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4th & 5th July 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!
The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the
body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the
spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in
you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ
you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him
who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he
who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your
own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to
obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If
you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if
by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the
body you will live.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I am gentle and humble of heart.
Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven
and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned
and the clever and revealing them to mere children.
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Mass: "two usages of the one Roman rite"

In July 2007 (during my first year in the seminary) Pope Benedict XVI promulgated *Summorum Pontificum*, the much-anticipated *motu proprio* "on the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the Reform of 1970." The document was significant for a number of reasons, practically and theologically. Practically speaking, it permitted the free use of the traditional Latin Mass (1962) by any priest of the Latin Rite, and even encouraged a willingness on the part of priests to provide this form of the Mass where there was a pastoral need. Theologically it was significant in that judged that the Traditional Latin Mass had technically never been abrogated. This was contrary to the popular wisdom that argued that Vatican II had prohibited the Latin Mass. This is wrong on two counts. Firstly, the relevant Council documents themselves (primarily *Sacrosanctum concilium*) say nothing of the sort. Secondly, the Latin Mass was the only Mass known to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. The New Mass (Novus Ordo) of Paul VI did not come into effect until 1970, five years after the close of Vatican II in 1965.

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In *Summorum Pontificum* Pope Benedict XVI sought to reconcile the 'Old' and 'New' Mass by presenting them as two expressions of the one Rite. He referred to the Novus Ordo as the Ordinary Form (in the sense that it is the more commonly used Form), and the Traditional Latin Mass as the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Extra-ordinary in the sense that it is less widely used). He also spoke of the need for a "mutual enrichment" of the two forms. Benedict XVI concludes: "These two expressions of the Church's *lex orandi* (rule of prayer) will in no way lead to a division in the Church's *lex credendi* (rule of faith); for they are two usages of the one Roman rite."

For many the difficulty of the Latin Mass is its 'strangeness.' Yet, paradoxically behind the 'strangeness' of the Latin Mass lies its hidden strength. The Latin Mass is so arrestingly unlike anything our culture has to offer that it carries an unrivalled capacity to convey a sense of transcendence. The Latin Mass is unapologetically supernatural in its unflinching orientation towards God. The strictly ritualistic form of the Latin Mass therefore resists the tendency of the modern liturgy to incline towards a worldly, socio-political notion of 'relevance', one that follows the popular causes of the day. In reality the primary 'relevance' of the liturgy lies in the worship it renders to the Triune

God. Every other 'end' of the Mass is subordinate to the adoration we owe to our Creator and Redeemer. As Benedict XVI notes, it is the "constant concern that the Church of Christ should offer worthy worship to the Divine Majesty, "for the praise and glory of his name" and "the good of all his holy Church."

I remember attending my first Latin Mass as a twenty-year-old and feeling a bit uneasy. I had attended the Catholic Mass all my life and yet here I felt like a foreigner, an outsider to my own religion. That first impression did not prompt me to rush back to the Latin Mass. In retrospect I went into it 'cold' without any explanation or preparation. I've since come to realise that the Mass is not made for 'tourists' who come once for the experience. The Mass presupposes a lifetime of regular familiarisation, to unpack the richness it contains. Over time my study of Church history and theology forced me to re-evaluate the Latin Mass. It is extraordinary to think that up until 1970, the entire Catholic world was united by a universal liturgy. Catholics in Tokyo, Johannesburg, Paris, Dublin, Lima, Montreal or Melbourne on any given day would all have attended a Mass that was virtually identical in form and content. And this was the case for well over a thousand years! The fact that such a complex ritual could exist essentially unchanged for centuries across vastly different cultures, and to flourish in the process, is a fact worth taking stock of. Benedict XVI writes: "In this way the sacred liturgy, celebrated according to the Roman usage, enriched the faith and piety, as well as the culture, of numerous peoples. It is well known that in every century of the Christian era the Church's Latin liturgy in its various forms has inspired countless saints in their spiritual life, confirmed many peoples in the virtue of religion and enriched their devotion."

In my experience the Latin Mass has the capacity to generate a wide array of responses, positive and negative. Alas, for some it (inexplicably) evokes paroxysms of rage! Others find themselves bored, confused or unsettled by its unfamiliarity. For others it is a source of curiosity, even fascination. Yet for a growing number of people (particularly those born after the promulgation of the new Mass in 1970) the discovery of the Latin Mass has transformed their experience of Catholicism – awakening a sense of awe and reverence before the mystery of God. Many who discover the Latin Mass find in it a refuge from the banality, nihilism and narcissism of the secular world. My own appreciation of the Latin Mass was a long slow process linked to my own

conversion. I had to correct many of my own prejudices and short-comings (not least my grasp of Latin!) in order to appreciate that the Extraordinary Form of the Mass was in fact part of my own patrimony and culture as a Latin Rite Catholic. Of course, I have much to learn since this is still quite new to me, but I remain willing to grow ever deeper in my understanding of my Catholic heritage. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his pastoral letter to bishops: "what earlier generations held as sacred remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden forbidden or even considered harmful."

With these considerations in mind and in response to numerous requests from local families I have decided to add a regular Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Saturdays at 9:00am at St Patrick's, Lilydale. All the regular Masses in the Ordinary Form will continue as normal. All are welcome however you will need to book via the parish phone number as per the other parish Masses. Should you have any questions feel free to enquire via the parish office.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Nancy Del Tondo

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, Anne Moroney, Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Trish Macpherson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovens, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Darren McInnes, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Joe Di Battista, Gwen Weaver, Stella Martin, Peter Murphy

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Pledged Amount	\$1404.50
Thanksgiving received June 27/28	
Thanksgiving Collection \$	749.80
Presbytery \$	122.00
Restoration \$	0

RECONCILIATION

10am Saturday morning or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six month's notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

PARISH OFFICE

Please call 0448 658 418

PASTORAL WORKER

Please call 0448 664 731

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact the Lilydale Centre on 1800 305 330
Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,
Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418



We are a child safe Parish

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.



We have recently switched to NBN and having trouble accessing our office phone message bank. If you need to contact the office please call 0448 658 418.

Safety at Masses When you come to Masses, please be aware of yourself in relation to others. Sanitising on entry to the church, appropriate social distancing, especially as we queue to receive the Eucharist, and sanitising around the seat we have occupied will keep everyone as safe as we can make them. Our responsibility to each other is now more grave than it has ever been. As you come to receive Holy Communion, please try not to breathe on Father, or touch him, and please try not to touch surfaces as you move around the church. The collection basket is placed on a table near the door. After Mass, please

practice safe social distancing as you pause for a chat with Father and your friends. Thank you for your thoughtfulness for us all.



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SPECIAL COLLECTION

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting vinnies.org.au or calling 13 18 12. Please help us to help others. Thank you.

Phone donations: Donate on the phone using a credit card by calling **13 18 12** (donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by giving the name of the conference over the phone.

Online donations: Visit vinnies.org.au (donors can direct their gift to their local conference by entering the conference name in the "comments" field)

Cash or Cheque donations: There will be some envelopes with a Conference Stamp left in the church if people wish to donate through this method. **Video link** to State President Kevin McMahon: <https://bit.ly/2yEkBp3>

Masses are back with changes!

St Patrick's: Saturday Extraordinary form: 9am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.30 am
Tuesday: 9.15 am
Wednesday: 9.15 am
Friday: 9.15 am

For Masses at St Patrick's, Lilydale, phone: 0448 658 418

Please note no Tuesday evening mass

St Brigid's: Sunday 8.30 am
(Please note: no Wednesday evening Masses)
To book to attend a Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville, phone: 0448 664 731.

As of 1st June only 20 people, plus Father, a reader and a server are permitted to attend each Mass. Protocols for sanitising and social distancing will be strictly observed. **Bookings must be pre-arranged.** A waiting list applies for those who would like to attend Mass regularly, and priority will be given to those who have not yet been able to attend Mass since the shutdown began.



From Debbie' Desk As I wrote my article last week, I was thinking about the astronauts on the space station, and their unique perspective as they take in the breathtaking sight of our earth from way

'above'. I thought through the mind-boggling reality that God loves each of us on this tiny planet with the fullness of perfect love, and that there has never been even one anonymous life throughout the entire span of history that has passed by unnoticed or forgotten by the God of love. How many people, individuals with actual stories, does that add up to??? Taking this in stretches the brain, but also seems totally reasonable when you give God the credit he deserves. Each and every one of us has been created as a conscious act of love by God. He is the lover, we are the beloved. We are each created by God to live with him forever, unless we, ourselves, frustrate this design. God loves each of us into being, every one of the billions and billions the count takes in, and then remains with us, intimately interested in each moment we exist in this life, until we enter the fullness of eternity. 'In him we live and move and have our being'. Happy those who tune in to his presence! Perhaps we doubt this at times, feeling alone, even abandoned? Even Jesus felt this way on the cross. But the truth could not be more different when we feel like this. It is our prerogative as created beings with free will to attempt to open our eyes to God's presence, to explore his love for us, or to hide from him in our shame, to ignore him in our selfishness, or even to reject him outrightly. No matter what choices we decide to make as we live our complicated lives, with some making the worst possible choices, God continues to love us perfectly. This week I am 'back to earth', happily enjoying the wonder of what it is to be a kid whilst babysitting my beautiful grandchildren. Last week, it was the earth from space. This week, I have been boggled by video games that I can't control, but that 7 year old fingers can do magic with, and facilitated the unbridled delight of being allowed to scoff 3 hot dogs in one sitting I have experienced the sheer joy of being 18 months old and running full pelt down the concrete garden path with full conviction that grandma will save me from plastic surgery at the end of the sloping runway. Run, run, ruuun, fly! Not once, but 29 times. At least. I have been reminded that little fingers find tiny holes, and that window sills make great seats, who cares about the spider webs? And that doing everything over and over and over wrings every ounce of joy out of one activity after another. When my granddaughter's shoe fell off and I began an apparently well-worn expression that I didn't even know I use, "oh, what?", a little voice echoed "oh what? Oh no! Oh dear!, right alongside me. I stopped in my tracks. She knew my words before I said them myself! I had obviously used them to her dad when he was tiny, and he had taught them to her! News to me! I discovered my own voice in two whole new generations! I have passed on phrases to my children, hopefully I have also passed on my awareness of God to them, so that they can pass this gift on to their children

in their turn. Our world is a marvellous place. It is also scary, unfair, sad, and wonderfully breathtaking. Why do things happen, good and bad? Because God loves each of us enough to give us free will to choose our own paths with total freedom, and life just happens. No matter what, God remains with us in every second, from the first moment of our existence through to the moment of our last breath, and beyond, no matter what today brings. The lover loves the beloved without waiver. As the hymn goes: 'Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face...'.'