

The Pauline

Fifth Sunday of Lent

21st March 2021

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4,12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. R.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:7-9*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12.26

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me,
says the Lord; and where I am,
my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the

eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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 Sue Tasic
Sun 9am Stephanie Youil & Dean Youil
Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

Next Week

Sat 6pm Phillip Scardilli
Sun 9am Dora Youil & Chiara Dal Col
Sun 10.30 Gino De Fusco & Peter Aurora

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Mary De Marco
Sun 9am Rosa Touma
Sun 11am Sofia Tobacco

Next Week

Virginia Efthimiou
Patrick Baviera
Laura Scherma

EASTER TIMETABLE AT ST PAULS

Thur 25th 10am mass includes anointing of the sick

Fri 26th Way of the Cross at 9.15am (Italian) & 7pm (English)

Sun 28th - **PALM SUNDAY**

Mon 29th Confessions at 10.30am

Wed 31st Confessions at 10.30am

Thur 1st - **HOLY THURSDAY** - Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm

Fri 2nd - **GOOD FRIDAY**

- Morning Prayer at 10am

- Stations of the Cross (English) at 11am

- Good Friday Celebration at 3pm

- Way of the Cross (Italian) at 7pm

Sat 3rd - Morning Prayer at 10am

- **EASTER Vigil Mass at 7pm**

Sun 4th **EASTER SUNDAY** Mass at 9am (English) & 10.30am (Italian)

NEWS:

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/>

Fifth Sunday of Lent. This week we focus on Halima who is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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 \$ 919.35

2nd Collection: Presbytery \$ 300.00

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Ava Angelica Soares & Chloe Massoud

WEDDINGS: Kane Jonathan Benstead & Juliana Younan

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, Vincenza Toscano (Funeral Mass, Mon., 10am), **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Rocco & Maria Trimarchi, Vito & Carmela Romeo, **that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.**

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

VOCATION VIEW:

To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized. (John 12:20-33).

REFLECTION: "Spring Cleaning"

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Psalm 51:12

Psalm 51 is one of the seven penitential psalms and is often known in Lent as the Miserere, the opening word of the psalm in the ancient Latin translation meaning, "Have mercy on me." Asking for mercy can mean asking for our sins, deliberate immoral acts, to be forgiven. Mercy also means love expressed in tangible ways. Our plea could be for God to help us with other kinds of messes in our lives. Maybe we ask for God to create a clean heart in us by renewing in us God's own steadfast spirit to clean out the hoarded resentments and judgmental score-keeping, to sweep out the poisoning bitterness, to put the self-righteous negativity accumulated in our polarized world out with the trash. Beloved God, I have such a hard time doing this work on my own. In these last days of Lent, I want to open my windows and doors to this cleaning. With your steadfast spirit renewed, my heart will have room for Easter joy.

Patricia Livingston

STEWARDSHIP

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jer 31:33)
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "One Day"

Nothing is worth more than this day. **Johann von Goethe.**

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.



"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

"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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JOKE OF THE WEEK:



HERE IN THIS PLACE,
NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING
NOW IS THE DARKNESS VANISHED AWAY
SEE IN THIS SPACE
OUR FEARS AND OUR DREAMINGS
BROUGHT HERE TO YOU
IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DAY.
**GATHER US IN THE LOST AND FORSAKEN
GATHER US IN THE BLIND AND THE LAME
CALL TO US NOW AND WE SHALL
AWAKEN, WE SHALL ARISE
AT THE SOUND OF YOUR NAME.**

WE ARE THE YOUNG
OUR LIVES ARE A MYST'RY
WE ARE THE OLD
WHO YEARN FOR YOUR FACE
WE HAVE BEEN SUNG
THROUGHOUT ALL OF HIST'RY
CALLED TO BE LIGHT
TO THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.
**GATHER US IN THE RICH AND THE
HAUGHTY, GATHER US IN
THE PROUD AND THE STRONG
GIVE US A HEART SO MEEK AND SO
LOWLY, GIVE US THE COURAGE
TO ENTER THE SONG.**

HERE WE WILL TAKE THE WINE AND THE
WATER, HERE WE WILL TAKE
THE BREAD OF NEW BIRTH
HERE YOU SHALL CALL YOUR SONS AND
YOUR DAUGHTERS, CALL US ANEW
TO BE SALT FOR THE EARTH.
**GIVE US TO DRINK THE WINE OF
COMPASSION, GIVE US TO EAT
THE BREAD THAT IS YOU
NOURISH US WELL, AND TEACH US TO
FASHION, LIVES THAT ARE HOLY
AND HEARTS THAT ARE TRUE.**

NOT IN THE DARK OF BUILDINGS
CONFINING, NOT IN SOME HEAVEN
LIGHT YEARS AWAY. BUT HERE IN THIS
PLACE THE NEW LIGHT IS SHINING
NOW IS THE KINGDOM, NOW IS THE DAY.
**GATHER US IN AND HOLD US FOREVER
GATHER US IN AND MAKE US YOUR OWN
GATHER US IN, ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER
FIRE OF LOVE IN OUR FLESH AND OUR
BONES.**

ALL THAT I AM, ALL THAT I DO,
ALL THAT I'LL EVER HAVE,
I OFFER NOW TO YOU.

ALL THAT I DREAM, ALL THAT I PRAY,
ALL THAT I'LL EVER MAKE,
I GIVE TO YOU TODAY. (x 2)

TAKE AND SANCTIFY THESE GIFTS FOR
YOUR HONOUR, LORD;
KNOWING THAT I LOVE AND SERVE YOU
IS ENOUGH REWARD. (x 2)

ALL THAT I AM, ALL THAT I DO,
ALL THAT I'LL EVER HAVE,
I OFFER NOW TO YOU.

O THE LOVE OF MY LORD
IS THE ESSENCE,
OF ALL THAT I LOVE HERE ON EARTH.
ALL THE BEAUTY I SEE,
HE HAS GIVEN TO ME,
AND HIS GIVING
WAS GENTLE AS SILENCE.

EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR,
EVERY MOMENT,
HAS BEEN BLESSED
BY THE STRENGTH OF HIS LOVE.
AT THE TURN OF EACH TIDE,
HE IS THERE AT MY SIDE,
AND HIS TOUCH
IS AS GENTLE AS SILENCE.

THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE
TURNED FROM HIS PRESENCE,
AND I'VE WALKED OTHER PATHS, OTHER
WAYS.
BUT I'VE CALLED ON HIS NAME,
IN THE DARK OF MY SHAME
AND HIS MERCY
WAS GENTLE AS SILENCE.

I WILL BE THE ONE
WHO WALKS WITH YOU,
YOU WILL BE ALWAYS
WITHIN MY HAND;
TAKE YOUR HEART
AND GIVE IT ALL TO ME.
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

SHOULD YOU WANDER
FAR AWAY FROM ME,
I WILL SEARCH
FOR YOU IN EVERY LAND;
SHOULD YOU CALL
THEN YOU WILL TRULY KNOW,
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

WHEN YOU KNOW
SORROW WITHIN YOUR LIFE,
I WILL COME,
I WILL EMBRACE YOUR HEART;
THROUGH YOUR PAIN
YOU WILL DISCOVER ME,
**STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE,
STRONG AND CONSTANT IS MY LOVE.**

**SIGNORE, ASCOLTA: PADRE,
PERDONA !
FÀ CHE VEDIAMO IL TUO AMORE.**

A TE GUARDIAMO, REDENTORE
NOSTRO;
DA TE SPERIAMO GIOIA DI SALVEZZA,
FÀ CHE TROVIAMO GRAZIA DI
PERDONO.

TI CONFESSIAMO OGNI NOSTRA COLPA;
RICONOSCIAMO OGNI NOSTRO
ERRORE;
E TI PREGHIAMO: DONA IL TUO
PERDONO.

O BUON PASTORE, TU CHE DAI LA
VITA:
PAROLA CERTA, ROCCIA CHE NON
MUTA:
PERDONA ANCORA, CON PIETÀ
INFINITA.

**SIGNORE, SEI TU IL MIO PASTOR,
NULLA MI PUÒ MANCAR SE TU
SEI CON ME**

SU PRATI VERDEGGIANTI MI GUIDI A
RIPOSAR, AD ACQUE CHIARE E FRESCHE
MI VENGO A DISSETAR.

SE IN UNA VALLE OSCURA IO CAMMINAR
DOVRÒ, VICINO A TE, SIGNORE, PIÙ NULLA
TEMERÒ.

**SIGNORE FA DI ME
UNO STRUMENTO DELLA TUA PACE.
SIGNORE FA DI ME
UNO STRUMENTO DEL TUO AMOR.**

LA' DOV' È L' ODIO CH' IO PORTI L'
AMORE.
DOV' È L' OFFESA CH' IO PORTI IL
PERDONO.....RIT.

DOV' È DISCORDIA CH' IO PORTI L'
UNIONE.
DOV' È L' ERRORE CH' IO PORTI LA
VERITÀ.....RIT.

DOV' È DUBBIO CH' IO PORTI LA FEDE.
DOV' È DISPERAZIONE CH' IO PORTI LA
SPERANZA....RIT.

DOVE SON LE TENEBRE CH' IO PORTI
LA LUCE,
DOV' È TRISTEZZA CH' IO PORTI LA
GIOIA.....RIT.

O MARIA SANTISSIMA,
DOLCE MADRE DI GESÙ,
STENDI IL TUO MANTO SOPRA LA
TERRA
RENDI SICURO IL CAMMINO QUAGGIÙ.

AVE, AVE, MARIA !

O MARIA PURISSIMA,
SEI L'ELETTA DEL SIGNOR.
SALVA I TUOI FIGLI, PORTALI AL CIELO,
SORREGGI TU LA SPERANZA NEI
CUOR.

5th Sunday of
Lent
We prepare