Monday :</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday morning:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>Tuesday evening:</b>	6.30pm	FJP
Ash Wednesday		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
	7.30pm	FJP
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>Friday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
Stations of the Cross	2..00pm	
Adoration and Confession	6.00pm	
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	
<b>Saturday Vigil :</b>	5.30pm	FFS
<b>Sunday :</b>	8.30am	FFS
	10.30am	FFS

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday:** 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.

**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 : 04/03/2019-10/03/2019**

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

<b>Monday :</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30pm	FPB
Ash Wednesday		
<b>Wednesday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
	7.30pm	FPB
<b>Thursday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Friday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Saturday Vigil :</b>	5:00pm	FPB
<b>Sunday :</b>	8:30am	FPB
	10.00am	FJP

**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 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 8th March**

**SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS**

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors. Next Senior's Mass: **Friday 15th March 2019**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** KOROBET

**MASS TIMES :**

**Saturday:** 6.30pm Mass Bishop Mark FJP

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT: OVERCOMING TEMPTATION & ADDICTION**

The Dominican Friars invite young men (aged 18-40) to a weekend Lenten retreat at St. Dominic's Priory, Melbourne. The retreat will include daily Mass, confession, adoration and presentations on the ascetical and mystical heritage of the Church's spiritual tradition to enable us to be free from vice and achieve the liberation of a life lived in the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ.

Where: St. Dominic's Priory, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell

When: Mar 8 at 5:00pm – Mar 10 at 3pm

Cost: The retreat cost is \$50 and includes all meals. Places are strictly limited and RSVP is essential by Mar 6 (email Br Sebastian on [sebastian.condon@op.org.au](mailto:sebastian.condon@op.org.au))

## 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](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

### **ST ANTHONY'S**

#### **THANK YOU – MALTESE COMMUNITY**

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the Maltese Community for raising \$196.00 by selling Pastizzis and various Maltese cakes. Special thanks to all those who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the extension of the Church.

#### **MELTON JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES**

Gathering on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am. Melton Parish Room St Dominic's Church

Bring prayer sheet and newsletter.

Interested people are welcome to attend.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday for the next two weeks. The office hours will be :

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

(Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)

#### **SUNDAY LENTEN TALKS**

Every Sunday during Lent we will be having a Lenten series on Prayer in the Holy Family Room 5.00pm-6.00pm.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation will be held on Friday 12th April 6.00pm-8.00pm. Three Priests will be available. Also we have reconciliation after every weekday Mass.

#### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

Four places are still open to anyone who is interested in attending this six weeks preparation for Lent. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5. The six meetings will be held on Tuesday's at 2.00pm. If you are interested in attending, don't dally, please contact Sr Therese Dagge RSN on 0418 480 880.

### **ST BERNARD'S**

#### **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 are able to assist, Please call Jac Cook 0428 678 686.

#### **PARISH FETE RAFFLE BOOKS**

All sold and unsold raffle books must be returned by Friday 8th March 2019. Thank you.

#### **PARISH FETE CAKE STALL**

We are once again asking for your help in cooking 'Home Made' items for our cake stall: cakes, cupcakes, confectionary, slices, scones, biscuits, cookies etc. Please find a leaflet with more information in the Gathering Space.

#### **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](mailto: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, beginning Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Bookings essential: 5367 2078

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 9th April 6.00pm-8.00pm. Also we have reconciliation after every weekday Mass.

# WORSHIP NEWS

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

## ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th March

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira

8.30am: Ineke Allen

10.30am: Leonia Jessop

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Philip Anyayahan (P) & Ann Tennakoon

8.30am : Geoff Sutton (P), Lillian Christian & Anthea Scerri

10.30am: Elaine Lacey (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 & Pat Fernandez

8.30am: Carmen Vella & Ken Dumandan

10.30am: Leonia Jessop & Anthea Scerri

#### 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 BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th March

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra

8.30am: Gerard Harrington & Jenny Hooper

10.00am: Cathy Belcher & Carole Ryder

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Mary Beaton

8.30am: Peter Lafranchi

10.00am: Jennifer Taylor

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

February: Diane Corro

#### ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm:

8.30am: To Be Advised

10.00am:

## ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

### **We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:**

Maria Calleja, William Joy, Alice Kelly, Lavina Mascarenhas, Carmelo Micallef, Faaleleiga Pennacio, Carolina Rodrigues, Anthony Savian, Pennacio Sio & Maria Zahra

**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 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](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com](http://www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com)



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### **We pray for the recent death of:**

George Borg & Michael Duck

### **We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:**

Wilma Fowler, Andrew Monteith, Kevin Punshon, & Julie Anne Scott.

### **Please pray for the Sick:**

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, Jordanis 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:** 9th & 10th March

#### **PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS**

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis  
8.30am: Ineke Allen  
10.30am: Imalsha 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	0410478046,
Amy Honrade	0457042695
Lillian Christian	0400441257

#### **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

### ST BERNARD'S

**VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND :** 9th & 10th March

#### **PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS**

Saturday: Sean Giani  
Sunday: Marj Tung

#### **MORNING TEA**

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

Next Morning Tea: **3rd March 2019**

Host: Parents and Friends



#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Frances McDaid



#### **COUNTING TEAM # 10**

Kath Connell  
Val Dickson  
Michael Duffy  
Mary Delahey

#### **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 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: **Robert & Angela Lacono 0424 801 928**

Group 2: **Ben & Geetha 0431 572 577**

Group 3: **Mark & Edwina LaRose**



### 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](http://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

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the  
quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 91

**Comm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**All:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**All:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading:** Deut 26:4-10:

**Second Reading:** Rom 10:8-13;

**Gospel:** Lk 4:1-13



# The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XIII

## THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN THE FAMILY

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus came very early in our lives. My mother was very devoted to Him. She believed that Christ should be the focal point in our lives. We regularly made the nine first Fridays and learned about St Margaret Mary Alacoque in Catholic schools.

With this devotion came the love of the Rosary, which brought the Hearts of Jesus and Mary together in our home. We prayed the Rosary daily. Often friends who came to visit would kneel down and pray the Rosary with us. My mother believed that those who were devoted to the Sacred Heart would have a happy death, and she was right.

My mother died on June 9, 1970, not long after receiving Holy Communion and Confession. She always was particular about her appearance. The morning she met her Lord, she had a bow in her hair. She looked like a little girl, so peaceful in death.

My father, who prayed each night on his knees, died in my arms on December 21, 1972. He too had received Communion within days. His death was so gentle that I did not know when his soul left. He looked so peaceful that my children, who were present, have never been afraid to die.

My brother Tom died on May 4, 1993, in the presence of two priests and his family. On that morning, he was privileged to receive the last rites in his beloved Latin and receive a plenary indulgence. He was able to thank all of us as we knelt saying the Rosary around his bed. Many of the nurses and doctors commented that something very special was happening as they came into his room.

I believe that our devotion to the Sacred Heart has been responsible for the holy and peaceful deaths of my parents and brother. I believe that a devotion to the Sacred Heart is a must in every home and that He will never let you down. We have the family picture of Him in our formal dining room for all to see.

## SILENCE BEFORE OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

It has become the fashion today to dismiss silence as an inability to communicate, an unwanted introversion that is, in the least, an embarrassment to this generation of sound.

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Psychological orthodoxy brands it a defence mechanism. To the mass communication set, it is simply out of place with a world where everything must be spoken—and heard. The culture at large is numbed to a wordless moment.

There still remains the truth spoken by Christ: “I am the Bread of life.” And the only response that remains capable of hearing it is silence. Attentive silence, motionless silence, silence in awe. This is called devotion. Devotion to the Bread of life is devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Silence before the Bread of life is called the way to opening prayer. The way to opening prayer is the expansion of the soul to grow in Christ.

The Bread of life is the healing reality that the Church consecrates thousands of times each day throughout each baptised community of the world through the words of Christ’s priests: “This is My Body which shall be given up for you.” Before an unbelieving world immersed in sound, busy thinking of the next word to be spoken, Christ repeats His truth, “I am the Bread of life”, and the noise of this generation only grows louder.

But to those who hear these words of Christ, their hearing becomes the first step to the silence that fills the soul with peace. Such a soul longs for the time when it can anneal to Christ’s message, and it does so in adoration.

Each time before the Blessed Sacrament, the soul experiences a soundless harmony that makes new the day and gives to the person in adoration rest in every labour. From such experience adoration fortifies living.

## HIS BLESSED PRESENCE

In the Eucharistic Presence, each and every person is called to a new sonority of life—one that is soundless, drawing each and every one to the Heart of Christ undivided. The Real Presence of a sustenance and nourishment that makes our prayer life whole, that activates a holiness of action that brings the message of that sustenance to a loud world.

In the silence before His Blessed Presence in the Sacrament of His Body, we receive the serenity to quiet the world before His depths.