

GLORY TO GOD

*The Gloria is an ancient hymn of praise from the 4th Century
The congregation sings the parts that are underlined; alternate with the Cantor*

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 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

We proclaim Your Death, O Lord and profess
your resurrection, until you come again.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection you have set us free.

Sanctus per la messa italiana

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus, Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua
Hosanna in excelsis
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis**

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Parish School

This week we welcomed back our students and staff at our parish school. It was a great beginning to the school year. Our school community will come together on Friday 14 Feb to celebrate the beginning of the school year at Mass at 9.15am.
We welcome particularly our new staff and families at the school.

Today's Feast

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast occurs forth days after Christmas and commemorates the event of Mary and Joseph bringing the child Jesus to the temple after his birth as the Jewish custom prescribed.

For us, Christmas seems like a long time ago, but in some traditions, this day is the end of the Christmas season and some people keep their Christmas decorations and trees up until this Feast. This Feast is always celebrated on Feb 2, and as this falls on a Sunday it replaces the Sunday of Ordinary Time, as it is a Feast of the Lord.

In some places, it is custom to bless candles on this day, which is also known as 'Candlemas'- signifying the bringing Jesus, the Light of the World, into the world.

It is a nice tradition to keep candles in the home and to light them for times of prayer, particularly with the family.

Each time we celebrate Mass, we light candles on the altar, signifying the presence of the Light of the World among us.

Professional Standards Group

[Our parish Professional Standards Group will meet this coming Wednesday evening in the presbytery at 7.30pm.](#) We meet regularly to continually monitor our compliance with government and Church standards and regulations and to ensure that our parish remains a safe and supportive environment. A reminder to those who may be new to parish ministries that we require a valid Working with Children Card (WWC) for all parish ministries and participation in a training session.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our safe environment in our parish.

Fr David Cartwright

Parish Priest

ENTRANCE HYMN

Seeking God

*We gather together in the name of God
Our prayers we offer for the mercy of God
We strive to walk on the path of Jesus
Seeking God, in everything we do*

Jesus led the way when he walked in our shoes
He showed his compassion he showed us how to choose
To live with the Spirit of God in our hearts
To be the face of God to all we meet

The gifts of the Spirit give us courage and strength
To proclaim the love of Jesus. To proclaim the word of God
To be true to our knowledge and true to who we are
To live out our faith in all we do

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus my Saviour

Jesus my Saviour, Lord God Redeemer, hide me
in your grace
Heavenly Father, faithful provider, guard my
heart in peace

CHORUS

*And in the glory of your holiness, I will worship you.
And in the glory of your holiness, I will worship you.*

Majestic Saviour, awesome creator, the earth
declares your praise.
Lord God my healer, Jesus deliverer, guide me in
my ways.

Holy Spirit I wait on you, Your will my one
desire
The tender touch of your great love has filled my
heart with fire

Your kingdom reigns in righteousness, Jesus, the
King of Kings
By your Spirit you lift me up to fly on eagle's
wings

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Glory and praise to our God

**Glory and praise to our God, who alone
gives light to our days
Many are the blessings he bears to those
who trust in his ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him who
built the valleys and plains.
Praise the wonders our God has done in
every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us, like gold
that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails our God
is there to save.

Every moment of every day our God is
waiting to save
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer
those who pray

Stewardship Reflections

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their Father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS
HOLY HALF HOUR ADORATION
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL

All Welcome

Sunday 2nd February 2020 White is the colour of rejoicing

The Presentation of the Lord YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Malachi 3: 1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2: 14-18

He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32

My eyes have seen your saving power.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 2: 30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PARISH PRIEST
Fr. David Cartwright

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: Closed
Tues - Friday: 9.15am- 1.15pm
Secretary: Jenny Di Valentino

WEEKDAY MASSES
9.15am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat
8am Thursdays

SUNDAY MASSES Ordinary Form
5.30pm Sat Vigil
8am
9.30am Italian sung Mass
11am Sung Mass

ROSARY
Before all weekday Masses

NOVENA TO OUR LADY
7.10pm each 1st Thursday.
Rosary,
concluding with Benediction.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP
10 am Monday in the church.

PARISH SCHOOL MASS
11am First Sunday of each
month (during school terms)

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Details and access code available
from Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.45-10.15am
5.30pm- 5.50pm
Sunday 7.30-7.50am
or by appointment or request

ANOIDING OF THE SICK
The Sacrament is available upon
request to those resident in the parish
or John Fawkner Hospital.

BAPTISMS
First Sunday of month at 12noon
or during Sunday Mass.

WEDDINGS
Saturdays, by appointment.
At least six months notice required.

HOUSE BLESSINGS and VISITS
Please contact the office and one of
the priests will be happy to call.

Brochures about the Catholic Faith

In the pamphlet rack at the back of the church, there are a number of brochures about aspects of our Catholic faith.
If you wish to know more, please have a look at them today.

What can the saints teach us? - Saint Peter Faber: "Seek grace in the smallest things, and you will find also grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things."

Anniversary Mass: Sunday 9.30am - Maria Cosmano

Please contact the Parish Office to have an Anniversary Mass arranged on the weekend.

With Our Lady and St. Fidelis we pray for:

Sick (nostris malati): Margaret Georgelin and patients at John Fawkner Hospital, our relatives and friends.

May the Lord lay His healing hand upon all the sick of our parish.

Written permission is required to include name on the sick list, to comply with government legislation

Recently Deceased (defunti): Umberto Sansico

Deceased Anniversary (Ricordiamo i nostri defunti): Maria Cosmano, Salvatore Milicia, Giuseppe Capone, Kathleen D'Arcy, Jim Spall
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

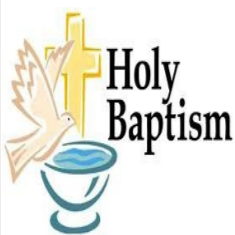
Lay Ministers Roster

9th February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Duty:	E	E	L	C
5.30pm	P Ntalianis	M Watson	A Monarco	G Di Mattia
8.00am	J Monteleone (Z)	Des Duggan (X)	K Mitchell	J Duggan
11.00am	L Italiano	T Guglielmo	M La Porta	L McCarthy

Lay Ministers Quarterly Roster

The roster is about to be prepared for the three months commencing March through to the end of May 2020
Any Lay Minister unavailable for any period of time during this quarter, please notify Des Duggan by either phoning on 9354 3352 or e-mail desduggan@bigpond.com not later than Monday 3rd February 2020



Today we welcome **Anya Deidre Hicks, & Vienna Mae Nihill** into the Catholic Church through the saving waters of Baptism.

Please pray for them and their parents. May this day bring many blessings and graces to them for years to come. Perhaps you may offer one 'Hail Mary' in your prayers for these families.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The Rosary statue will be at the home of Kath O'Sullivan and the Rosary will be prayed privately.
If you would like to have the Statue at your house ring Josie on 9386 8860.

Vocation View

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart.
Who will bring joy and kindness today?

Vocations website: www.melbournepriest.com

True North

This year, we are re-launching our northern central young adult group: "True North".
St Ambrose parish kindly offers their community room for this gathering.
For launch party:

Sunday February 16th

St Ambrose Community Centre
259 Sydney Rd, Brunswick

6:30pm-8:00pm

age: 18 to 35 year olds

Food and drinks provided

Event: bit.ly/TNLaunchParty

Facebook: bit.ly/TrueNorthCatholic

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

What Zechariah Learned in Silence

God achieves everything, acts in all circumstances, and brings about all our interior transformations.

But he does it when we wait for him in recollection and silence. In silence, not in the turmoil and noise, God enters into the innermost depths of our being...

God's being has always been present in us in an absolute silence. And a human being's own silence allows him to enter into a relationship with the Word that is at the bottom of his heart. Thus, in the desert, we do not speak. We listen in silence; man enters into a silence that is God... Silence is not an absence. On the contrary, it is the manifestation of a presence, the most intense of all presences. In modern society, silence has come into disrepute; this is the symptom of a serious, worrisome illness. The real questions of life are posed in silence. Our blood flows through our veins without making any noise, and we can hear our heartbeats only in silence...

Keeping quiet by mastering one's lips and tongue is a difficult, blazing, and arid work. But we must delve ever deeper into the interior realities that can shape the world usefully. Man must stand silently before God and tell him: God, since you gave me knowledge and the desire for perfection, lead me continually toward the absolute of love. Make me love more and more, because you are the wise artisan who leaves no work unfinished, as long as the day of the creature does not oppose you with obstacles and refusals. I surrender wordlessly to you, O Lord. I want to be docile and malleable like clay in your hands, for you are a skillful, benevolent potter.

CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH

Cardinal Sarah is the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Donations for Bushfire Appeal: This weekend we remember those affected during the bushfires. St Vincent de Paul society are receiving donations for those affected by the bushfires. Please show your generosity by donating to:

<http://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic>

Cheque: Cheques made out to the **St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia Inc** can be sent to: Vinnies Bushfire Appeal PO Box 243 Deakin West ACT 2600. All monies donated to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal go directly to individuals and communities in bushfire-affected areas in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. Money received in states or territories not declared bushfire emergency areas will be redirected to bushfire emergency areas declared by the Commonwealth. Please also let us keep in prayer all those who are affected by the bushfires in our nation; those who have lost their lives, their homes and their livelihood. Let us pray for the volunteers and emergency services staff who are doing an extraordinary job to help in this tragic situation.

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2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am - 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength - especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online.

For more information & free registration visit www.strengthinweakness.com.au