

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good
will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: ‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91:2-3,13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. 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. R.
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.
3. 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. R.

SECOND READING *2 Cor 5:6-10*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
(All bow during these two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

ST PAUL'S PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30 am to 4:00 pm.

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MASSES:

Weekends: **Saturday:** 6:30 pm (vigil),
8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am (Italian),

Weekdays: **Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri:** 10.15 am.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 7.15pm

ADORATION: First Friday of the month: 10.30 am to 12pm

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12.00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPERATION MEETINGS: Once Monthly

MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS: Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm

WEDDING REHEARSALS: Mon or Fri – 8pm

COMMUNION TO SICK: Thursdays & Fridays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10am

YOUTH & KIDS GROUP: 4th Friday of the month.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays at 10.30 am

Legion of Mary: Monday mornings at 10.30 am.

Knights of the Southern Cross: Monday mornings.

ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2021

21 March: St Joseph at 10.30am Mass

Good Friday: 7pm

21 Nov: St Gregory at 10.30am Mass

12 Dec: St Lucy at 2pm

For enquires re above programs call the parish office on 9354-1564

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Sue Tasic

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Katrina Scurrah

Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

Next Week

Sat 6pm Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9am Piotr Kardas & Annette Barnes

Sun 10.30 Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Mary De Marco

Sun 9am Raf Carnovale

Sun 11am Sofia Tabacco

Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou

Mary Carnovale

Laura Scherma

PARISH NEWS:



We warmly welcome Fr James Puppady as the new Parish Priest of St Paul's Coburg and St Oliver Plunket, Pascoe Vale as we sadly say goodbye to Fr Ray.

Fr James hails from India, and he is 56 years of age. He is a wonderful priest. Let's keep both parish priests in our prayers. Both assignments took place on Wed., 9th June 2021.

NEW MASS SCHEDULES

FROM 12th JUNE: Sat Vigil: 6.30PM

FROM 15th JUNE: Weekday Masses:

Tues-Fri: 10.15AM

farewell

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM FR. RAY

"It was a pleasure serving you for the last four and a half years. I enjoyed celebrating every moment with you. As someone told me, in her best wishes greetings for the future, 'that it was not easy as I came in difficult times,' both because of the pandemic, and earlier because of the abrupt passing away of Fr Sean, where I had to find my feet. But, both were learning experiences. My intention was always to do the best I can, according to church norms, and if someone might have been offended, I ask for pardon and prayers. I would like to thank all for the best wishes, prayers, tokens and finally, VIVA SAN PAOLO."

United in prayers, Fr Ray

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Sacrificial Offering: \$ 0

Presbytery Collection: \$ 0

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS:

Those who are **Sick** and those who care for them: that they may be strengthened and comforted by the healing power of Christ.

We pray for those who have died recently, Margarita D'Angelo (Funeral Thurs 10.15am); **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time**: Marcella Pierotti, Pompeo Paterno, Maria Psaila, Joe Duca, Francesco Paolo Flamma, Francesco Paolo Flamma, Peter Fernandes, Angelo Addamo (1 month anniversary), **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

VOCATION VIEW:

The reign of God is being planted now. How is it taking root in you? Trust that you can make a difference by nurturing God's life in you. (Mark 4:26-34).

REFLECTION: "Tending to the Blinds"

To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. Psalm 92:3

"Always raise the blinds with reverent anticipation," Stella Marie told me. Given this household chore when she was six, Stella, now 80 years old, reminds other people what her mother told her. "God has been up all night custom planning the next 24 hours," she said with a wink and a smile, "so even as rain pours, fog hangs heavy, or sun shines, proclaim God's kindness at dawn." "When you go to bed at night, close the blinds with gratitude. Angels watch over you and God blesses your day of living in the moment, trusting in divine care each minute and desiring to see him everywhere. The day may have been hard, but you were, by grace, steadfast until bedtime. So sleep well and proclaim his faithfulness in the night." Vibrant Stella Marie offered me a concrete way to remember today's psalm bidding: proclaiming God's kindness at dawn and divine faithfulness at night—a blessed way to live in hope and thanksgiving!

Sr. Bridget Haase, O.S.U.

STEWARDSHIP

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." – 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we remain accountable for the gifts we have been given and to share them generously.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Opportunity"

I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one.

Mark Twain

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Electronic Check-in by QR Code now mandatory:

St Paul's church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted.

NOTE: You **MUST** have the Services Victoria App installed. Tip: install the app now from: <https://service.vic.gov.au/checkin/>
To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer (or below). Scan the QR Code with your camera app or the Services Victoria app on your smart phone.



RESTRICTIONS are still in place. **Facemasks must be worn during mass and only 50 people are permitted.**
1 Person per 4 sqm rule also applies.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY,
WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE COME
TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH US,
AS WE GROW IN LOVE AND
MAY WE ALWAYS BE TO YOU
WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE US BE,
A FAMILY ALWAYS THERE
TO BE STRONG AND TO LEAN ON.**

1

MAY WE LEARN TO LOVE EACH OTHER
MORE WITH EACH NEW DAY;
MAY WORDS OF LOVE BE ON OUR LIPS
IN EVERYTHING WE SAY;
MAY YOUR SPIRIT MELT OUR HEARTS
AND TEACH US HOW TO PRAY
THAT WE MIGHT BE
A TRUE FAMILY.

**IN THE BREAD MAY WE BE BROKEN,
IN THE CUP MAY WE BE OUTPOURED;
MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE HEALER,
MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD.**

2

THOUGH MANY ARE WE,
WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD,
WE ARE ALL WELCOME TO
HIS TABLE OF NEW LIFE.

WE COME TO THE TABLE,
TO REMEMBER THE LORD,
WHO GAVE HIS LIFE
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE FOREVERMORE

IN BREAKING THE BREAD,
IN SHARING THE CUP,
MAY WE BE FILLED AS WE COME TO
KNOW THE LORD.

THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW
OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME;
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME,
YOUR DEEP ABIDING LOVE.

3

MY OWN BELIEF IN YOU MY LORD,
IS ONLY A SHADOW
OF YOUR FAITH IN ME,
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR FAITH IN ME,
YOUR DEEP AND LASTING FAITH.

MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS,
MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS.
MY LOVE FOR YOU WILL GROW, MY GOD;
YOUR LIGHT IN ME WILL SHINE.

THE DREAM I HAVE TODAY, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW
OF YOUR DREAMS FOR ME,
ONLY A SHADOW OF ALL THAT WILL BE
IF I BUT FOLLOW YOU.

THE JOY I FEEL TODAY, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW
OF YOUR JOYS FOR ME
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR JOYS FOR ME
WHEN WE MEET FACE TO FACE.

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART
GIVE THANKS TO THE HOLY ONE
GIVE THANKS BECAUSE HE'S GIVEN
JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON.

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AND NOW, LET THE WEAK SAY, "I AM
STRONG",
LET THE POOR SAY, "I AM RICH",
BECAUSE OF WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE
FOR US.

GIVE THANKS!

YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH,
O PEOPLE;
SALT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SHARE THE FLAVOUR OF LIFE, O PEOPLE;
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

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**BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF MERCY,
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF PEACE;
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF JUSTICE,
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!**

YOU ARE A LIGHT ON THE HILL, O
PEOPLE;
LIGHT FOR THE CITY OF GOD!
SHINE SO HOLY AND BRIGHT, O PEOPLE;
SHINE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

YOU ARE A SEED OF THE WORD, O
PEOPLE;
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
SEEDS OF MERCY AND SEEDS OF
JUSTICE,
GROW IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

WE ARE A BLEST AND A PILGRIM PEOPLE;
BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!
LOVE OUR JOURNEY AND LOVE OUR
HOMELAND;
LOVE IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

IO SENTO LA TUA VOCE
E VENGO A TE SIGNOR:
PEL SANGUE SPARSO IN CROCE
MI SALVI, O REDENTOR.

1

**MI PROSTRO INNANZI A TE,
PREGANDOTI CON FÈ,
E TU SIGNORE, SALVAMI:
PIETÀ PIETÀ DI ME.**

OH! QUANTO DEBOL SONO,
IO SAI DIVIN GESÙ:
INSIEME AL TUO PERDONO
MI DAI LA TUA VIRTÙ

A TE, GESÙ IO CHIEDO
FEDE, SPERANZA, AMOR,
DA TE, GESÙ, ASPETTO
PACE E GIOIA AL CUOR.

UNA SPIGA DORATA DAL SOL
ED UN GRAPPOL CHE
COGLIE IL VIGNAIOL
SI TRASFORMANO ORA IN PANE
E VINO D'AMOR
E NEL CORPO E NEL
SANGUE DEL SIGNOR.

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COMUNIONE FORMIAMO INSIEM
SEMINATI NEL CAMPO COME GRAN.
UN MOLINO CHE MACINA LE GIOIE,
I DOLOR
DIO CI FA EUCARESTIA NELL'AMOR.

COME IL GRANO CHE FORMA IL PAN
COME NOTE TESSUTE NEL CANTAR.
COME GOCCE RACCOLTE TRA
LE SPONDE DEL MAR
I CRISTIANI UN SOL CORPO
FORMERAN.

L'UNICA SALVEZZA E' NEL SIGNOR,
E IL SUO AMORE SPLENDE SU DI ME.
L'UNICA SALVEZZA È NEL SIGNOR,
E IL SUO AMORE SPLENDE SU DI ME.
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IL CRISTO, È LUI CHE SALVA !

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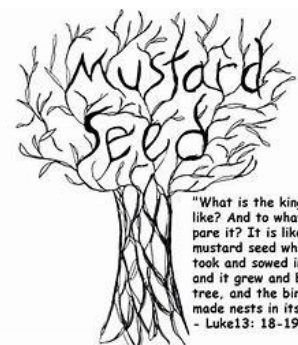
L'UNICA MIA PACE È NEL SIGNOR,
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E IL SUO SANGUE LIBERA A ME.
IL CRISTO, È LUI CHE SALVA !

L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ,
L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ,
L'UNICA MIA LUCE SEI, SIGNOR,
CHE MI ILLUMINI DI VERITÀ.
TU CRISTO SEI SOLO CHE SALVA !

DAVANTI AL RE
C'INCHINIAMO INSIEM
PER ADORARLO
CON TUTTO IL CUOR

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VERSO DI LUI
ELEVIAMO INSIEM
CANTI DI GLORIA
AL NOSTRO RE DEI RE !



"What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."
- Luke 13: 18-19