

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
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE,
YOU WHO COME TO ME
SHALL NOT HUNGER;
YOU WHO BELIEVE IN ME
SHALL NOT THIRST;
NO ONE CAN COME TO ME
UNLESS THE FATHER BECKONS.

**AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP
ON THE LAST DAY.**

THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE,
IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE
OF THE WORLD;
AND YOU WHO EAT OF THIS BREAD,
YOU SHALL LIVE FOR EVER,
YOU SHALL LIVE FOREVER.

I AM THE RESURRECTION, I AM THE LIFE;
YOU WHO BELIEVE IN ME,
EVEN IF YOU DIE,
YOU SHALL LIVE FOREVER.

3
O THE LOVE OF MY LORD
IS THE ESSENCE,
OF ALL THAT I LOVE HERE ON EARTH.
ALL THE BEAUTY I SEE,
HE HAS GIVEN TO ME,
AND HIS GIVING WAS GENTLE AS
SILENCE.

EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR,
EVERY MOMENT,
HAS BEEN BLESSED
BY THE STRENGTH OF HIS LOVE.
AT THE TURN OF EACH TIDE,
HE IS THERE AT MY SIDE,
AND HIS TOUCH IS
AS GENTLE AS SILENCE.

THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE
TURNED FROM HIS PRESENCE,
AND I'VE WALKED OTHER PATHS,
OTHER WAYS.
BUT I'VE CALLED ON HIS NAME,
IN THE DARK OF MY SHAME
AND HIS MERCY
WAS GENTLE AS SILENCE.

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.**

1
**SIGNORE, ASCOLTA:
PADRE, PERDONA !
FÀ CHE VEDIAMO IL TUO AMORE.**

A TE GUARDIAMO, REDENTORE NOSTRO;
DA TE SPERIAMO GIOIA DI SALVEZZA,
FÀ 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 PIETÀ INFINITA.

2
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.

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.

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

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

4
AMICI MIEI, VENITE QUI:
CANTATE INSIEME A ME
L' AMOR CHE DIO MI MOSTRÒ,
LA GLORIA CHE MI DIÈ.

GRAZIE E GIOIA E PERDON NON NEGA
AL MIO CUOR,
EGLI CHE BUON PASTOR SI FÈ E
NOSTRO REDENTOR.

AFFATICATO E STANCO SON,
IN ME NON TROVO SPEM:
SIGNORE, TU VEDI IL MIO DOLOR:
DA TE LA PACE VIEN.

QUANTO È BUON IL MIO SIGNOR:
TUTTO IL CREATO
MI DA PER SCOPRIR LA SUA MAESTÀ,
E ME SUO AMICO FÀ

VENITE, O CIELI E AMICI MIEI,
NATURA TUTTA DEL MAR
E QUANTO TIENE VOCE E SPLENDOR:
L' AMOR DI DIO A CANTAR.

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 *Exod. 32:7-11,13-14*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.
The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: “I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.”’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit. A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. R.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid

servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

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: 2019

03 Nov: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

17 Nov: St Gregory

01 Dec: St Lucy

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9am Pam Atkinson & Trevor Atkinson

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

Next Week

Sat 6pm Tony Chesterman

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King

Sun 10.30am Rosa Oppendisano & Rita Luci

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea Tony Chesterman

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak Mary Carnovale

Sun 10.30 Carmelo Ruggero Sofia Tobacco

Next Week

SEPTEMBER AT ST PAULS

Sun 15th Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Thur 19th - Baptism Preparation Meeting at 7.30pm

- 1st Anniversary Mass for Augusto Torresi at 7pm

Sun 22nd Baptisms of Phoenix Cavai, Hendrix, Levi Schivalger & Arianna Tripodi at 12pm

Mon 30th 1st Anniversary Mass of Angela Godino at 7pm

NOTICES:

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019. The Melbourne result for 100% HOPE. This year the Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,528,032 to Project Compassion to support Caritas Australia's work with the poorest of the poor. Caritas Australia wishes to thank everyone for their outstanding generosity as we are all doing the work of Christ.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – URGENTLY!! Co.As.It. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one to two hours per week to visit aged persons of Italian origin, who are lonely and in need of company. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own. If you are interested to volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Coordinator Daniela on 0419 320 065.

CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI - URGENTE!

Il Comitato Assistenza Italiani (Co.As.It.) di Melbourne, cerca persone di lingua italiana per visitare un'orata o due alla settimana anziani Italiani che sono isolati e bisognosi di amicizia. Visitare una persona isolata può dare tanto significato sia per la persona che riceve che per chi da! Ma anche da l'opportunità a persone che sanno parlare l'italiano di essere collegati con la lingua e la cultura italiana. Se siete interessata/o chiamate il Coordinatrice Regionale Daniela sul 0419 320 065.

MELBOURNE ACYF PILGRIMAGE – Perth 8-10 Dec 19: The Melbourne Archdiocese is taking an official "Melbourne ACYF Pilgrimage", which offers young people from parishes, schools and the wider community the chance to enjoy and experience this significant encounter alongside peers from their local community of faith. St Paul's Parish is sending four young parishioners: Stephanie Youil, Dean Youil, Patrick Baviera & Brent Greig.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial Offering \$ 737.00

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 537.30

Priests Retirement Foundation (in progress) \$ 395.00

WE PRAY FOR

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 recently: Rosa Abramo, **and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Fr Sean O'Connell, Angelo, Vincent Avenoso; **that they may enter the peace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP:

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

REFLECTION: "To Walking Back"

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. Luke 15:20

In my work as a spiritual director, I have met people who were trying to make their way back to God and church. They had been prodigals in varying ways, but they had one thing in common: they doubted that God would take them back. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus reminds us that God sees and loves us even at a great distance. God stretches out his arms to us the moment we step in his direction. We don't earn God's love through a long, trudging journey. We accept it as a gift and walk back beside him.

God, see me where I am, however far the distance between us. Walk me back to my faith in you.

Steve Givens

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Goals"

Unless you give yourself to some great cause, you haven't even begun to live.
William P. Merrill.

VOCATION VIEW:

We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32).

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon	16/09	Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop
Tues	17/09	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor
Thurs	19/09	Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
Fri	20/09	Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest & Paul Chong Hasang, & their Companions, Martyrs
Sat	21/09	Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist - Feast

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



When my children were small I used to tell them about Jesus. Now that they are all grown up I tell Jesus about them.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

LEGEND HAS IT THAT A MAN PARKED HIS CAR



WHILE WAITING FOR HIS WIFE TO GET READY

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS TO ST PAULS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? _____

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? _____

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.