

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

*Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17*

*A Reading from the book of Exodus.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 118:8-11. R. Jn 6:68*

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

#### SECOND READING *1 Cor 1:22-25*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 3:16*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### GOSEL

*John 2:13-25*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will

devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

For general enquiries, please call 9354-1564.

## 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** Hector D'Sousa

**Sun 9am** Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

**Sun 10.30** Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

### Next Week

**Sat 6pm** Bryan Leak

**Sun 9am** Rosa Touma & Patricia Wright

**Sun 10.30** Sam Stagliano & T or M Costanzo

## SPECIAL MINISTERS:

### This Week

**Sat 6pm** Virginia Efthimiou

**Sun 9am** Alfred Meilak

**Sun 11am** Sam Stagliano

### Next Week

Jim & Lourdes Galea

Mary Carnovale

Anna D'Amato

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre** at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

## 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/>

**Third Sunday of Lent.** This week we focus on Oliva, a 22 year old from Tanzania who lives with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew. Oliva didn't have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms. Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her classes is growing, her small business is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election. Oliva's determination and leadership truly is to be admired! A great story for us to focus on this Sunday, in the lead up to International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:** Sacrificial Offering \$ 564.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Presbytery \$ 578.25

## WE PRAY FOR

**BAPTISMS:** Leo Samuel Viavattene

**WEDDINGS:** Elana Andalaro & Luca Eramo  
Michelle Siecris & Andrew Galea

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,** Giuseppe Lauretta (Funeral Mass, Wed., 11.30am), Fr Ian Mackintosh, Fr Bede V Heather, Pasquale Rizzo, **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Maria Fontana, Pompeo Paterno, Edwin Spiteri, **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

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

## VOCATION VIEW:

God's commandments lead us on the path to life. What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom. (Exodus 20:1-17).

## REFLECTION: "Best Bargains"

**Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace. John 2:16**

Years ago, I visited the old city of Jerusalem. I wanted to find the Via Dolorosa, along which Jesus had carried his cross on that passion-filled road to Calvary. I had envisioned the Via Dolorosa when I had often walked the Way of the Cross in churches and other outdoor quiet places. However, to my surprise, this world-famous religious street was crowded with vendors vying to sell a variety of belts, baskets and bagels. That day I wanted only a spiritual walk with thoughts and prayers about Jesus, divine love, mercy and salvation. I don't find fault with the shopkeepers because it is their city and they are trying to make a livelihood. So my experience reminded me of the age-old tension between the material and the spiritual, the earthly and eternal, the marketplace and the Father's house. Today, in my pilgrimage of life, I'm finding the best bargains are the spiritual ones.

*Fr. James McKarns*

## STEWARDSHIP

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Acceptance"

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## 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.**



"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**



**Don't worry!**  
When you get old, I'll feed you carrots too!

**COME LET US SING TO EVERY NATION:  
GREAT IS OUR GOD AND KING!  
HE IS THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION  
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS AND SING!**

1

SO SING, FOR WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE;  
FOR HE HAS SHOWN US HIS WAYS.  
HE GATHERS US TO HIS TABLE,  
TO PARTAKE OF HIS GRACE.

SO WHEN THE LORD'S VOICE YOU HEAR,  
DON'T FEAR OR HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.  
WE KNOW THAT OUR GOD IS NEAR  
BY THE WORD HE IMPARTS.

**GREAT IS OUR GOD AND KING!**

**WHATSOEVER YOU DO  
TO THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE,  
THAT YOU DO UNTO ME.**

2

WHEN I WAS HUNGRY  
YOU GAVE ME TO EAT,  
WHEN I WAS THIRSTY  
YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK;  
NOW ENTER INTO  
THE HOME OF MY FATHER.

WHEN I WAS HOMELESS  
YOU OPENED YOUR DOOR  
WHEN I WAS NAKED  
YOU GAVE ME YOUR COAT  
NOW ENTER INTO  
THE HOME OF MY FATHER

WHEN I WAS WEARY  
YOU HELPED ME FIND REST,  
WHEN I WAS ANXIOUS  
YOU CALMED ALL MY FEARS;  
NOW ENTER INTO  
THE HOME OF MY FATHER.

WHEN I WAS LAUGHED  
AT YOU STOOD BY MY SIDE,  
WHEN I WAS HAPPY  
YOU SHARED IN MY JOY;  
NOW ENTER INTO  
THE HOME OF MY FATHER

THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR YOU, O 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 O LORD,  
IS ONLY A SHADOW  
OF YOUR FAITH IN US,  
ONLY A SHADOW OF YOUR FAITH IN US,  
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.  
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.

4

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.

**(SATURDAY 6PM VIGIL MASS)**

O LORD MY GOD! WHEN I IN AWESOME  
WONDER, CONSIDER ALL THE WORKS THY  
HANDS HAVE MADE. I SEE THE STARS,  
I HEAR THE ROLLING THUNDER, THY POWER  
THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE DISPLAYED.

5

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR GOD TO  
THEE; HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT  
THOU ART! THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOUR  
GOD TO THEE; HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW  
GREAT THOU ART!**

WHEN THROUGH THE WOODS, AND FOREST  
GLADES I WANDER AND HEAR THE BIRDS  
SING SWEETLY IN THE TREES WHEN I LOOK  
DOWN, FROM LOFTY MOUNTAIN GRANDEUR  
AND SEE THE BROOK, AND FEEL THE GENTLE  
BREEZE

AND WHEN I THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT  
SPARING, SENT HIM TO DIE, I SCARCE CAN  
TAKE IT IN; THAT ON THE CROSS,  
MY BURDEN GLADLY BEARING,  
HE BLED AND DIED TO TAKE AWAY MY SIN.

WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME WITH SHOUTS OF  
ACCLAMATION, AND TAKE ME HOME, WHAT JOY  
SHALL FILL MY HEART!  
THEN I SHALL BOW IN HUMBLE ADORATION,  
AND THERE PROCLAIM, MY GOD, HOW GREAT  
THOU ART!

IO SENTO LA TUA VOCE  
E VENGO A TE SIGNOR:  
PEL SANGUE SPARSO IN CROCE  
MI SALVI, O REDENTOR.

1

**MI PROSTRO INNANZI A TE,  
PREGANDOTI CON FÈ,  
E TU SIGNORE, SALVAMI:**

**PIETÀ PIETÀ DI ME.**  
OH! QUANTO DEBOL SONO,  
IO SAI DIVIN GESÙ:  
INSIEME AL TUO PERDONO  
MI DAI LA TUA VIRTÙ

A TE, GESÙ IO CHIEDO  
FEDE, SPERANZA, AMOR,  
DA TE, GESÙ, ASPETTO  
PACE E GIOIA AL CUOR.

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.

2

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.

SOTO L'OMBRA DELLE ALI TUE VIVIAM  
SICURI  
ALLA TUA PRESENZA NOI DAREM  
GLORIA, GLORIA, GLORIA A TE O RE.

3

IN TE DIMORIAMO IN ARMONIA E T'  
ADORIAMO  
VOCI UNITE INSIEME PER CANTAR:  
DEGNO, DEGNO, DEGNO SEI SIGNOR.

CUORE A CUORE UNITE NEL TUO AMOR  
SIAM PURI AGLI OCCHI TUOI  
COME UNA COLUMBA CI LEVIAM:  
SANTO, SANTO, SANTO SEI SIGNOR.

GLORIA, GLORIA, GLORIA A TE O RE.

AVE MARIA,  
PIENA DI GRAZIA  
IL SIGNORE È CON TE.  
È BENEDETTA SEI  
FRA LE DONNE  
E BENEDETTO È IL FRUTTO  
DEL TUO SENO, GESÙ.

4

SANTA MARIA,  
MADRE DI DIO,  
PREGA PER NOI  
PECCATORI,  
ADESSO E NELL'ORA  
DELLA NOSTRA MORTE.  
COSI' SIA.  
AVE MARIA !.