

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

*Gen 9:8-15*

*A Reading from the book of Genesis.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 24:4-6, 7b-9*

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. R.

#### SECOND READING *1 Peter 3:18-22*

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Matthew 4:4*

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

*Mark 1:12-15*

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

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Mt 4:4*

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

#### 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.

For general enquiries, please call 9354-1564.

## MASSES:

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

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 11.00am (Italian),

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm

**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 Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King

Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

### Next Week

Sat 6pm Judy O'Meara

Sun 9am Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Sun 10.30 Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

## SPECIAL MINISTERS:

### This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea

Sun 9am Raf Carnovale

Sun 11am Maria D'Angelo

### Next Week

Mary De Marco

Annette Barnes

Carmelo Ruggero

## NOTICES:

**2021 READERS & SPECIAL MINISTERS ROSTERS** – The new rosters for February 2021 – January 2022 are now available to pick up. They can be picked up in the Sacristy after mass. Thank you to all our volunteers.

**SACRIFICIAL ENVELOPES** for the next four months of March to June 2021 are available for collection at side of the church. Many thanks to all our contributors.

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: Sacrificial Offering \$ Nil

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Presbytery \$ Nil

## My Greatest Adventure



## THE ALPHA COURSE

Starting 14 April at 7pm

St Pauls Church Coburg

Phone parish office 93541564

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“WHAT'S THE MEANING OF LIFE?”  
“IS THIS IT?”  
“WHAT AM I DOING HERE?”  
“DO I HAVE A PURPOSE?”  
“IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?”  
“IS THERE A GOD?”

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FIND OUT ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE

## WE PRAY FOR

**BAPTISMS:** Reuben Atkinson, Stefania Dal Mastro, Milania Rose Cantone.

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**, Gianni Natale (Funeral Mass, Tue., 1.30pm), Cosimo Petrolo (Funeral mass, Wed, 10am.), **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Francesco Donia, Giuseppe & Filomena Mazzeo, Elizabeth Bugeja, Maria Trimarchi, Phil Chalmers, Antonietta Condello (Thurs., 7pm), Maria Triuarchi, **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

## VOCATION VIEW:

As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Psalm 25).

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Commitment"

Nothing of worthy or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart, and with a lame endeavor. **Isaac Barrow**

## REFLECTION: "Loving Presence"

**[Jesus] was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:13**

Anywhere our faith in God is challenged will be like a desert. On the one hand, "wild beasts" may threaten our physical safety. On the other hand, "angels" minister to us. I ask myself: Am I more afraid of the wild beasts or appreciative of the presence of angels? Lent is an annual opportunity to renew our trust in God's presence, despite the threats of earthly forces. Jesus faced challenges head on, not just in the desert, but throughout his whole life and ministry, all the way to the cross. Sometimes he had to hide from the crowds when some wanted to stone him or others wanted to crown him king for all the wrong reasons. But even when he was rejected as a foolish failure, he relied on the love of his Father.

*Almighty God, may our Lenten observance strengthen our faith in your loving presence amid the challenges of our lives.*

**Mark Neilsen**

## STEWARDSHIP

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14*

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

## NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

### FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS

### LENT 2021

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it;
2. It stresses a penitential spirit.

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer.

*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II*

### Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence for meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: **Prayer, Self-Denial, Helping Others.**

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**WAY OF THE CROSS, Fridays: 9.15 am Italian, 7pm English.**

### PROJECT COMPASSION LENT 2021

***"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Saint Oscar Romero***

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Every year, countless people turn Lent into a demonstration of faith, love and generosity. You can be a part of this incredible community, who believe that there are simple actions we can all take to "be more" for our world.

Make a donation to Project Compassion, start a fundraiser with your school, parish or community; give something up for Lent... there are many ways to put your compassion into action.

Whatever you choose to do, you'll be contributing towards a more just and compassionate world.

**DONATE ONLINE: <https://lent.caritas.org.au>**

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**A husband and wife had been arguing all day. They pass a herd of jackasses. The wife says 'relatives of yours?' Husband says, 'yep in laws!'**



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COME AS YOUR 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!

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**TAKE OUR BREAD, WE ASK YOU  
TAKE OUR HEARTS, WE LOVE YOU  
TAKE OUR LIVES, OH FATHER,  
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.**

YOURS AS WE STAND  
AT THE TABLE YOU SET,  
YOURS AS WE EAT THE BREAD OUR  
HEARTS CAN'T FORGET.  
WE ARE THE SIGN OF YOUR LIFE  
WITH US YET,  
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.

YOUR HOLY PEOPLE STANDING  
WASHED IN YOUR BLOOD,  
SPIRIT-FILLED YET HUNGRY  
WE AWAIT YOUR FOOD.  
WE ARE POOR BUT WE 'VE  
BROUGHT OURSELVES  
- THE BEST WE COULD  
WE ARE YOURS, WE ARE YOURS.

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YOU SHALL CROSS THE BARREN DESERT  
BUT YOU SHALL NOT DIE OF THIRST. 3  
YOU SHALL WANDER FAR IN SAFETY  
THOUGH YOU DO NOT KNOW THE WAY.  
YOU SHALL SPEAK YOUR WORDS TO  
FOREIGN MEN  
AND THEY WILL UNDERSTAND.  
YOU SHALL SEE THE FACE OF GOD AND  
LIVE.

**BE NOT AFRAID,  
I GO BEFORE YOU ALWAYS,  
COME FOLLOW ME,  
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**

IF YOU PASS THROUGH RAGING WATERS  
IN THE SEA, YOU SHALL NOT DROWN.  
IF YOU WALK AMID  
THE BURNING FLAMES,  
YOU SHALL NOT BE HARMED.  
IF YOU STAND BEFORE  
THE POWER OF HELL  
AND DEATH IS AT YOUR SIDE.  
KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU  
THROUGH IT ALL.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR  
FOR THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THEIRS.  
BLESSED ARE YOU  
THAT WEEP AND MOURN  
FOR ONE DAY YOU SHALL LAUGH.  
AND IF WICKED MEN  
INSULT AND HATE YOU  
ALL BECAUSE OF ME,  
BLESSED, BLESSED ARE YOU!

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YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH, 4  
O PEOPLE;  
SALT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!  
SHARE THE FLAVOUR OF LIFE,  
O PEOPLE;  
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

**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!

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**SIGNORE, ASCOLTA; PADRE, PERDONA!  
FA' CHE VEDIAMO IL TUO AMORE.** 1

A TE GUARDIAMO, REDENTORE NOSTRO;  
DA TE SPERIAMO GIOIA DI SALVEZZA,  
FA' CHE TROVIAMO GRAZIA DI PERDONO.

TI CONFESSIAMO OGNI NOSTRA COLPA;  
RICONOSCIAMO OGNI NOSTRO ERRORE;  
E TI PREGHIAMO:  
DONA IL TUO PERDONO

O BUON PASTORE, TU CHE DAI LA VITA;  
PAROLA CERTA, ROCCIA CHE NON MUTA;  
PERDONA ANCORA, CON PIETA INFINITA

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**UNA SPIGA DORATA DAL SOL** 2  
ED UN GRAPPOL CHE  
COGLIE IL VIGNAIOL  
SI TRASFORMANO ORA IN PANE  
E VINO D' AMOR  
E NEL CORPO E NEL  
SANGUE DEL SIGNOR.

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

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**DAVANTI AL RE** 3  
C'INCHINIAMO INSIEM  
PER ADORARLO  
CON TUTTO IL CUOR

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

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AVEVO TANTA VOGLIA DI VIAGGIARE... 4  
TU MI DICESTI: "VAI" ED IO PARTII...  
"SON VIVO", DISSI ALLORA AD UNA  
DONNA,  
A TE, AMICO MIO, PENSACI TU.

**PRENDIMI PER MANO, DIO MIO,  
GUIDAMI NEL MONDO A MODO TUO...  
LA STRADA È TANTO LUNGA E TANTO  
DURA,  
PERÒ CON TE NEL CUOR NON HO PAURA.**

IO SONO ANCORA GIOVANE SIGNORE,  
MA SONO TANTO VECCHIO DENTRO AL  
CUORE.  
LE COSE IN CUI CREDEVO M'HAN  
DELUSO,  
IO CERCO SOLO AMORE E LIBERTÀ.

UN GIORNO MI HAN PROPOSTO UN  
ALTRO "VIAGGIO"  
IL CUORE MI DICEVA "NON PARTIRE".  
QUEL GIORNO ERO TRISTE E ME NE  
ANDAI,  
LA STRADA PER TORNAR NON TROVO  
PIÙ...

PER ME È VICINA ORMAI LA GRANDE  
SERA,  
IL SOLE MUORE VERSO L'ORIZZONTE...  
IO SENTO CHE IL TUO REGNO È PIÙ  
VICINO:  
SON PRONTO PER IL VIAGGIO MIO CON  
TE.