

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 9:26-31*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:26-28,30-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

SECOND READING *1 John 3:18-24*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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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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 Sue Tasic

Sun 9am Grace Baviera & Tess Pugliano

Sun 10.30 Anna D'Amato & Giovanna Navagero

Next Week

Sat 6pm Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9am Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

Sun 10.30 Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Next Week

Sat 6pm Mary De Marco Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Raf Carnovale Annette Barnes

Sun 11am Sofia Tabacco Laura Scherma

PARISH NEWS:

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The Archbishop, Peter Comensoli has assigned Fr Raymond Bugeja as Parish Priest of St Thomas Parish, Drysdale. Fr Ray will take care of the communities of Leopold, St. Leonard, Portarlinton, as well as Drysdale.

Fr James Puppady will be the parish priest of St Paul's Coburg and St Oliver Plunket, Pascoe Vale. Fr James hails from India, and he is 56 years of age. He is a wonderful priest. Let's keep both parish priests in our prayers. Both assignments take place on Wed., 9th June 2021.



The 5th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021. All Catholic dioceses and parishes will take part.

The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies), and other types of Sunday Assemblies.

This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. As well, in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in some areas, parishes will be invited to provide the number of 'views' of Masses or Sunday assemblies streamed online.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

Sacrificial Offering: \$601.30

Presbytery Collection: \$300.65

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Alessio Persano.

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, Candida Grusovin (Funeral mass, Mon., 11.30am), **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time**: Fr Sean O'Connell, Pietro Stefania, Solomon Romanos, Joe Bonnet, **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus, the true vine, promised that if we live in him we will produce abundantly. What are the signs of new life in you? Find ways to nourish your relationship with Jesus. (John 15:1-8).

REFLECTION: "Unbelievable Returns"

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Acts 9:26

Paul's surprising conversion changed him from a killer of Christians into an ardent disciple of Christ. Such a radical change of heart seems impossible. No wonder the disciples questioned the reality. A similar disbelief occurs today when people return from a transforming experience such as a profound spiritual-growth retreat, a recovery program for addiction or years of incarceration. When these experiences alter a person significantly, they return home with a desire to live differently, knowing they are not the people they used to be. However, these transformed individuals may find that those who knew their past attitude and behaviour will doubt the authenticity of their change. The story of Paul serves as a reminder to not give up believing in the power of divine love to transform someone's life, and to welcome them wholeheartedly when they return as "a new person."

Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

STEWARDSHIP

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
– 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

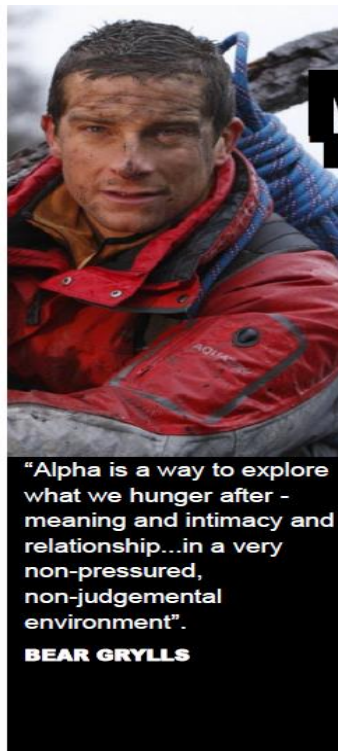
That are daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The advantages of Adversity"

Never complain about your troubles; they are responsible for more than half of your income.

Robert R. Updegraff

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



'Pondering Grief', Saturday 22 May 2021, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



**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!

BLEST ARE YOU LORD, 2
GOD OF ALL CREATION
THANKS TO YOUR GOODNESS,
THIS BREAD WE OFFER
FRUIT OF THE EARTH,
WORK OF OUR HANDS
IT WILL BECOME THE BREAD OF LIFE

**BLESSED BE GOD, BLESSED BE GOD,
BLESSED BE GOD, FOREVER, AMEN
BLESSED BE GOD, BLESSED BE GOD,
BLESSED BE GOD, FOREVER, AMEN**

BLEST ARE YOU LORD,
GOD OF ALL CREATION
THANKS TO YOUR GOODNESS,
THIS WINE WE OFFER
FRUIT OF THE EARTH,
WORK OF OUR HANDS
IT WILL BECOME THE CUP OF JOY

MY JESUS MY SAVIOUR 3
LORD THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU
ALL OF MY DAYS, I WANT TO PRAISE
THE WONDERS OF YOUR MIGHTY LOVE

MY COMFORT, MY SHELTER
TOWER OF REFUGE AND STRENGTH
LET EVERY BREATH, ALL THAT I AM
NEVER CEASE TO WORSHIP YOU

SHOUT TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH, LET US SING
POWER AND MAJESTY,
PRAISE TO OUR KING
MOUNTAINS BOW DOWN,
AND THE SEAS WILL ROAR
AT THE SOUND OF YOUR NAME

I SING WITH JOY
AT THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS
FOREVER I'LL LOVE YOU,
FOREVER I'LL STAND
NOTHING COMPARES TO THE PROMISE
I HAVE IN YOU

MY LORD HE DIED FOR A KINGDOM,
TO REDEEM THE HEARTS OF MEN; 4
NOW MY PEOPLE DON'T YOU WEEP,
HE HAS RISEN FROM HIS SLEEP;
HE LIVES AGAIN - ALLELUIA!

**SING ALLELUIA, THE LORD IS RISEN,
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA.**

MY LORD CAME FORTH LIKE THE
MORNING,
WITH THE SPLENDOR OF THE SUN;
CAME TRIUMPHANT FROM THE WOMB,
FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE TOMB
THE VICTORY WON, ALLELUIA!

MY LORD UNITED OUR MOUNTAINS,
WITH THE EVERLASTING HILLS;
NOW THE SEASONS AND THE SEA
SING HIS SONG OF VICTORY;
ROCKS AND RILLS, ALLELUIA!

MY LORD RENEWED ALL CREATION,
THAT HAD WAITED LATE AND LONG;
NOW WE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD
LIVE AND LOVE THE RISEN LORD
THIS IS OUR SONG, ALLELUIA!

PADRE T' AMIAMO E TI ADORIAMO, 1
GLORIA AL TUO NOME SULLA TERRA!
GLORIA AL TUO NOME, GLORIA AL
TUO NOME,
GLORIA AL TUO NOME SULLA TERRA

GESÙ T' AMIAMO E TI ADORIAMO,
GLORIA AL TUO NOME, SULLA TERRA!
GLORIA AL TUO NOME, GLORIA AL
TUO NOME,
GLORIA AL TUO NOME SULLA TERRA

SPIRITO T'AMIAMO E TI ADORIAMO
GLORIA AL TUO NOME SULLA TERRA!
GLORIA AL TUO NOME, GLORIA AL TUO
NOME
GLORIA AL TUO NOME SULLA TERRA.

COME IL CERVO ALL' ACQUA VA, 2
NOI COSÌ DA TE VENIAM:
GRANDE SETE ABBIAM DI TE,
DIO FONTE DELL' AMOR.

CAMMINIAMO VERSO TE,
FRA GIOIOSI CANTICI,
NOI VENIAMO AL TUO ALTAR,
PER AMARTI O SIGNOR.

CHI MI VEDE PIANGERE,
CHIEDE: DOV' È DIO?
IL SIGNORE È FRA DI NOI,
NEL CLAMOR DI GIOIA.

MA ORMAI NON PIANGERÒ
CHE IL SIGNORE È SALVATOR
E, SE IO SOFFRIRÒ
PENSERÒ A TE, SIGNOR.

GLORIA A DIO PADRE,
GLORIA AL FIGLIO REDENTOR,
GLORIA ALLO SPIRITO,
CHE CI UNISCE NELL' AMOR.
VIEN, SIGNORE, VIEN FRA NOI,
AMEN, ALLELUIA
VIEN SIGNORE, VIEN FRA NOI,
AMEN, ALLELUIA.

FISSA GLI OCCHI IN GESÙ, DA LUI NON 3
DISTOGLIERLI PIÙ
E LE COSE DEL MONDO TU VEDI
SVANIR E UNA LUCE DI GLORIA
APPARIR.

EFFONDE IL SUO AMORE GESÙ, IL
CUORE VUOLE CAMBIAR.
CON IL PADRE PRENDE DIMORA IN NOI,
CREATURE NUOVE NOI SIAM

LODE E GLORIA AL SIGNOR, CHE SALVA
NOI PECCATOR.
ALLELUIA ALLELUIA TU DEVI GRIDAR, È
QUI IL TUO SIGNOR.

CORRIAMO CON PERSEVERANZA
NELLA CORSA CHE CI STA DAVANTI,
TENENDO FISSO LO SGUARDO SU
GESÙ, AUTORE E PERFEZIONATORE
DELLA FEDE

GESÙ CRISTO È LA NOSTRA SPERANZA!

AVE MARIA, 4
PIENA DI GRAZIA
IL SIGNORE È CON TE.
È BENEDETTA SEI
FRA LE DONNE
E BENEDETTO È IL FRUTTO
DEL TUO SENO, GESÙ.

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