

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 *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62:2-8. R. v. 2

*R. My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.
- On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R

SECOND READING *1 Thess 4:13-14*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44. R. v. 2

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps

and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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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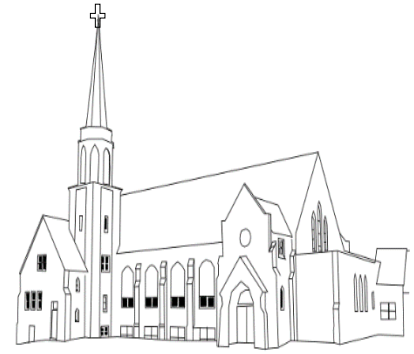
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St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.



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

JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Yesterday I saw a book called
"How to solve 50% of your problems"
So I bought two.**



THANKSGIVING – DIRECT DEPOSIT BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Church.

Credit Card payments:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventld=52905&spid=5635719>

OCT THANKSGIVING OFFERING \$1,100.00

Presbytery: \$ 489.56

Works done recently: Presbytery roof: \$40,000

Painting of presbytery inside: \$12,400

Thanks for your support in these challenging times.

IMPORTANT NEWS: REOPENING OF ST PAUL'S

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What an awkward year 2020 has been, and we are not out of the woods, yet. During this time, you were in my prayers. I would like to thank all who showed concern for me by calling me on the phone to see how I am coping. I've been ok throughout this time and pretty busy, too. The good news is that the church is now open, and celebrating mass with a limited number of 10, and it goes up to 20 from the 8th November.

Anyone who would like to participate in the weekend Eucharist need to book, by calling the parish office (9354-1564) to confirm his/her booking, for the following weekend; the booking has to be made by Thursday, prior to the weekend. Only the first 10/20 bookings can attend. Thank you for your sacrifice, discipline, understanding and cooperation.

During this time of closure, the parish has gone some much needed renovations which have been booked prior to Covid-19. The roof of the presbytery was leaking, so I had to fix it for the sum of \$40,000; and the presbytery needed to be cleaned, and painted for the sum of \$12,400. As you might be aware the contributions went down heavily, during this time. At the same time, I appreciate all those who continued to contribute by passing their contributions under the presbytery door or through the newly CDF Pay, online. Your continued faithfulness to support the parish is greatly appreciated, and may the Lord reward you for your generosity.

The next set of Thanksgiving (Sacrificial Offering) envelopes, for the next four months has been posted this past week. Your continued support has been always appreciated, but especially, in these times that affected financially, everyone, including the parish.

There is also the opportunity for cashless online payments via CDF Pay for Parishes online payment portal. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments.

The St Paul's Catholic Church, Coburg site is live and can be found via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventld=52905&spid=5635719>

Alternatively, the Parish Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Church

Thank you for your continued support of the parish during this difficult time. Peace.

Fr. Raymond Bugeja

Parish Priest St Paul's Coburg

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Antonio Santino Rapson

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, Frank Barone (funeral mass, Tue., 12pm), Anton (Croatian), and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Paolo, Rocco Di Salvatore, Therese Ciantar, Rosa Franco, Antonietta Condello, Fam Trimarchi, Opedisano, Romeo, Cotrone, Corso, and all the deceased whose names are written on the November yellow envelopes, that they may enter the peace of God.

STEWARDSHIP:

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

REFLECTION: Lacking Heavenly Food

O God, you are my God whom I Seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **PSALM 63:2**

There is a lacking inherent in our humanity that cries out for relief. Christ, in his humanity, knew thirst as well. "I thirst," he said from the cross. And for relief, he received a rag soaked in vinegar.

To sustain us until we rest with him in eternity, he offers us the Eucharist. Thanks to the coronavirus of 2020, however, we know what it's like to go for some time without Communion. As I was fasting from heavenly food, I found it helpful to meditate on my lack so that I could know some of the pain of those foolish virgins, locked outside of the wedding feast. Their hunger and thirst will never be satisfied except in the fleeting pleasure of unworthy substitutes for God.

Elizabeth Duffy

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we understand God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Acceptance

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

David Hume

VOCATION VIEW

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

THE GREEN BIBLE

Words of Love for a Suffering Planet

STEPHEN SCHARPER AND SIMON APPOLLONI

This revised edition of *The Green Bible* by **Stephen Scharper** and **Simon Appolloni** will guide you through the biblical seven days of Creation, with the aim of inspiring hope that life will continue – and flourish – for all creation.

This edition of *The Green Bible* with its updated figures, testimonies, and words from Pope Francis and Greta Thunberg, is timely and transformative for the current environmental crisis. Its sources range from the Jewish and Christian scriptures to current religious and political leaders, scientists and environmentalists, and ends with suggestions for further action and reading, including references to Australian and New Zealand resources.

***The Green Bible* contributes to the global dialogue where environmental issues are approached from all levels of secular society. Ideal for those seeking a deeper understanding of their own role as a human to care for our Earth.** [Click here to view some sample pages.](#)

CatholicCare Victoria. Father and parish staff, we are excited to share that we will be merging with Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst to become a new entity: CatholicCare Victoria! This amalgamation will enable the social service agencies of the four dioceses in Victoria to enhance, strengthen and amplify services to support the vulnerable and marginalised in our local communities. CatholicCare Victoria will be established on 1 January 2021 - together we are currently working through an integration process to align organisational structures, programs and systems. But as we transition over, we will be maintaining business as usual!

**GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD
WHO ALONE GIVES LIGHT TO OUR DAY
MANY ARE THE BLESSINGS HE BEARS
TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIS WAYS.**

1

WE THE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF HIM
WHO BUILT THE VALLEYS AND PLAINS,
PRAISE THE WONDERS OUR GOD HAS DONE
IN EVERY HEART THAT SINGS.

EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY
OUR GOD IS WAITING TO SAVE,
ALWAYS READY TO SEEK THE LOST
TO ANSWER THOSE WHO PRAY.

**IN THE BREAD MAY WE BE BROKEN,
IN THE CUP MAY WE BE OUTPOURED;
MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE HEALER,
MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD.**

2

THOUGH MANY ARE WE, WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD,
WE ARE ALL WELCOME TO HIS TABLE OF NEW LIFE.

WE COME TO THE TABLE, TO REMEMBER THE LORD,
WHO GAVE HIS LIFE THAT WE MIGHT LIVE FOREVER
MORE

IN BREAKING THE BREAD, IN SHARING THE CUP,
MAY WE BE FILLED AS WE COME TO KNOW THE
LORD.

THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME;
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME,
YOUR DEEP ABIDING LOVE.

3

MY OWN BELIEF IN YOU MY LORD,
IS ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR FAITH IN ME,
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR FAITH IN ME,
YOUR DEEP AND LASTING FAITH.

**MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS,
MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS.
MY LOVE FOR YOU WILL GROW, MY GOD;
YOUR LIGHT IN ME WILL SHINE.**

THE DREAM I HAVE TODAY, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR DREAMS FOR ME,
ONLY A SHADOW OF ALL THAT WILL BE
IF I BUT FOLLOW YOU.

THE JOY I FEEL TODAY, MY LORD
IS ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR JOYS FOR ME
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR JOYS FOR ME
WHEN WE MEET FACE TO FACE.

GO, THE MASS IS ENDED, CHILDREN OF THE LORD. 4
TAKE GOD'S WORDS TO OTHERS,
AS YOU'VE HEARD IT SPOKEN TO YOU.
GO, THE MASS IS ENDED,
GO AND TELL THE WORLD
THE LORD IS GOOD, THE LORD IS KIND,
AND LOVES US EV'RY ONE.

GO, THE MASS IS ENDED,
TAKE GOD'S LOVE TO ALL
GLADDEN ALL WHO MEET YOU,
FILL THEIR HEARTS WITH HOPE AND COURAGE.
GO, THE MASS IS ENDED,
FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE,
AND GIVE TO ALL WHAT YOU'VE RECEIVED
– THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRIST.

GO, THE MASS IS ENDED,
STRENGTHENED IN THE LORD.
LIGHTEN EV'RY BURDEN,
SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST AROUND YOU.
GO, THE MASS IS ENDED,
TAKE GOD'S PEACE TO ALL.
THIS DAY IS YOURS TO CHANGE THE WORLD
– TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED.

