

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL,
AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL;
THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE,
UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.

**REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL
COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.**

O COME, THOU WISDOM
FROM ON HIGH,
WHO ORD'REST ALL THINGS MIGHTILY;
TO US THE PATH
OF KNOWLEDGE SHOW,
AND TEACH US IN HER WAYS TO GO.

O COME, DESIRE OF NATIONS, BIND :
IN ONE THE HEARTS OF ALL HUMANKIND;
BID THOU OUR SAD DIVISIONS CEASE,
AND BE THY SELF OUR PRINCE OF
PEACE.

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.

**WE REMEMBER HOW YOU LOVED US
TO YOUR DEATH,
AND STILL WE CELEBRATE,
FOR YOU ARE WITH US HERE;
AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL SEE
YOU WHEN YOU COME,
IN YOUR GLORY LORD.
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE,
WE BELIEVE.**

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HERE A MILLION WOUNDED SOULS
ARE YEARNING JUST TO TOUCH YOU
AND BE HEALED.
GATHER ALL YOUR PEOPLE,
AND HOLD THEM TO YOUR HEART.

NOW WE RECREATE YOUR LOVE,
WE BRING THE BREAD AND WINE TO
SHARE A MEAL.
SIGN OF GRACE AND MERCY,
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

CHRIST, THE FATHER'S GREAT "AMEN"
TO ALL THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF
EVERY HEART,
PEACE BEYOND ALL TELLING,
AND FREEDOM FROM ALL FEAR.

SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST REVEALED,
IN EVERY PERSON STANDING BY YOUR
SIDE,
GIFT TO ONE ANOTHER,
AND TEMPLES OF YOUR LOVE.

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,

WHEN YOU KNOW SORROW
WITHIN YOUR LIFE,
I WILL COME,
I WILL EMBRACE YOUR HEART;
THROUGH YOUR PAIN YOU WILL
DISCOVER ME,

UN GIORNO SUI COLLI DI BETLEM
S'UDI UNA DOLCE NOVELLA,
COMINCIA UNA VITA PIÙ BELLA
IL CRISTO CI VIENE A SALVAR.

**VIENI GESÙ, DEH, NON TARDAR,
I TUOI FRATELLI VIENI A SALVAR.
VIENI GESÙ, VIENI GESÙ, DEH, NON
TARDAR.**

LA FULGIDA STELLA COMPARVE,
IUCENTE FORIERA DI PACE,
E MENTRE NEL MONDO SI TACE
DAL CIELO DISCENDE IL SIGNOR.

DAL SENO DEL PADRE DILETTO
IL VERBO DISCENDE DAL CIELO,
VESTITO PER NOI D'UMAN VELO
LE COLPE DI TUTTI A LEVAR.

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VIENI GESÙ, VIENI,
VIENI ACCANTO A NOI:
E SPEZZA ANCORA IL PANE COME
FACESTI UN DI.

VIENI TU CHE PREGHI,
VIENI TU CHE SOFFRI:
IL PANE È SULLA MENSA,
MANCHI SOLO TU.

VIENI TU CHE PIANGI,
VIENI TU CHE SERVI:
IL PANE È SULLA MENSA,
MANCHI SOLO TU.

VIENI TU CHE CANTI,
VIENI TU CHE SPERI:
IL PANE È SULLA MENSA,
MANCHI SOLO TU.

VIENI TU CHE AMI,
VIENI TU CHE CERCHI:
IL PANE È SULLA MENSA,
MANCHI SOLO TU.

COLUI CHE AMO È IL MIO GESÙ
CHE IL PADRE MIO A ME DONO'
COLUI CHE AMO È IL MIO PASTORE,
COLUI CHE AMO È IL MIO AMOR.

COLUI CHE AMO È IL MIO SIGNOR
DONO DEL PADRE, DONO D'AMOR.
COLUI CHE AMO È NEL MIO CUORE.
COLUI CHE AMO È IL MIO TESOR.

COLUI CHE AMO, SEI TU GESÙ
AMORE PIENO SEI TU PER ME,
IN TE IO VIVO, IN TE RESPIRO
SEMPRE D'AMORE IN TE VIVRÒ

O IMMENSO AMORE GESÙ SEI TU
SENZA DI TE MAI PIU' STARÒ
CON TE IO VIVO CON TE IO MUOIO.
CON TE IN ETERNO D'AMOR VIVRÒ
CON TE IN ETERNO D'AMOR VIVRÒ.

VERGINE SOAVE
DIVINA CREATURA
QUANDO TI DISSE; AVE!
UN ANGELO DEL CIEL.
MADRE TU FOSTI ALLORA
DEL NOSTRO REDENTORE
REGINA DELLA PACE,
REGINA DELL'AMOR.

O FIORE IMMACOLATO
O RAGGIO DI CANDORE
IN SENO A DIO SBOCCIATO
PER OLEZZAR QUAGGIÙ !
LA TUA BELLEZZA ALLIETA
I FIGLI NEL DOLOR,
REGINA DELLA PACE,
REGINA DELL'AMOR!

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

*R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R.
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.
- May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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 PREPARATION 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

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Marinella Constanzo

Next Week

Sat 6pm Judy O'Meara

Sun 9am Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Rosa Oppendisano

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Raf Carnovale Annette Barnes

Sun 10.30 Carmelo Ruggero Connie Troiano

Next Week

DECEMBER AT ST PAULS

Mon 9th Whole School Advent Mass at 10am

Wed 11th Italian Prayer Group Christmas breakup

Thur 12th Mass at Bupa Nursing Home at 11am

Sat 14th The Christmas Story in the School Grounds at 7pm

Sun 15th Wedding of Marta De Macedo & Marco Pinto at 1pm

Mon 16th - Graduation Mass at 7pm

- Legion of Mary Group: Christmas breakup.

Wed 18th End of Year School mass at 10am

Thur 19th 10am Mass includes Oil of the Sick celebration

Sun 22nd Baptism of Olivia Dorman at 12pm

Mon 23rd First Month Mass for Modesto Longo at 7pm.

Tues 24th Vigil Mass at 6pm

Christmas Carols at 11.40pm

Wed 25th - Midnight Christmas Mass

- Christmas Day Masses at 9am & 10.30am

- Collection for priests

Mon 30th Solemn Benediction at 10am mass

SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sat 21st December: 11am & 6.45pm

Mon 23rd December: 10.30am

Tues 24th December: 11am

NOTICES:

LIVE NATIVITY PLAY: Saturday 14th December 7pm in the school grounds. Carols, Kings, Angels, Camels & a donkey. Followed by refreshments in the school hall.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL – December 7th & 8th. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua new Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru & Jerusalem.

PASSION PLAY 2020. Anyone who would like to join me for the **Treasures of Italy Tour**, plus the **Oberammergau Passion Play** in Germany, from the 16th June to the 29th June. Approach Fr Ray, who is interested. Brochures will be displayed, soon. Fr Ray will be the chaplain of the whole tour accompanied by a guide from Harvest Tours. In Italy, we visit Rome, Montecassino, Pompei, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Tivoli, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Ravenna, Padua Venice. Then to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Every 10 years affords pilgrims the great privilege of witnessing the world-renowned Passion Play. For over 300 years this picturesque village in the Bavarian alps has reenacted the passion of Jesus, and people of every religious denomination have been drawn to this cherished spectacle.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection Sacrificial Offering \$ 538.95

2nd Collection Presbytery \$ 711.30

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Alexi Cassar, Stephanie Karakasidis & Mia Kannis

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; Teresa Sesto (Funeral Mon 11.30am); **and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Ignacy, Eugenia, Irene Dynowski, Paul Cordingley, Maria Fontana, Pompeo Paterno, **that they may enter the peace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP:

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

REFLECTION: “Praying for Justice”

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king’s son. Psalm 72:1

Most of the 150 psalms have the name of David listed under the titles, while other psalms state names of temple singers. However, Psalm 72 is the only one that bears the name of Solomon. This is an ancient religious prayer for the improvement of the government for the country. It would be delightful to hear our modern leaders express those ancient Solomon-like convictions and objectives. Before Solomon began his reign, he renounced his desires for glory, fame and riches. He prayed only for wisdom to rule honestly and faithfully. If kings, queens, princes and presidents would publicly profess and produce the qualities of good judgment and justice, as modeled in Psalm 72, the people would cheer loudly with deep gratitude. For every Mass, the Prayer of the Faithful has guidelines to follow, one of which is to pray for the government to be dedicated to bringing justice, goodness and peace in the world and in our hearts.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr. James McKarns

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Change”

If you want to make enemies, try to change something.

Woodrow Wilson

VOCATION VIEW

Isaiah says: “The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord.” Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon	09/12	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	11/12	Saint Damasus I, Pope
Thurs	12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri	13/12	Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Sat	14/12	Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY



THREE TIPS TO DISCOVERING JOY DURING ADVENT AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS

How can we form ourselves to be more active, conscious recipients of the grace of you, especially when external circumstances are more likely to lend themselves to stress, fatigue and suffering? Here are some tips:

1. **Pray (always the first answer!)**
2. **Immerse yourself in good examples.**
3. **Make small acts of love.**

You are warmly invited to a
Christmas Celebration
Featuring a:
NATIVITY PLAY

With
Carols, Kings, Angels, camels, and a donkey, etc.
And followed by refreshments in the School Hall
AT
St Pauls Catholic Church,
562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Saturday 14th December
Immediately after the
6.00pm Mass

Children are invited to bring
their letters to the Three Kings