

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 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the

Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-4

R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. R.

SECOND READING *1 John 4:7-10*

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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 Phillip Scardilli

Sun 9am Brent Greig & Dylan Greig

Sun 10.30 Sam Stagliano & T/M Costanzo

Next Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou

Sun 9am Rosa Touma & Patricia Wright

Sun 10.30 Rita Luci & Rosa Oppendisano

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Next Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou Jim & Lourdes Galea

Sun 9am Annette Barnes Alfred Meilak

Sun 11am Laura Scherma Maria D'Angelo

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: \$698.90

Presbytery Collection: \$350.00

WE PRAY FOR

BAPTISMS: Oisín Sethun O'Donovan

WEDDINGS: Amanda Lamanna & Matthew Carnevale
Bridget Butera & Tyla Sandiford
Anthony Cannizzaro & Nadia Carbonari..

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, Lina Lo Nigro (Funeral Mon 11.30am), Giovanni Amato, **and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:**

Annunziata, Giuseppe, Giovanni Amato, Giovanna Di Grazia, Maria Psaila, Carmela Cardo, Pina, Antonia, Vito Gareffa, Rosa Caruso, Salvatore Maio, Ettore Lovino, Paolo & Rosaria Capellano, Patricia Thorogood, Nicola Lusi
, that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.

VOCATION VIEW:

It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? (John 15:9-17).

REFLECTION: "Widening the circle"

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Acts 10:34

The earliest Christians were mostly Jews. In general, they mistrusted Gentiles. Their mistrust was rooted in their history. These first Christians believed that Jesus had come only for them. They believed there was no room for Gentiles in their new religious community—unless they first became Jews. Peter fought against this mentality, saying that Jesus came for Jews and Gentiles. In fact, Jesus came for all. No exclusions. Today might be a good day to reflect on those individuals whom we don't like, those whom we tend to exclude from the circle of our love and respect—perhaps people of a particular race, gender, age, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, occupation, economic status. In the words of today's responsorial psalm, Jesus came and sang "a new song," a song that calls his followers to widen the circle of their love "to the ends of the earth."

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

STEWARDSHIP

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" – JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we may show our love for God by the way we use our time, talent and treasure.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Forgiveness"

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
Mahatma Gandhi

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Chaplaincy Appeal 2021. Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR MOM A
BOTTLE OF WINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY**



**AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE REASON
SHE DRINKS**

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SING TO THE MOUNTAINS,
SING TO THE SEA
RAISE YOUR VOICES,
LIFT YOUR HEARTS.
THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE
LET ALL THE EARTH REJOICE.

1

I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU MY LORD,
YOU HAVE ANSWERED MY PLEA;
YOU HAVE SAVED MY SOUL FROM
DEATH,
YOU ARE MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF
YOUR GLORY.

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS
MADE
LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE.
HE HAS TURNED ALL DEATH TO LIFE
SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

A NEW COMMANDMENT
I GIVE UNTO YOU
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.

2

BY THIS THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT
YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES,
IF YOU HAVE LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER.
BY THIS THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT
YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES,
IF YOU HAVE LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER.

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.

ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER
ON THIS DAY WE GIVE THEE OUR LOVE
NEAR THEE MADONNA,
FONDLY WE HOVER,
TRUSTING THY GENTLE CARE TO
PROVE.

ON THIS DAY WE ASK TO SHARE,
DEAREST MOTHER, THY SWEET CARE.
AID US E'ER OUR FEET ASTRAY,
WANDER FROM THY GUIDING WAY.

QUEEN OF ANGELS, DEIGN TO HEAR,
LISPING CHILDREN'S HUMBLE PRAYER;
YOUNG HEARTS GAIN, O VIRGIN PURE,
SWEETLY TO THYSELF ALLURE.

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
A COLUI CHE RISUSCITO
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
GLORIA AL NOME DI GESÙ**

1

CRISTO È IL SIGNOR
DEL MONDO INTERNO:
GESÙ IL RE DEL CREATO.....RIT

PORTIAMO A TUTTI
IL SUO VANGELO;
GESÙ È MORTO E RISORTO.....RIT

LODE AL PADRE E AL FIGLIO
E ALLO SPIRITO. AMEN.....RIT

O SIGNOR, PRENDI I NOSTRI CUORI
CAMBIALI, TRASFORMALI,
PERCHE' DIVENTINO TUA GLORIA

2

O SIGNOR, PRENDI LA NOSTRA VITA,
CAMBIALA, TRASFORMALA,
PERCHE' DIVENTI LA TUA GLORIA.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI LE NOSTRE PENE
CAMBIALE, TRASFORMALE,
PERCHE' DIVENTINO TUA GLORIA.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI LE NOSTRE GIOIE,
CAMBIALE, TRASFORMALE
PERCHÈ DIVENTINO TUA GLORIA.
O SIGNOR, PRENDI QUESTO PANE,
CAMBIALO, TRASFORMALO,
PERCHÈ DIVENTI IL TUO CORPO.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI QUESTO VINO,
CAMBIALO, TRASFORMALO,
PERCHÈ DIVENTI IL TUO SANGUE.

AMATEVI, FRATELLI,
COME IO HO AMATO VOI!
AVRETE LA MIA GIOIA
CHÈ NESSUNO VI TOGLIERÀ
AVREMO LA SUA GIOIA
CHE NESSUNO CI TOGLIERÀ

3

VIVETE INSIEME UNITI,
COME IL PADRE È UNITO A ME!
AVRETE LA MIA VITA
SE L'AMORE SARÀ CON VOI!
AVREMO LA SUA VITA
SE L'AMORE SARÀ CON NOI!

VI DICO QUESTE PAROLE PERCHÈ
ABBIATE IN VOI LA GIOIA!
SARETE MIEI AMICI
SE L'AMORE SARÀ CON VOI!
SAREMO SUOI AMICI
SE L'AMORE SARÀ CON NOI!

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.

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

