

COME LET US SING TO EVERY NATION: 1
GREAT IS OUR GOD AND KING!
HE IS THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS AND SING!

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.

WHATSOEVER YOU DO 2
TO THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS,
THAT YOU DO UNTO ME.

WHEN I WAS HUNGRY
YOU GAVE ME TO EAT,
WHEN I WAS THIRSTY
YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK;
NOW ENTER INTO
THE HOME OF MY FATHER.

WHEN I WAS WEARY
YOU HELPED ME FIND REST,
WHEN I WAS ANXIOUS
YOU CALMED ALL MY FEARS;
NOW ENTER INTO
THE HOME OF MY FATHER.

WHEN I WAS LAUGHED AT
YOU STOOD BY MY SIDE,
WHEN I WAS HAPPY
YOU SHARED IN MY JOY;
NOW ENTER INTO
THE HOME OF MY FATHER.

WE'RE WAITING FOR JESUS LIKE MARY
WE'RE WAITING FOR JESUS THE LORD.

COME DOWN, LORD JESUS! 3
COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS!
THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR
LOVE,
THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR
LOVE.

WE'RE LAYING THE MANGER FOR
MARY,
A MANGER FOR JESUS THE LORD.

WE'RE MAKING IT LOVELY FOR MARY,
SO LOVELY FOR JESUS THE LORD.

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH 4
LORD, I LOVE TO SING YOUR PRAISES
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE IN MY LIFE
I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME TO SAVE US

YOU CAME FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH
- TO SHOW THE WAY
FROM THE EARTH TO THE CROSS
- MY DEBT TO PAY
FROM THE CROSS TO THE GRAVE
FROM THE GRAVE TO THE SKY
LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

SITTING WITH MY BROTHERS, 5
SITTING WITH MY SISTERS,
SITTING BY THE JESSE TREE.
WAITING WITH MY BROTHERS,
WAITING WITH MY SISTERS,
WAITING BY THE JESSE TREE.
WHY ARE YOU WAITING BOYS?
WHY ARE YOU WAITING GIRLS?
WHO ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

STAND UP AND SING,
HERE COMES THE KING,
HERE COMES THE LORD OF LORDS,
THAT'S WHO WE'RE WAITING FOR!

LITTLE BOYS WILL BRING LIONS
TO THE SPRING,
LITTLE GIRLS WILL BRING CALVES
THERE TOO.
THE WOLF WILL LIVE IN PEACE
WITH THE LAMB,
THE COWS AND THE BEARS
WILL MAKE FRIENDS.
NO NEED TO FIGHT, THAT HOLY NIGHT,
THEY KNOW HE'S COMING TOO!

GONNA BE A GREAT DAY,
ALL OUR FEARS WILL FLY AWAY,
WE'LL SING AND DANCE
FOR GOD'S OWN SON.
ONE SPECIAL BIRTH;
ONE PEACEFUL EARTH,
THAT GREAT DAY WHEN HE COMES

OSANNA AL FIGLIO DI DAVID, 1
OSANNA AL REDENTOR!

APRITEVI, O PORTE ETERNE:
AVANZI IL RE DELLA GLORIA.
ADORI CIELO E TERRA L'ETERNO SUO
POTER.

O MONTI STILLATE DOLCEZZA:
IL RE D'AMOR S'AVVICINA;
SI DONA PANE VIVO ED OFFRE
PACE AL CUOR.

O VERGINE, PRESSO L'ALTISSIMO
TROVASTI GRAZIA E ONOR:
SOCCORRI I TUOI FIGLIUOLI
DONANDO IL SALVATOR.

SALGA LA NOSTRA OFFERTA 2
PADRE A TE GRADITA
IN CRISTO TU CI UNISCI
ACCENDI IN NOI L' AMOR.

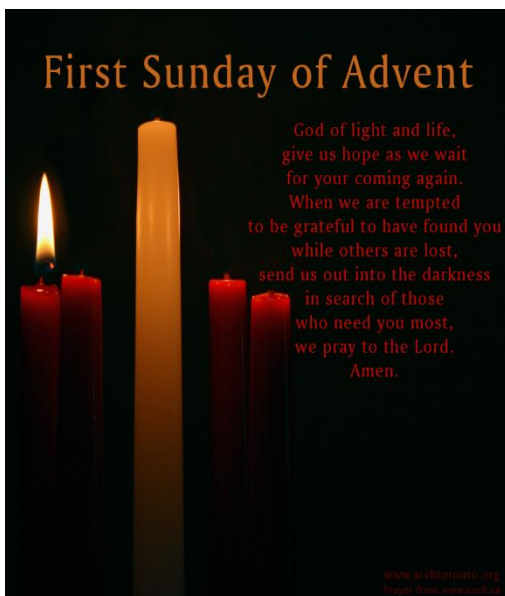
IL PANE IL VINO SULL' ALTAR
SIGNORE DEPONIAMO.
LE NOSTRE PENE ASSIEME A TE
AL PADRE NOI OFFRIAMO.

PERCHE' IL TUO REGNO CRESCA
SIGNORE TI PREGHIAMO
SALVEZZA E PACE AL MONDO
CON FEDE IMPLORIAMO.

TI AMO SIGNOR, 3
A TE ELEVO LA VOCE
PER ADORARTI
CON TUTTA L'ANIMA MIA
GIOISCI MIO RE,
SI RALLEGRI IL MIO CUOR,
DOLCE SIGNORE
E DIVIN REDENTOR!

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.
COSI' SIA.
AVE MARIA !



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

Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 121:1-2,4-5,6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's
law it is, there to praise the Lord's
name. There were set the thrones of
judgement of the house of David. R.
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes! May
peace reign in your walls, in your
palaces, peace!' R.
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. R.

SECOND READING *Romans 13:11-14*

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

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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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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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month-9am Mass

ADORATION: First Friday of the month: 10.30 am to 12pm

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12.00 pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETINGS: Once Monthly

MARRIAGE PREP MEETINGS: Wed 8pm or Sat 4pm

WEDDING REHEARSALS: Mon or Fri – 8pm

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND: Thurs & Fri.

COMMUNION TO SICK at Bupa & Northern Gardens:

every 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

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: 2019

01 Dec: St Lucy

For enquires about above programs, please call the parish office

READERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Sue Tasic
Sun 9am Pam Atkinson & Trevor Atkinson
Sun 10.30am Tom Constanzo & Rita Luci

Next Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou
Sun 9am Alfred Meilak & Michael King
Sun 10.30am Anna D'Amato & Marinella Constanzo

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

This Week

Sat 6pm Virginia Efthimiou
Sun 9am Patrick Baveria
Sun 10.30 Sofia Tabacco

Next Week

Jim & Lourdes Galea
Raf Carnovale
Carmelo Ruggero

DECEMBER AT ST PAULS

Sun 1st St Lucy Feast at 2pm
Mon 2nd - Whole School Advent Mass at 10am
- 1st Month Mass of Teresa Cilicco at 7pm
Tues 3rd School Christmas Carols at 6pm
Wed 4th 1st Month Mass of Concetta Taverna at 7pm
Fri 6th - First Friday Adoration 10.30am – 12pm
- Wedding Rehearsal at 8pm
Sun 8th - Baptisms of Alexi Cassar, Stephanie Karakasidis & Mia Kannis at 12pm
- Melbourne Overseas Mission Collection
Mon 9th Whole School Advent Mass at 10am
Wed 11th Italian Prayer Group Christmas breakup
Thur 12th Mass at Bupa Nursing Home at 11am
Sat 14th The Christmas Story in the School Grounds at 7pm
Sun 15th Wedding of Marta De Macedo & Marco Pinto at 1.30pm
Mon 16th - Graduation Mass at 7pm
- Legion of Mary Group: Christmas breakup.
Wed 18th End of Year School mass at 10am
Thur 19th 10am Mass includes Oil of the Sick celebration
Sun 22nd Baptism of Olivia Dorman at 12pm
Tues 24th Vigil Mass at 6pm
Christmas Carols at 11.40pm
Wed 25th - Midnight Christmas Mass
- Christmas Day Masses at 9am & 10.30am
- Collection for priests
Mon 30th Solemn Benediction at 10am mass
SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Sat 21st December: 11am & 6.45pm
Mon 23rd December: 10.30am
Tues 24th December: 11am

NOTICES:

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL – December 7th & 8th. Since its foundation in 1969, Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua new Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru & Jerusalem.

LOURDES DAY MASS Sat 7 Dec, 10.30am. St Patrick's Cathedral. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as 'the Immaculate Conception'. Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:

1st Collection	Sacrificial Offering	\$ 776.10
2nd Collection	Presbvtery	\$ 877.50

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 recently; Giuseppe Palermo, Modesto Longo; **and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time;** Ivan Buultjens (1 year), Maria Accardi (1 year), **that they may enter the peace of God.**

STEWARDSHIP:

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

REFLECTION: “Advent: a Joyful Season”

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12

During Lent, the Scripture readings and music are definitely penitential, urging us to “reform our lives” and root out our sinful tendencies. But Advent has a more joyful tone: we are focused on the coming birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Still, the theme of conversion/spiritual renewal is strongly present in Advent. St. Paul urges us today to “...put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh” (verse 14). As we have been saddened by the revelations of sexual abuse of children by priests and even bishops, the need for spiritual renewal on the part of all of us is abundantly clear. At the same time, during Advent, the Scriptures and the Church urge us to lift our vision higher. The season of Advent, with its positive messages from the Old Testament prophets and the inspiring example of Mary and Joseph, can nourish our hopes and inspire us to use our time and energy to help build a more just and peaceful world. *Fr. Martin Pable, O.F.M. Cap.*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

That we don’t take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Prayer”

I firmly believe a great many prayers are not answered because we are not willing to forgive someone.

Dwight L. Moody

VOCATION VIEW

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Tues 03/12 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Wed 04/12 Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor
Fri 06/12 Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Sat 07/12 Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

NEWS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL PILGRIMS

COMMISSIONING MASS: Last Sunday’s commissioning Mass for ACYF Pilgrims from St Paul’s and Mercy College.



JOKE OF THE WEEK



You are warmly invited to a
“Christmas Celebration”
Featuring a:
NATIVITY PLAY

With
Carols, Kings, Angels, camels, and a donkey, etc.
And followed by refreshments in the School Hall
AT
St Pauls Catholic Church,
562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Saturday 14th December
Immediately after the
6.00pm Mass

Children are invited to bring
their letters to the Three Kings