

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 *Acts 4:32-35*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

R.

- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.

SECOND READING *1 John 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! *John 20:29*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on

them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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.

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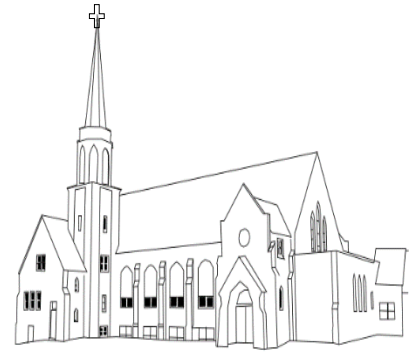
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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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 Angela Greig & Warren Power

Sun 10.30 Sam Stagliano & T or M Costanzo

Next Week

Sat 6pm Hector D'Sousa

Sun 9am Pam Atkinson & Trevor Atkinson

Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea

Sun 9am Mary Carnovale

Sun 11am Carmelo Ruggero

Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou

Rosa Touma

Sam Stagliano

PARISH NEWS:

Good Shepherd Sunday 2021

25 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint

Joseph: The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.'

'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Sacrificial Offering: \$499.00

Easter Collection for priest: \$2493.60

Good Friday Collection: \$715.75

Project Collection: \$969.25 (work in progress).

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Allegra Marin & Lucas Rose

WEDDINGS: Jake Kim & Monica Ha,
Gabriel Yousif & Rebecca Crea,
Justin Zahra & Athuam Teodora.

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, Anelia Bialek, Paolo Cappellano (Funeral Mass, Mon 12pm), Graciano De Jesus, Antonio Pugliano, Giuseppe Lonigro (1st Anniv. Mass, Fri 7pm), **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

VOCATION VIEW:

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. We are blest when we have not seen and believe. What does it take for you to believe in Jesus' call to you? (John 20:19-31).

REFLECTION: "Transforming Suffering"

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23

The "stone" is usually understood to stand for Jesus, the "builders," the Jewish leaders of his day. But what about our own lives? Are there people, things or events that we judge to be too unstable to build on? Even if that meant building something good and powerful and enduring? The cross itself, the means of a horrible execution, was something all sensible people would reject. St. Peter himself tried to steer Jesus away from that path. We naturally reject what appears as useless suffering. God, it often turns out, has something else in mind. Let's not too quickly dismiss suffering—even brought on by riots, terrorism, earthquakes and the like—as pointless. Let us pray, rather, for trust that our merciful God can make something wonderful, even out of our most desperate circumstances.

Lord, open my heart to your loving care.

Mark Neilsen

STEWARDSHIP

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Fear"

We are more often frightened than hurt; and we suffer more from imagination than from reality. **Marcus Annaeus Seneca**

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:



"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?"

If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?

THE ALPHA COURSE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship...in a very non-pressured, non-judgemental environment".

BEAR GRYLLS



JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Dropping off



Mother-in-law

**SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD;
LET YOUR SONG BE SUNG FROM
MOUNTAINS HIGH.
SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD
SINGING ALLELUIA.**

1

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE DANCE FOR JOY,
O COME BEFORE THE LORD.
AND PLAY FOR HIM ON GLAD
TAMBOURINES,
AND LET YOU TRUMPET SOUND.

RISE, O CHILDREN, FROM YOUR SLEEP;
YOUR SAVIOUR NOW HAS COME.
HE HAS TURNED YOUR SORROW TO JOY,
AND FILLED YOUR SOUL WITH SONG.

GLAD MY SOUL FOR I HAVE SEEN
THE GLORY OF THE LORD.
THE TRUMPET SOUNDS, THE DEAD SHALL
BE RAISED;
I KNOW MY SAVIOUR LIVES.

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.

2

**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.

YES LORD I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE
CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD WHO HAS COME
INTO THE WORLD

**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.**

3

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.

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

4

**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!

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

1

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 !**

2

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.

TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE,
PER LE COSE CHE SONO NEL MONDO
PER LA VITA CHE TU MI HAI DONATO,
PER L' AMORE CHE TU NUTRI PER ME.

3

**ALLELUIA, O MIO SIGNORE ! ALLELUIA,
O DIO DEL CIELO !
ALLELUIA, O MIO SIGNORE ! ALLELUIA,
O DIO DEL CIEL !**

COME IL PANE CHE ABBIAMO SPEZZATO
ERA SPARSO IN GRANO SUI COLLI,
COSÌ UNISEI NOI, SPARSI NEL MONDO,
IN UN CORPO CHE SIA SOLO PER TE.

QUELL' AMORE CHE UNISCE TE AL PADRE
SIA LA FORZA CHE UNISCE I FRATELLI
ED IL MONDO CONOSCA LA PACE:
LA TUA GIOIA REGNI SEMPRE FRA NOI.

O MIO SIGNOR , ALLOR CHE CON AMORE
IO MIRO IL CIEL CHE FECE IL TUO VOLER
E LO SPLENDOR DI STELLE
O SENTO IL TUONO
E IL MONDO INTER
CHE NARRA IL TUO POTER

4

**UN CANTO IL CUOR INNALZA A TE , SIGNOR
GRANDE SEI TU ! GRANDE SEI TU ! (2V)**

ALLOR CHE VO' VAGANDO SU PEI MONTI
E DEGLI UCCEL IO SENTO
IL CINQUETTAR
E VEDO GIU' GL 'IMMENS I PRATI VERDI
E D 'UN RUSCEL ASCOLTO IL MORMORAR.
RIT:

E NEL PENSAR CHE IL SALVATOR
QUI IN TERRA
VENNE A SOFFRIR PER L' UOMO
PECCATOR,
CH' EGLI PORTO' SUL
GOLGOTA I MIEI MALI
E CHE MORI ' PER DARM I
PACE E AMOR RIT:



Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.
(St. Faustina's Diary p. 132)

**Italian prayer group starts this
Wednesday, 14th, following the 10.30
am mass.**

**ALPHA starts this Wednesday, 14th,
at 7pm.**

**Holy Communion to the sick at Bupa,
this Thursday, 15th, at 11am.**

**Baptism Meeting this Thursday, 15th,
at 7.30pm**