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25th & 26th July 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings
You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live

for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.
We know that by turning everything to their good
God co-operates with all those who love him, with
all those that he has called according to his purpose.
They are the ones he chose specially long ago and
intended to become true images of his Son, so that
his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He
called those he intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he shared his
glory.

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 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All Masses in our Parish Have Now Been Suspended

All Masses suspended until further notice Fr Francis and Fr John will continue to pray for us in their private Masses, and we as a Parish join our prayers to theirs. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be arranged on request, please phone Sharon on 0448 658 418



PARISH PRAYER LIST

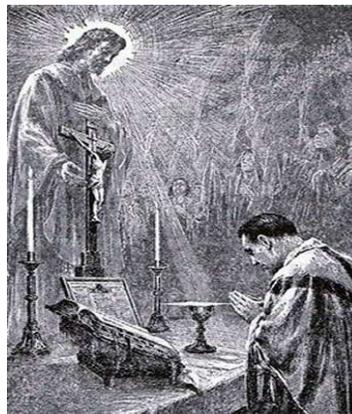
Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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, 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 Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Rose Roberts, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Joe Di Battista, Gwen Weaver, Stella Martin, Peter Murphy, June, Jenny Goh



We are a child safe
Parish



What is the Mass?

Part 2: The Four Ends of the Mass

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows. For the aim

and object of apostolic works is that all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper."

(Sacrosanctum Concilium, n.10; Vatican Council II)

Admittedly 'teleology' is not part of everyone's vocabulary. 'Telos' is the Greek word for 'end'. In Greek philosophy (particularly that of Aristotle) the concept of 'teleology' is a useful way of understanding what something is – if you want to know *what* something is, discover the *end* for which it is created. For example, if we ask 'what is a car?' a good part of the answers lies in its purpose as a mode of transport. Every aspect of a car's design is subordinated to its primary function as a mode of transport. That why there are no cars with square wheels. Something that looks like a car but that can't actually be driven (a concrete car sculpture for example) is not really a car because it fails to fulfil its essential function - transportation. The fundamental 'end' of a car lies not in its beauty, or cleanness, or comfort, but in its ability to get us where we need to go.

In part two of this series, "What is the Mass?" we can approach the question from a teleological angle, by posing the question: 'What is the purpose or 'end' of the Mass?' To formulate the question in a more relevant way we could ask: "What's the point of me coming to Mass anyway?" Catholics of all times and places would formulate varied responses to that question.

Traditionally the Church has identified four essential 'ends' of the Mass: Adoration, Atonement, Thanksgiving and Petition. These spiritual 'ends' are not in competition with each other but serve the common end: the Glory of God. A brief word about each of these ends of the Mass:

Adoration: This is the ultimate end, not only of the Mass but of our human existence. As St Augustine said: "Lord our hearts were made for you and will be restless until they rest in you." Yes, we were designed and created *by* God and *for* God. God is the ultimate *telos* (or end) of the human person. More specifically we were made to know, love, serve and adore God, and our human fulfilment in heaven will consist in being able to adore God for all eternity. When we come to Mass we participate in a real way in the adoration of God, joining with the angels and

saints in one unending hymn of praise in adoration of the Holy Trinity.

Atonement: If we break it down the word atonement is 'at-one-ment'. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the Cross for our sins is what enables us as Christians to be 'at one' with God the Father. The Catechism teaches that Christ "offered himself on the cross as a living victim, holy and pleasing to God, and whose blood has become the instrument of atonement for the sins of all men" (CCC n.1992). The Mass is the preeminent means by which Christ's faithful may participate in the work of Christ's Redemption, through which we are reconciled to the Father (cf. Col 1:20).

Thanksgiving: The word Eucharist is rooted in the Greek word for 'thanksgiving'. The Eucharist lies at the centre of the Mass because in the offering of the Body and blood of Christ we find our surest reason to 'give thanks' to God. There is so much that we can and should be grateful to God for: the gifts of life, family, friends, good health, peace, prosperity, etc. Moreover there is the gratitude we owe to God for all he has done for us in Christ: for in giving us his Son he gave all he had. Gratitude is the fundamentally correct disposition of the Christian, and our fervent participation in the Mass is the ultimate act of thanksgiving that we can render to God.

Petition: Every one of us comes to Mass bearing the burden of a thousand hopes, fears, anxieties and intentions: a sick relative; a deceased friend; an important interview; financial worries; an exam; and so on. Christ is never indifferent to these petitions: "Ask and you shall receive" (Matt 7:7). When we come to Mass Jesus want us to bring all these intentions before the cross and to trust in his power to answer the prayer of the heart. Jesus death on the cross was *intentional* – it was for the sake of our salvation that he entered into his Passion. The merits of Christ's Passion and Death can be applied to our present-day needs, and therefore it has long been customary for priests to offer Masses for a specific intention, especially for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. It's a good custom for the lay faithful to join with the priest in placing upon the altar their own petitions.

It's valuable to revisit the importance of these four ends of adoration, atonement, thanksgiving and petition, which are perfectly fulfilled in the Mass. Many people think of the value of the Mass in terms of its personal 'rewards.' So often I've heard it said, "I stopped going to Mass because I wasn't getting anything out of it" as if to suggest that would be the only possible reason one would attend Mass. This attitude falsely assumes the primary value of the Mass lies in the individual's personal fulfilment or enjoyment. Of course, the Mass should be personally nurturing and fulfilling, as we are nourished with the Life of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. The danger of neglecting the four proper ends of the Mass is

that the Sacred Liturgy is at risk of being reduced to a form of entertainment that exists solely for our personal enjoyment. The Mass is for our sanctification, not our entertainment. In reality our personal, subjective 'enjoyment' of the Mass is a secondary effect. Let's be a little honest with ourselves here: do we not *occasionally* come to Mass and find ourselves tired, bored or distracted? Well, that doesn't mean that our attendance at Mass is pointless or fruitless.

Irrespective of our subjective state of mind, the one eternal offering of the Son to the Father in the Mass means that it is always the perfect act of adoration, atonement, thanksgiving and petition.



Fr Francis Denton

RECONCILIATION

By appointment

ANOIDING 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 1800 305 330
Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,

Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Pledged Amount **\$1404.50**

Thanksgiving received July 12-19

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 1643.00

Presbytery \$ 196.00

Restoration \$ 0

Thanksgiving Envelopes

Thanksgiving envelopes will be posted out over the coming week. We thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.



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

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES CAR RAFFLE 2020

As previously advise the Combined Parish Car Raffle has been postponed with a new draw

Date: 26th September 2020 at 7.15 pm. Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020. There are currently 10 Raffle books left to sell. IF you would like to purchase tickets in the Car Raffle, please contact Leo 9739 6669 or 0417 504 959. We thank Leo for his continued efforts with the Raffle.

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Birthday Wishes to Moira Burgi who turns 104 on Saturday 25th July



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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 newsletter tub outside the church if people wish to donate through this method. **PLEASE DON'T NOT PUT DONATIONS IN THE TUB. THERE IS A LETTER BOX SLOT DOWNSTAIRS NEAR THE PARISH OFFICE.**

Video link to State President Kevin McMahon: <https://bit.ly/2yEkBp3>



From Debbie's Desk

Stepping out of my usual routine to help my 8 year old grandson with schooling from home has been an eye opener! It is an experience that thousands of families are currently sharing, and it all sounds easy enough on paper. Some of us are cut out for the opportunity to spend lots of quality time over sentence after sentence, and log ins and passwords galore, but I can imagine that some of us are equally out of our depth. I have a new appreciation of our hard working teachers, whose patience now seems heroic to me. So my column this week is short and sweet, with a big thumbs up to all the mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas, big brothers, big sisters and everyone involved in educating our kids, especially in this time of weirdness when nothing is normal. Another big shout out to those struggling along through VCE at the moment, a whole other set of challenges. And a big hurrah to all of our teachers, who look after our precious minds of the future, and blooming personalities of today, with such care and commitment. Our parish's job is to support you all, whomever you may be, in the best way that we can, with our prayers. We ask God to bless your efforts and to multiply their fruits, and to reward your dedication with abundant personal blessings.