

The Pauline

Second Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 115:10, 15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,' O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. R.

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. R.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

SECOND READING *Rom 8:31-34*

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were

talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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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

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 Judy O'Meara

Sun 9am Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Sun 10.30 Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

Next Week

Sat 6pm Hector D'Sousa

Sun 9am Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

Sun 10.30 Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Mary De Marco

Sun 9am Annette Barnes

Sun 11am Carmelo Ruggero

Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou

Alfred Meilak

Sam Stagliano

Vaccine Program. A Letter from the Archbishop.

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia.

Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus.

I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around.

None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being.

For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nation-wide process of vaccination for all residents.

Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately. At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID-19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust.

The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>
However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term.

This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do.

For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor.

For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Most Rev Peter Comensoli

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Jack Petruccelli & Rio Benny Viceconte

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, Lucio Flaccavento, Iolanda Crisara, Katica Tadic, **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

VOCATION VIEW:

We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. What do you hear Jesus saying to you? (Mark 9:2-10).

REFLECTION: "Unbound"

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. Psalm 116:16

When my children see a wasp outside the house, I ask them to please not race away in fear. Do themselves, and the rest of us, a favour, I say, and follow it, at least with their eyes. For if there is a wasp floating about, it's likely because it has a home—one that's probably attached to our home somehow, under an eave or in a doorframe. If we follow it to its source instead of just running in fear, we might eliminate a lot of future problems. As I'm beginning Lent, I'm doing something similar. I'm seeing aspects of myself that I might be tempted to just run from. But instead, I must follow those sins, flaws and bad habits of mind to their source, hand them over to the Lord and let him free me from what binds me, once and for all.

Loving God, free me from what binds me in sinful ways.

Amy Welborn.

STEWARDSHIP

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pope Francis has recommendations for how we might engage in our own spiritual renewal during Lent:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION LENT 2021

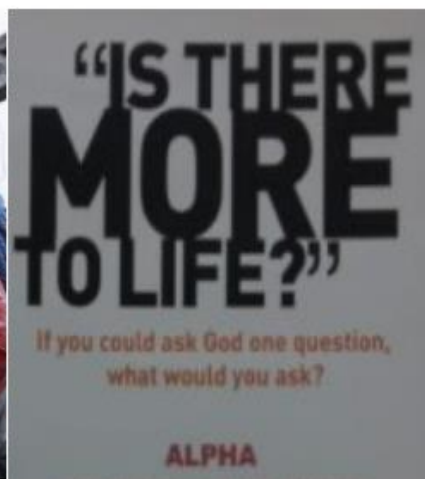
"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Saint Oscar Romero

Project Compassion Boxes or Envelopes can be taken from the rear. One can also DONATE ONLINE:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection: Sacrificial Offering \$ 645.00
2nd Collection: Presbytery \$ 455.75



THE ALPHA COURSE

STARTING 14 APRIL

AT 7PM

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PRAISE THE LORD, YOU HEAVENS, ADORE HIM;
PRAISE HIM, ANGELS IN THE HEIGHT;
SUN AND MOON, REJOICE BEFORE HIM;
PRAISE HIM, ALL YOU STARS AND LIGHT.
PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE HAS SPOKEN;
WORLDS HIS MIGHTY VOICE OBEYED;
LAWS WHICH NEVER SHALL BE BROKEN
FOR THE GUIDANCE HE HAS MADE.

PRAISE THE LORD, FOR HE IS GLORIOUS
NEVER SHALL HIS PROMISE FAIL.
GOD HAS MADE HIS SAINTS VICTORIOUS,
SIN AND DEATH SHALL NOT PREVAIL.
PRAISE THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION,
HOSTS ON HIGH, HIS POWER PROCLAIM.
HEAVEN AND EARTH AND ALL CREATION
PRAISE AND GLORIFY HIS NAME.

WORSHIP, HONOUR, GLORY, BLESSING;
LORD, WE OFFER AS OUR GIFT.
YOUNG AND OLD, YOUR PRAISE
EXPRESSING,
OUR GLAD SONGS TO YOU WE LIFT.
ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN ADORE YOU,
WE WOULD JOIN THEIR GLAD ACCLAIM.
AS YOUR ANGELS SERVE BEFORE YOU,
SO ON EARTH WE PRAISE YOUR NAME.

GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE,
GIFTS WE'VE OFFERED,
FRUITS OF LABOUR, FRUITS OF LOVE;
TAKEN, OFFERED, SANCTIFIED,
BLESSED AND BROKEN;
WORDS OF ONE WHO DIED:
"TAKE MY BODY; TAKE MY SAVING BLOOD."
GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE,
CHRIST OUR LORD.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR,
LIVING PRESENCE HERE,
AS HE PROMISED WHILE ON EARTH:
"I AM WITH YOU FOR ALL TIME,
I AM WITH YOU IN THIS BREAD AND WINE.
TAKE MY BODY; TAKE MY SAVING BLOOD."
GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE,
CHRIST OUR LORD.

THROUGH THE FATHER, WITH THE SPIRIT,
ONE IN UNION WITH THE SON,
FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, JOINED IN PRAYER
FAITH IS STRENGTHENED BY THE FOOD WE
SHARE.
"TAKE MY BODY; TAKE MY SAVING BLOOD."
GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, CHRIST OUR
LORD.

YOU SAID YOU'D COME
AND SHARE ALL MY SORROWS,
YOU SAID YOU'D BE THERE FOR ALL MY
TOMORROWS,
I CAME SO CLOSE TO SENDING YOU AWAY,
BUT JUST LIKE YOU PROMISED, YOU CAME
HERE TO STAY,
I JUST HAD TO PRAY.

**AND JESUS SAID "COME TO THE WATER,
STAND BY MY SIDE
I KNOW YOU ARE THIRSTY,
YOU WON'T BE DENIED
I FELT EVERY TEAR DROP, WHEN IN
DARKNESS YOU CRIED**

**AND I STRIVE TO REMIND YOU, THAT FOR
THOSE TEARS I DIED."**

YOUR GOODNESS SO GREAT I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
AND DEAR LORD, I KNOW THAT ALL THIS
WAS PLANNED
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE NOW AND ALWAYS
WILL BE.
YOUR LOVE LOOSED MY CHAINS AND IN
YOU I'M FREE,
BUT JESUS WHY ME?

JESUS, I GIVE YOU MY HEART AND MY
SOUL,
I KNOW NOW WITHOUT GOD, I'D NEVER BE
WHOLE.
SAVIOUR, YOU OPENED ALL THE RIGHT
DOORS,
I THANK YOU AND PRAISE YOU FROM
EARTH'S HUMBLE SHORES, TAKE ME I'M
YOURS.

LONGING FOR LIGHT,
WE WAIT IN DARKNESS;
LONGING FOR TRUTH, WE TURN TO YOU.
MAKE US YOUR OWN, YOUR HOLY PEOPLE,
LIGHT FOR THE WORLD TO SEE.

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT!
SHINE IN OUR HEARTS, SHINE THROUGH
THE DARKNESS.
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
SHINE IN YOUR CHURCH GATHERED
TODAY.**

LONGING FOR PEACE, OUR WORLD IS
TROUBLED;
LONGING FOR HOPE, MANY DESPAIR.
YOUR WORD ALONE HAS POWER TO SAVE
US,
MAKE US YOUR LIVING VOICE.

LONGING FOR FOOD, MANY ARE HUNGRY
LONGING FOR WATER,
MANY STILL THIRST.
MAKE US YOUR BREAD,
BROKEN FOR OTHERS
SHARED UNTIL ALL ARE FED.

LONGING FOR SHELTER,
MANY ARE HOMELESS
LONGING FOR WARMTH, MANY ARE COLD.
MAKE US YOUR BUILDING,
SHELTERING OTHERS
WALLS MADE OF LIVING STONE.

MANY THE GIFTS, MANY THE PEOPLE;
MANY THE HEARTS THAT YEARN TO
BELONG.
LET US BE SERVANTS TO ONE ANOTHER,
MAKING YOUR KINGDOM COME.

LODATE DIO,
SCHIERE BEATE DEL CIELO
LODATE DIO,
GENTI DI TUTTA IN TERRA
CANTATE A LUI,
CHE L'UNIVERSO CREÒ
SOMMA SAPIENZA E SPLENDORE.

LODATE DIO,
PADRE CHE DONA OGNI BENE,
LODATE DIO,
RICCO DI GRAZIA E PERDONO:
CANTATE A LUI,
CHE TANTO GLI UOMINI AMÒ,
DA DARE L'UNICO FIGLIO.

LODATE DIO, UNO E TRINO SIGNORE,
LODATE DIO,
META E PREMIO DEI BUONI:
CANTATE A LUI,
SORGENTE D'OGNI BONTÀ,
PER TUTTI I SECOLI, AMEN.

**AL TUO SANTO ALTAR
M' APPRESSO O SIGNOR
MIA GIOIA E MIO AMOR!**

O SIGNORE CHE SCRUTI IL MIO CUOR
DAL MALIGNO MI SALVI IL TUO AMOR.

TU SEI FORZA, SEI VITA IMMORTAL
PERCHÈ TRISTE CAMMINO TRA IL MAL ?

MI RISPLENDA LA LUCE DEL VER
E MI GUIDI SUL RETTO SENTIER!

MIA SALVEZZA E SPERANZA SEI TU
CH' IO TI LODI IN ETERNO O GESÙ.

**GESU', DOLCE MUSICA AL MIO CUOR
GESU', ASCOLTI SEMPRE IL MIO PREGAR
GESU', QUANDO CADO TU SEI LI'
DOLCEMENTE MI RIALZI SU (x2)**

GESU', E' COSI' BELLO AMARE TE
GESU', SOLO TU NON CAMBI MAI.
GESU', COL TUO SANGUE HAI LAVATO
IL PECCATO CHE ERA DENTRO ME. (x2)

GESU', TU BEN PRESTO TORNERAI.
GESU', LA TUA CHIESA RAPIRAI.
GESU', CHE GRAN FESTA ALLOR SARA',
SEMPRE INSIEME PER L'ETERNITA'. (x2)

MIRA IL TUO POPOLO -
O BELLA SIGNORA,
CHE PIEN DI GIUBILO - OGGI T'ONORA;
CHE PIEN DI GIUBILO - OGGI T'ONORA.
ANCH'IO FESTEVOLO -
CORRO AI TUOI PIE':
O SANTA VERGINE, - PREGA PER ME.

IL PIETOSISSIMO - TUO DOLCE CUORE.
PRENDE AL RIFUGIO - AL PECCATORE
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TESORI E GRAZIE - RACCHIUDE IN SÈ:
O SANTA VERGINE, - PREGA PER ME
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IN QUESTA MISERA - VALLE INFELICE
TUTTI T'INVOCANO - SOCCOTRICE
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QUESTO BEL TITOLO - CONVIENE A TE:
O SANTA VERGINE, - PREGA PER ME
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