

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 *Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14*

*A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where
the sun rises, carrying the seal of the
living God; he called in a powerful voice
to the four angels whose duty was to
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you
do any damage on land or at sea or to the
trees, until we have put the seal on the
foreheads of the servants of our God.'
Then I heard how many were sealed: a
hundred and forty-four thousand, out of
all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a
huge number, impossible to count, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and
language; they were standing in front of
the throne and in front of the Lamb,
dressed in white robes and holding palms
in their hands. They shouted aloud,
'Victory to our God, who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the
angels who were standing in a circle
round the throne, surrounding the elders
and the four animals, prostrated
themselves before the throne, and
touched the ground with their foreheads,
worshipping God with these words,

'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honour and power and
strength to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.' One of the elders then spoke,
and asked me, 'Do you know who these
people are, dressed in white robes, and
where they have come from?' I answered
him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he
said, 'These are the people who have
been through the great persecution, and
they have washed their robes white again
in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23:1-6

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to
see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its
fullness, the world and all its
peoples. It is he who set it on the
seas; on the waters he made it firm.
R.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the
Lord? Who shall stand in his holy
place? The man with clean hands
and pure heart, who desires not
worthless things. R
3. He shall receive blessings from the
Lord and reward from the God who
saves him. Such are the men who
seek him, seek the face of the God
of Jacob. R.

SECOND READING *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of John.

Think of the love that the Father has
lavished on us, by letting us be called
God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to
acknowledge him, therefore it does not
acknowledge us. My dear people, we are
already the children of God but what we
are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed; all we know is, that when it is
revealed we shall be like him because we
shall see him as he really is. Surely
everyone who entertains this hope must
purify himself, must try to be as pure as
Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and
are burdened and I will give you
rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12

*A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them: 'How happy are the
poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have
the earth for their heritage. Happy those
who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have
mercy shown them. Happy the pure in
heart: they shall see God. Happy the
peacemakers: they shall be called sons of
God. Happy those who are persecuted in
the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom
of heaven. 'Happy are you when people
abuse you and persecute you and speak
all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven.'
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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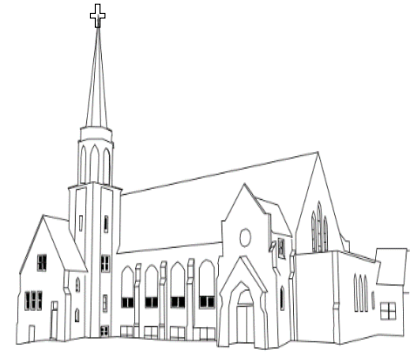
Parish Priest: Fr. Raymond Bugeja

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St Paul's Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Friday: 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

MASSES:

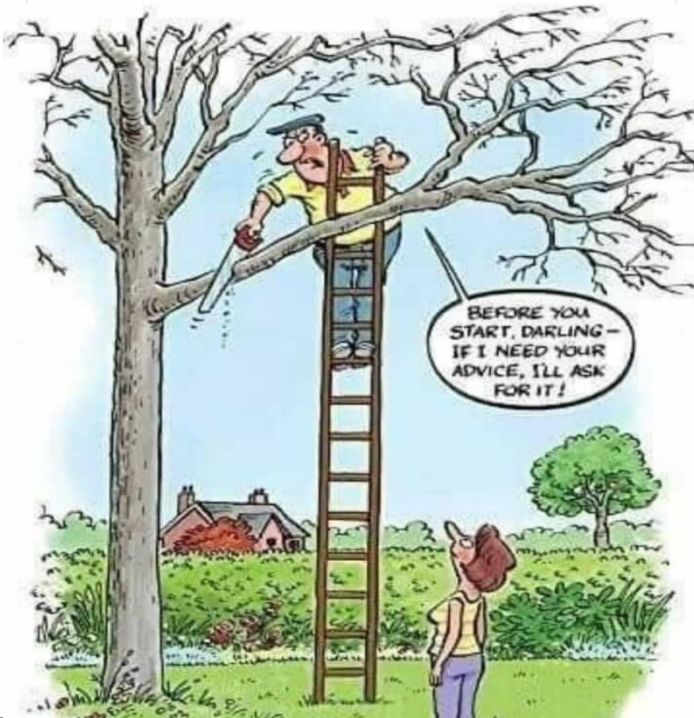
Weekends: Saturday: 6:00 pm (vigil),
8.00pm (Neo Catechumenate)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am (Italian),

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10.00 am.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 11am and 6.45pm

JOKE OF THE WEEK



THANKSGIVING – DIRECT DEPOSIT BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Church.

Credit Card payments:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635719>

OCT THANKSGIVING OFFERING \$1,100.00

Presbytery: \$ 489.56

Works done recently: Presbytery roof: \$40,000

Painting of presbytery inside: \$12,400

Thanks for your support in these challenging times.

IMPORTANT NEWS: REOPENING OF ST PAUL'S

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What an awkward year 2020 has been, and we are not out of the woods, yet. During this time, you were in my prayers. I would like to thank all who showed concern for me by calling me on the phone to see how I am coping. I've been ok throughout this time and pretty busy, too. The good news is that the church is now open, and celebrating mass with a limited number of 10, and it goes up to 20 from the 8th November.

Anyone who would like to participate in the weekend Eucharist need to book, by calling the parish office (9354-1564) to confirm his/her booking, for the following weekend; the booking has to be made by Thursday, prior to the weekend. Only the first 10/20 bookings can attend. Thank you for your sacrifice, discipline, understanding and cooperation.

During this time of closure, the parish has gone some much needed renovations which have been booked prior to Covid-19. The roof of the presbytery was leaking, so I had to fix it for the sum of \$40,000; and the presbytery needed to be cleaned, and painted for the sum of \$12,400. As you might be aware the contributions went down heavily, during this time. At the same time, I appreciate all those who continued to contribute by passing their contributions under the presbytery door or through the newly CDF Pay, online. Your continued faithfulness to support the parish is greatly appreciated, and may the Lord reward you for your generosity.

The next set of Thanksgiving (Sacrificial Offering) envelopes, for the next four months has been posted this past week. Your continued support has been always appreciated, but especially, in these times that affected financially, everyone, including the parish.

There is also the opportunity for cashless online payments via CDF Pay for Parishes online payment portal. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments.

The St Paul's Catholic Church, Coburg site is live and can be found via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635719>

Alternatively, the Parish Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 67541 0884

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Church

Thank you for your continued support of the parish during this difficult time. Peace.

Fr. Raymond Bugeja

Parish Priest St Paul's Coburg

WE PRAY FOR

We pray for those in our local community who are **sick** and vulnerable: may they see in us the followers of a God who heals and serves.

Let us pray for those who have died, whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Vincent, Angelo Avenoso; that they may enter the peace of God.

STEWARDSHIP:

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

REFLECTION: Making the List

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Matthew 5:12

Over 25 years ago, I wrote a book, *Saints and Seasons*, containing a short resume of over 85 saints that we celebrate in the daily liturgies. Often, I scan the names of those saints in the table of contents, thinking of when and where they lived and what they did. They all died after living unique and holy lives and are now canonized, church-designated as in heaven. I have written another list of saints, not published in any book. These are people I have known personally who have died after living holy and inspiring lives of faith in Jesus. This group consists of family, teachers, clergy, religious sisters and many parishioners I have known from being the pastor in a number of churches. I have my own, private criteria as guidelines for those who qualify to make my saint list. At this time, they number 37. Occasionally, I remember another individual who should be on my rosters. On All Saints Day and every day, I revere all the saints who have impressed and inspired me to live a better life.

Fr James McKarns

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we ask the saints in Heaven for guidance in defending our Faith.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – Commitment

Whether you are really right or not doesn't matter, it's the belief that counts.
Robertson Davies

VOCATION VIEW

We remember those who have gone before us, whose lives and witness showed us the truth of the Gospel and the joy of faith. Pray especially for deceased priests and religious who gave their lives in the service of God and his Church.



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

THE GREEN BIBLE

Words of Love for a Suffering Planet

STEPHEN SCHARPER AND SIMON APPOLLONI

This revised edition of *The Green Bible* by **Stephen Scharper** and **Simon Appolloni** will guide you through the biblical seven days of Creation, with the aim of inspiring hope that life will continue – and flourish – for all creation.

This edition of *The Green Bible* with its updated figures, testimonies, and words from Pope Francis and Greta Thunberg, is timely and transformative for the current environmental crisis. It sources range from the Jewish and Christian scriptures to current religious and political leaders, scientists and environmentalists, and ends with suggestions for further action and reading, including references to Australian and New Zealand resources.

***The Green Bible* contributes to the global dialogue where environmental issues are approached from all levels of secular society. Ideal for those seeking a deeper understanding of their own role as a human to care for our Earth.**

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'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), *this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.*

COVID-19 PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



1-Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

2-Pray for people at higher risk of developing the disease.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.

3-Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the new coronavirus.

God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job.

Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease's spread.

4-Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the new coronavirus.

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

5-Pray for families adjusting to new ways of life.

Holy Spirit, as families adjust to everyone being home as businesses and schools close, we ask that You guide people in their new realities. Give spouses grace for each other. Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning.

6-Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.

Jesus, we thank You for Your faithfulness in how you have guided and equipped people in their jobs and have provided in the past. It can be scary and overwhelming not knowing how bills and obligations will be met or to not be able to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during the uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace, reminding them that You are there for them. Provide for them in their times of need.

7-Pray for grocery store workers and delivery drivers.

Lord, we are so grateful for all the people who continue to work each day so that people are able to eat. We ask that You bless and protect them as they serve. Give them grace to handle disgruntled customers during supplies shortages. Keep their bodies healthy as they unload and stock boxes of supplies. Keep their cars and trucks running smoothly as they deliver needed supplies and food people have ordered online. And please protect them all from contracting the new coronavirus.

8-Pray for the disease to stop spreading.

Almighty God, we know that everything is in Your sovereign control. We ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to wash their hands properly. And while it may be heart-breaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

9-For those who died of the COVID-19, may God grant them eternal rest, and we pray for their families, may the Lord give them strength during this time of loss.