

The Pauline

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th March 2021

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Chr. 36:14-16,19-23

A Reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. R.

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' R.
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! R.
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not, if I prize not
Jerusalem above all my joys! R.

SECOND READING Ephes. 2:4-10

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much,
He gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

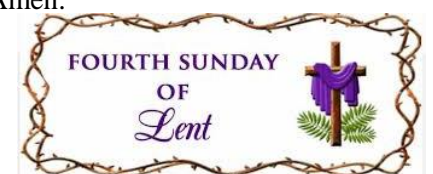
Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone

who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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:

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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 Bryan Leak

Sun 9am Rosa Touma & Patricia Wright

Sun 10.30 Sam Stagliano & T or M Costanzo

Next Week

Sat 6pm Sue Tasic

Sun 9am Stephanie Youil & Dean Youil

Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Jim & Lourdes Galea

Sun 9am Mary Carnovale

Sun 11am Anna D'Amato

Next Week

Mary De Marco

Rosa Touma

Sofia Tobacco

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th 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/>

Fourth Sunday of Lent. This week we focus on Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection: Sacrificial Offering \$ 592.50

2nd Collection: Presbytery \$ 300.00

**Special Prayers for Fr Ray on his 64th
Birthday, Monday, 15.03.1957-2021.
Happy Birthday and many blessings.**

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Isabella Laino & Lucas Mazzarella.

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, Maria Sarteschi (Funeral Service, Tues., 10am), **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Sebastiano Distefano (1st Anniv. Sun., 10.30am mass), Giovanni Natale (1st Month Mass, Wed., 8pm), Agapi Kotsiris, Andreas Papadimitropoulos, Creado & Pereira fams., **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

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

VOCATION VIEW:

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. How do you receive and share this gift of love? (John 3:14-21).

REFLECTION: "Not hiding in the dark"

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. John 3:21

Years ago, I knew someone who was living in an apartment building that had a problem with uninvited guests—cockroaches. If you flipped on the light in the darkened kitchen, you'd just catch a glimpse of the speedy insects scattering for the still-darkened spaces under the cabinets. They were afraid of the light and felt comfortable and safe in the dark. When we have sinned, we tend to think that denying it will make us feel better—we think we'll feel comfortable in the dark. We don't want to be reminded, don't want to go to church, don't want to acknowledge our sins. So we skitter away from the light. Living the truth doesn't mean denying that we sin. We all sin. But when we are contrite, God's light—a warm, loving, peaceful, joyful light that penetrates our soul—awaits us. It is where we are meant to be. It is where God desires us to be.

Terence Hegarty

STEWARDSHIP

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Our higher power, or God"

Some people talk about finding God, as if He could get lost.

Anon.

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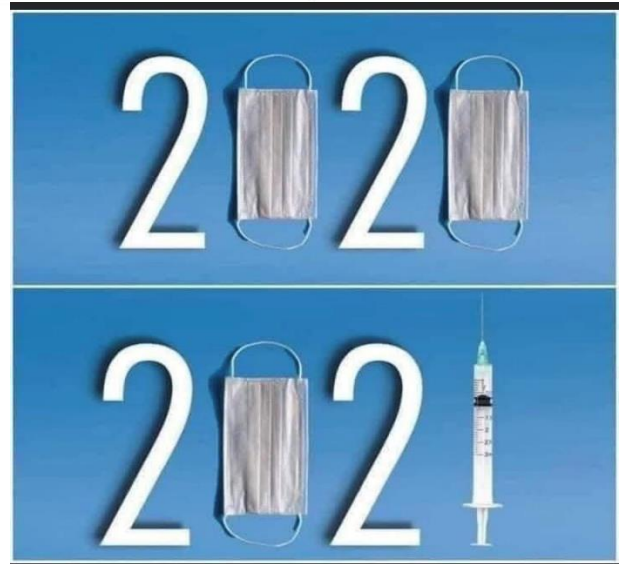
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"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship...in a very non-pressured, non-judgemental environment".

BEAR GRYLLS



**HEAR THEN WHAT GOD
WILL ASK OF YOU:
TO LIVE JUSTLY, TO LOVE TENDERLY,
AND TO WALK HUMBLY
WITH YOUR GOD.**

1

I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE
KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE YOURS.

FATHER, YOUR KINGDOM COME,
MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW
ME,
YOU SHALL SHARE MY LIFE.

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TILL THE END OF TIME.

FEED US NOW, BREAD OF LIFE,
IN THIS HOLY MEAL; 2
LET US KNOW YOUR LOVE ANEW:
WE HUNGER FOR YOU.
FEED US NOW, BREAD OF LIFE,
COME AND LIVE WITHIN;
LET YOUR PEACE BE OURS TODAY,
LORD JESUS WE PRAY.

PIECE OF BREAD, GLASS OF WINE:
LORD, THIS FOOD IS GOOD;
LOVE AND MERCY COME TO US, YOUR
PROMISE WE TRUST.
PIECE OF BREAD, GLASS OF WINE:
WHO CAN UNDERSTAND
HOW HIS MERCY WORKS IN THESE?
YET, LORD WE BELIEVE.

GOD IS HERE, O SO NEAR, NEARER
THAN OUR THOUGHTS.
STAY WITH US WHERE'ER WE GO:
LORD, HELP US TO GROW.
GOD IS HERE, O SO NEAR, IN THIS
HEAVEN'S MEAL.
MAY WE ALWAYS FEED ON YOU, ON
THE BREAD THAT IS TRUE.

**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.

HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE, 4
PRIEST AND LAMB,
THE THRONE IS THINE;
KING WHOSE REIGN
SHALL NEVER CEASE,
PRINCE OF EVERLASTING PEACE!

**ANGELS, SAINTS AND NATIONS SING,
PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST OUR KING;
LORD OF LIFE, EARTH, SKY AND SEA,
KING OF LOVE ON CALVARY.**

KING WHOSE NAME CREATION THRILLS,
RULE OUR MINDS, OUR HEARTS,
OUR WILLS;
TILL IN PEACE EACH NATION RINGS,
WITH THY PRAISES, KING OF KINGS.

KING MOST HOLY, KING OF TRUTH,
GUIDE THE LOWLY, GUIDE THE YOUTH;
CHRIST THOU KING OF GLORY BRIGHT,
BE TO US ETERNAL LIGHT.

SHEPHERD-KING,
O'ER MOUNTAINS STEEP
HOMEWARD BRING THE WANDERING
SHEEP; SHELTER IN ONE ROYAL FOLD
STATES AND KINGDOMS,
NEW AND OLD.

LODATE DIO, SCHIERE BEATE DEL 1
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.

UNA SPIGA DORATA DAL SOL 2
ED UN GRAPPOL CHE
COGLIE IL VIGNAIOL
SI TRASFORMANO ORA IN PANE
E VINO D'AMOR

E NEL CORPO E NEL
SANGUE DEL SIGNOR.

COMUNIONE FORMIAMO INSIEM
SEMINATI NEL CAMPO COME GRAN.
UN MOLINO CHE MACINA LE GIOIE,
I DOLOR
DIO CI FA EUCARESTIA NELL'AMOR.

COME IL GRANO CHE FORMA IL PAN
COME NOTE TESSUTE NEL CANTAR.
COME GOCCE RACCOLTE TRA
LE SPONDE DEL MAR
I CRISTIANI UN SOL CORPO FORMERAN

CREDO IN TE, SIGNOR, CREDO IN TE: 3
GRANDE È QUAGGIÙ IL MISTER,
MA CREDO IN TE.

**LUCE SOAVE, GIOIA PERFETTA SEI,
CREDO IN TE, SIGNOR, CREDO IN TE.**

SPERO IN TE, SIGNOR, SPERO IN TE:
DEBOLE SONO OGNOR,
MA SPERO IN TE.....LUCE

AMO TE, SIGNOR, AMO TE:
O CROCIFISSO AMOR,
AMO TE.....LUCE.

RESTA CON ME, SIGNOR,
RESTA CON ME:
PANE CHE DAI VIGOR,
RESTA CON ME.

HO GUARDATO LE STELLE NEL 4
CIELO
MI HANNO DETTO CHE TU SEI LA LUCE,
HO INCONTRATO I FIORI IN UN
PRATO:
MI HANNO DETTO CHE TU SEI
BELEZZA

**DIO SEI AMORE, DIO SEI AMORE
DIO SEI AMORE, DIO SEI AMORE.**

HO GUARDATO NEGLI
OCCHI DEI BAMBINI
E TI HO VISTO
IN QUELLO SGUARDO PURO,
HO TESO NEL DOLORE LA MIA
MANO.
TI HO INCONTRATO
NEL CUORE DI UN FRATELLO.

TI HO CERCATO SIGNORE DELLA
VITA
NELLA NOTTE, NELLA MIA PAURA:
TI HO SCOPERTO
COMPAGNO DI CAMMINO
E LA GIOIA È NATA DENTRO ME.