

1
COME AS YOU ARE, THAT'S HOW I WANT YOU.
COME AS YOU ARE, FEEL QUITE AT HOME.
CLOSE TO MY HEART, LOVED AND FORGIVEN;
COME AS YOU ARE, WHY STAND ALONE?

NO NEED TO FEAR, LOVE SETS NO LIMITS.
NO NEED TO FEAR, LOVE NEVER ENDS.
DON'T RUN AWAY SHAMED AND DISHEARTENED.
REST IN MY LOVE, TRUST ME AGAIN.

I CAME TO CALL SINNERS, NOT JUST THE VIRTUOUS.
I CAME TO BRING PEACE, NOT TO CONDEMN.
EACH TIME YOU FAIL TO LIVE BY MY PROMISE,
WHY DO YOU THINK I'D LOVE YOU LESS?

COME AS YOU ARE, THAT'S HOW I LOVE YOU.
COME AS YOU ARE, TRUST ME AGAIN.
NOTHING CAN CHANGE THE LOVE THAT I BEAR YOU.
ALL WILL BE WELL, JUST COME AS YOU ARE!

2
IN BREAD WE BRING YOU LORD,
OUR BODIES LABOUR,
IN WINE WE OFFER YOU OUR SPIRITS' GRIEF.
WE DO NOT ASK YOU LORD,
WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?
BUT STAND UNITED NOW, ONE IN BELIEF.

FOR WE HAVE GLADLY HEARD,
YOUR WORD, YOUR HOLY WORD
AND NOW IN ANSWER LORD,
OUR GIFTS WE BRING.
OUR FAL'TRING HEARTS MAKE TRUE,
OUR FAILING FAITH RENEW
OUR LIVES BELONG TO YOU,
OUR LORD AND KING.

THE BREAD WE OFFER YOU,
IS BLEST AND BROKEN,
AND IT BECOMES FOR US OUR SPIRITS' FOOD.
OVER THE WINE WE BRING,
YOUR WORD IS SPOKEN;
MAKE IT YOUR GIFT TO US,
YOUR HEALING BLOOD.

SO THAT OUR DAILY TOIL,
PLANTS IN OUR HEARTS' POOR SOIL
ALL THINGS WE START AND SPOIL,
EACH HOPEFUL DREAM.
THE CHANCES WE HAVE MISSED,
THE GRACES WE RESIST
LORD IN OUR EUCHARIST,
TAKE AND REDEEM.

3
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.

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.

4
I WILL BE YAHWEH WHO WALKS WITH YOU,
YOU WILL BE ALWAYS WITHIN MY HAND;
TAKE YOUR HEART AND GIVE IT ALL TO ME.
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

SHOULD YOU WANDER FAR AWAY FROM ME,
I WILL SEARCH FOR YOU IN EVERY LAND;
SHOULD YOU CALL THEN YOU WILL TRULY KNOW,
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

WHEN YOU KNOW SORROW WITHIN YOUR LIFE,
I WILL COME, I WILL EMBRACE YOUR HEART;
THROUGH YOUR PAIN YOU WILL DISCOVER ME,
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

**Special congratulations and prayers for
Fr Ray as he celebrates 35 years of priestly
Ordination, 07.07.1985-2020.**



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 *Zechariah 9:9-10*

A Reading from the prophet Zechariah.
The Lord says this:
Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness,
daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14

*R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. I will give you glory,
O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. R.
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love. How good is the
Lord to all, compassionate to all his
creatures. R.
3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, and your friends shall
repeat their blessing. They shall
speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds. The Lord
supports all who fall and raises all
who are bowed down. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the
Romans.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual,
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God
has made his home in you. In fact, unless
you possessed the Spirit of Christ you
would not belong to him, and if the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is
living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own
mortal bodies through his Spirit living in
you.

So then, my brothers, there is no
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you
do live in that way, you are doomed to
die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to
the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
You have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father,
Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding
these things from the learned and the
clever and revealing them to mere
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has been
entrusted to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, just as
no one knows the Father except the Son
and those to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened, and I will give you rest.
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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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St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

MASSES:

Weekends: Saturday: 6:00 pm (vigil),
8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate)

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

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10.00 am.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month-9am Mass

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 THE HOUSEBOUND: Thurs & Fri.

COMMUNION TO SICK at Bupa & Northern Gardens:

every 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

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 2020:

St Joseph: Sun 15th March at 2pm.

Way of the Cross: Good Friday at 7pm.

St Anthony: Sun 14th June at 10.30am

St Gregory: Sun 15th Nov at 10.30 am.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Sun 29th Nov at 2pm.

St Lucy: Sun 6th Dec at 2pm.

IMPORTANT NEWS: REOPENING OF ST PAUL'S

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What an awkward situation we've been through, and we are not out of the woods, yet. During this time, you were in my prayers.

The good news is that I would like to inform that the church is open again, observing the Covid-19 restrictions.

Anyone who would like to participate in the weekend Eucharist need to book, by calling the parish office (9354-1564) to confirm his/her booking, for the following weekend; the booking has to be made by Thursday, prior to the weekend. Only the first 20 bookings can attend.

Restrictions to be observed:

1. Those who attend mass need to enter from the side door of the church, as this is the official entrance during this time, and exit from the main door.
2. As one enters the church, sanitizes his hands, then write his full name, contact number, date and time of entry in church. These names will be kept on record for 28 days.
3. At the entrance and rear disinfectant wipes are provided for the attendees to wipe their seat or wherever one touched, after the celebration. Small containers are provided to throw in the used wipes.

Thank you for your sacrifice, discipline, understanding and cooperation.

You will find at the rear of the church the next set of Thanksgiving envelopes, for the next four months. Your continued support has been always appreciated, but especially, in these times that affected financially, everyone, including the parish. There is also the opportunity for cashless online payments via CDFPay for Parishes online payment portal. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments. The St Paul's Catholic Church, Coburg site is live and can be found via this link: <https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635719>

Alternatively, the Parish Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

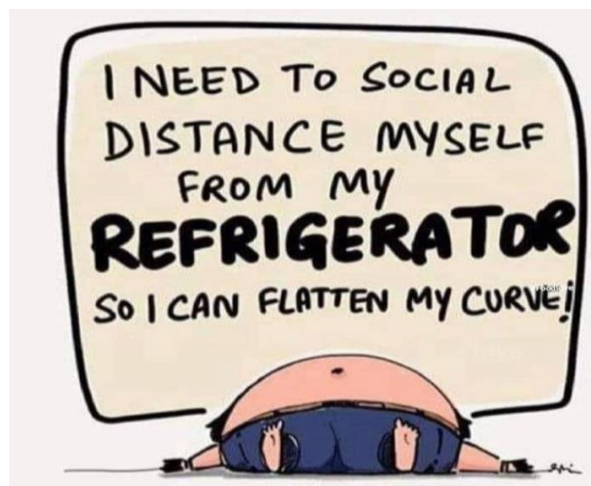
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Thank you for your continued support of the parish during this difficult time.

Peace.

Fr. Raymond Bugeja

JOKE OF THE WEEK:



WE PRAY FOR

Baptism: Roman Zarra.

We pray for those in our local community who are **sick** and vulnerable: may they see in us the followers of a God who heals and serves.

Let us pray for those who have died, whose anniversaries we remember at this time: that they may enter the peace of God.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, the COVID-19 lockdown may have encouraged you to spend time together. You may have realized that your marriage could do with some polish! Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Our next weekend is on the 24 -26 July 2020 in Melbourne.** Starts 7.30 pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. COVID-19 Safe. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

STEWARDSHIP:

***"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* (Matthew 11:30)**

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

REFLECTION: "Falling Down, Standing Up"

The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Psalm 145:14

On a human rights delegation to Haiti in 1993, I met Pere Jean-Marie Vincent, a priest who stood in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. Two years later, at a more peaceful time, I returned to Haiti and prayed at the spot where this holy man had been killed shortly after we had left. A guide translated the plaque marking Pere Vincent's death as, "He died here." "No, no," cried one of our members. "It actually says, 'He fell here so that we might stand up.'" Helping one another to stand up is part of our call as followers of Jesus. We do this through the witness of our lives, through encouragement and affirmation, through accompaniment and support. When we do this, we image for others a God who remains with us always, especially at the low points of our lives.

Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts to help build His kingdom on earth.

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

New Bishop for Sale Diocese

On the Feast Day of St Cyril of Alexandria, The Holy Father has announced Monsignor Gregory Charles Bennet, former Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Sale in eastern Victoria.

In accepting this appointment, Bishop-Elect Bennet said, "I am humbled by Pope Francis' nomination of me to be the next Bishop of Sale. It is an enormous responsibility and privilege to be asked to undertake this appointment." Well known and loved in the Melbourne Archdiocese, the Bishop-elect noted that whilst welcoming this new appointment, there will be sadness in leaving the Archdiocese of Melbourne, "I have served in the Archdiocese for 28 years and my heart is grateful for the many people who have formed, nurtured, cared, and supported me throughout my formation and my ministry." The second of four children to Len (RIP) and Maureen Bennet. Bishop-elect Bennet was educated in Victoria and completed his secondary education through Braemar College, Woodend.

Ordained in 1992 by Archbishop Little, he served as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Grovedale-Torquay, Greensborough and as Administrator of Seymour Parish before undertaking and completing a Master's of Science in pastoral counselling at Loyola College Baltimore MD, USA, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Angelicum in Rome.

Upon his return from further studies, Bishop-Elect Bennet was appointed as Director, Ministry to Priests and as Director of Ongoing Formation for Clergy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, followed by later appointments as the inaugural Director of the Archbishop's of Evangelisation, and Parish Priest of St Bede's, North Balwyn.

In 2012 Archbishop Hart appointed the Bishop-elect as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and, in that same year, he was appointed a Prelate of Honour by Pope Benedict XVI. He has served as a Diocesan Consultor and on numerous committees of the Archdiocese including: the Archbishop's Personnel Board, Curia, the Diocesan Finance Council, Catholic

Capital Grants Ltd and on advisory bodies associated with Catholic Education Melbourne. In March 2020, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli appointed him as Parish Priest of St Joseph's, West Brunswick.

"Mgr Greg has given a generous and deep commitment to the people of God in Melbourne over these 28 years," said Archbishop Comensoli.

"I am delighted at his appointment, but there is sadness to lose such a wonderful servant of God from our own Archdiocese. The people of Sale are blessed to have him as their new shepherd and I know they will welcome him warmly. "He has also been a personal friend over many years and I wish to acknowledge his wonderful support to me in my own ministry.

"On behalf of the people of Melbourne, we offer our prayers for Mgr Greg and for the people of Sale."

Details regarding the episcopal ordination are still to be determined.