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17th & 18th October 2020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before
his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.
From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for
you all, and constantly remember before God our Father
how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love
and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to
God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we
know that you are an honest man and teach the way of
God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell
us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to
Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and

replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, 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, June, Jenny Goh, Bill Moxey, Peter & Edna John

Reconciliation By appointment

Anointing of the sick By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' 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



We are a child safe Parish



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



If you would like to join in our next zoom this Sunday 25th October at **NEW TIME 10am** please email the office lilydale@cam.org.au
This will be a fortnightly zoom gathering.
St Patrick's Parish Lilydale is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82116359081?pwd=dWdOU TdyMkNEWkg4SctPQXNWZkExZz09>

Link to weekly mass

A reminder that Fr Francis' Sunday Masses are recorded each weekend and are available on St Brigid's You Tube Channel each Sunday morning. Fr Francis records Masses from St Brigid's, St Patrick's and St Aloysius churches. The link is accessible through St Brigid's Healesville's website, <http://www.stbrigidshemalesville.cam.org.au/> or by searching St Brigid's Healesville on You Tube, or using the link: <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish (thanksgiving only)

\$1404.50

Thanksgiving received weekending 11th October 2020

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 671.00

Presbytery \$ 169.50

Restoration \$ 114.00

Short fall of \$733.50



This Sunday 18th October at 2pm catch up with Fr Arsenio.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85668975374?pwd=KzJ Ga3M5bTlVtI9VanJ3RUZlaVIMdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6897 5374

Passcode: 263831

Parish Rosary Novena

This weekend we begin our Rosary Novena which runs from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th October, at 12:00pm via zoom. October is a month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. This week I thought I'd share a more personal reflection on the importance of the rosary in my own life.

Growing up in a large family of nine children there was often a lot happening: school, footy, cricket, ballet, piano lessons and so on. However busy life was, my Mum and Dad would always ensure that at the end of the day the family would come together to pray. This was so much a part of our daily family ritual that I really didn't think much of it. We had our list of people we prayed for by name but the heart of the family prayers was the recitation of a decade of the rosary. Probably with so many kids at different ages there was a wisdom in keeping the prayers short and achievable. The popular podcaster, Fr Mike Schmitz, often says that when it comes to prayer 'consistency always wins over intensity'. Rather than trying to do something that is so onerous that we can rarely find the motivation to

do it, we are better to adopt a pattern of prayer that is easier and that we will more easily make part of our daily routine. My parents had obviously intuited this piece of practical wisdom, because although the prayers would only go for about 5-6 minutes we prayed as a family every day, without exception. Even if we were on holidays or travelling back late at night from some function we would pray that decade of the rosary. Without me even knowing it, my parents were training me in the discipline of the spiritual life, helping me to come to see God as being a part of my everyday life.

The Rosary continues to be a source of spiritual consolation and strength. On those busy days when I struggle to fit in the rosary I always sense the difference, like skipping a meal. That said I can certainly sympathise with those for whom praying the rosary is something of a struggle. It does require self-discipline, especially if it is a new part of our prayer routine. However for those beginners wondering 'how to pray?' the beauty of the Rosary is that it is a ready-made package, so we don't have to guess what to do. The words we pray (primarily the Our Father and the Hail Mary) are lifted directly from Scripture, therefore we are praying divinely inspired prayers – the Word of God. They are short and easy to learn (even tiny children can quickly memorise them) making the rosary a prayer that is accessible to everyone. The repetitive structure of the rosary gives it a concrete form, which is why it is helpful to pray with rosary beads. The rosary is not merely a vocal prayer – it's also a form of mental prayer. It gives us the opportunity to meditate on the mysteries of the life of Christ. The Apostles Creed which starts the rosary is a summary of our faith, so it's also a catechetical prayer.

The rosary is a prayer that has the full endorsement of Heaven itself! Mary gave the rosary to St Dominic Guzman in the 12th Century to be the means by which his mission to convert the Albigensians would succeed. When in 1858 Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes she instructed her to kneel down and pray the rosary. Sixty years later when Our Lady appeared to the three Fatima children, she instructed them to pray the rosary, every day. Lesser known is the remarkable fact that the Church continues to offer a daily plenary indulgence to the faithful 'when the Rosary is prayed in Church, in a family group or in a religious community.' Given that the forced closure of our churches has left so many people feeling spiritually malnourished, the rosary is the one prayer that is always available

So if you're wondering why you should pray the rosary daily here in summary are 10 reasons:
It's easy to learn and suitable for all ages: for beginners and experts, sinners and saints!
We can pray it anywhere, at anytime
It gives one's prayer-life a clear structure (we always know what to do!)
It is a way of praying with the scriptures
It is a way of meditating on the key events in the life of Christ
In our frenetic world the rosary gives us the chance to be still with the Lord and His Mother
Daily recitation of the rosary teaches us discipline in the spiritual life
There are many promises attached to devotion to the rosary
see:<http://themostholysrosary.com/15promises.htm>
There is a plenary indulgence attached when the Rosary prayed in common
Mary herself asked us to, and we should always listen to our Mother! Mothers know best!

Hopefully many of you will be able to join our online Rosary Novena. Even in you can't make all of the nine days online, feel free to pray at home in your own time. Mathew Moxey has kindly put together a fantastic booklet and outline for the rosary novena which will be available on the parish website. Feel free to print it out. Hope to see you then!

Fr Francis Denton

Finally, here is a link to a great motivational talk on praying the rosary by Dr Edward Sri



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U8y7IIbmv>



From Debbie's Desk

A few generations of people live at our house, it is never very quiet for very long. An amazing array of animals live with us too, some invited, like our infamous yappy dogs, some uninvited, like the pair of nesting doves I was watching yesterday while we ate our lunch in the sunshine. These gentle, quiet birds were completely in tune with each other, sitting side by side on the handrail of our balcony preening themselves, mirroring the exact movements of each other without the need for any sort of audible language. I remember thinking to

myself that their connected movements were a marvel of synchronisation, worthy of an Olympic medal for synchronised preening! It was obvious to me that these committed doves speak a language all of their own. I love watching the birds that pop in and out of my garden, cockies, maggies, doves, pigeons, parrots, crows etc etc, all with individual personality and flair. A dear friend once shared with me his love of 'the dawn chorus', a daily spectacular which plays out all year round in our part of the world, loudly and clearly. We can tell when dawn is about to break before the light even begins to creep into the sky, as the birds rejoice together in song, greeting the new day just beginning. Beautiful! My friend lived for a long time in Maine in the US, not that far from the Arctic circle, and commented on the winter silence that reigns there for much of the year. If any bird doesn't fly south for the winter, it shuts its beak for months on end, as whatever makes a noise in the snow gets eaten by a hungry something else! Pressure! Our Aussie birds happily sing in safety.

Sometimes I feel that we live much of our life with our beaks shut, despite the noise all around us. Scripture talks about the Holy Spirit speaking for us to God when words of prayer fail us. I am often comforted by this beautiful assurance. Our prayer life can fluctuate from day to day, even minute to minute, a little like the birds' pretty songs. At times our prayers come easily, we feel connected to God in some mysterious way, and we can feel like we are part of an active, two-way conversation. Our song can be heard, by ourselves, and even by others. At other times, it can feel like we are simply squawking, we wonder if God is listening at all. Then there are the times we experience when we just do not have the energy or the resources for words of any sort, well, not decent ones permitted in a dictionary anyway! We may wish to pray, but no words seem possible, we are left sitting in our own incapability, our beaks closed but our hearts searching for comfort. When we are reduced to sad, confused and even desperate emotions ebbing and flowing, as we often are, we and God become just like the doves moving in synch without the need for words. Even angry thoughts are best shared with God, they are part of who we are as human. God partners us faithfully, perfectly aware of each of our thoughts and feelings, positive and negative, understanding us better than we understand ourselves.

We need to take heart, and to realise that the life-long conversation between us and God never ever ceases. When we do not have the inner-strength,

the presence of mind, the generosity, or the peacefulness to approach formal prayer, the Holy Spirit speaks through us if we open ourselves to his mercy, he speaks with us and in us, drawing us deeply into God's compassionate heart. Our prayer may be unconscious, but it is genuine and continuous, set in motion from our earliest moments of life, for each of us, no matter what our story, is created in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we allow the Holy Spirit to pray on our behalf, he whispers our wordless acts of sorrow for our poor choices, prompting us to strive for holiness in a world that drags us backwards at every step. He pleads for what we need, physically, mentally and spiritually. He thanks God for his great goodness and his gifts, and praises him with hymns we cannot sing ourselves. The faithful breath of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, flows around and through our confused and wounded hearts with love beyond our capabilities, even when we feel that we are the silent partner in the conversation that carries us to eternity. We and God speak a language all of our own, sometimes a language of words, sometimes not. We are created in the image of God, by God and for life with God. A true miracle.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday we would ordinarily have the opportunity to support the World Mission Appeal for "World Mission Sunday". The Australian-based Catholic Mission assists the needy in many part of the developing world but relies on the generosity of Catholic parishes. This year the outreach of Catholic Mission has been heavily impacted by the COVID lockdown and they are calling for our support. Should you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause you can simply text "GIVE" to 0488 854 436 and follow the prompts to make your donation. Or envelopes will be in the tub at the front of the church

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-work-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal>

Bible study group is every Thursday at 4pm. If you would like to join this online zoom please email the office lilydale@cam.org.au

