

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

ANTIPHON: Give the Lord glory and honour.

RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and honour.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Or

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

NEXT WEEK (30th Sunday of Year A) Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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Finding nourishment in exile



18 October 2020 29th Sunday Year A

The Jewish people experienced two major exiles. The first was the Assyrian Exile beginning in the eighth century BCE when the ten northern tribes were forced into exile in Assyria. The second was the Babylonian Exile in the sixth century BCE when Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, twice attacked Jerusalem and on the second occasion destroyed the city.

The Babylonian Exile lasted almost seventy years until Cyrus, the King of Persia, who defeated the Babylonians and issued an edict that the Jewish people could return to their homeland. The return home didn't happen immediately, but over time a large group of exiles returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild their shattered city.

The prophet Isaiah refers to Cyrus as the "anointed" of the Lord, a title usually ascribed to the Davidic king. Furthermore, this Persian king's hand is grasped by God, which signifies the conferral of royal authority. Cyrus exercises legitimate authority over the people of God, despite the fact that he is a non-believer. God works through this king and God's plan unfolds through him even though he is not aware of it.

The experience of exile must have been devastating because, after being led out of Egypt to the 'promised land', they were once again captive and subject to non-believers.

It meant the loss of freedom, the loss of a beloved city, and leaving home.

Our experience of the pandemic of COVID-19 has in some ways been a time of exile. We lost the freedom to move around our neighbourhood and to travel. We couldn't dine out or invite friends over for a meal. We lost the opportunity to participate in the eucharist with a gathered community, although we may have joined them online from our homes.

In a time of exile, we search for ways to be nourished both physically and spiritually. Fortunately, we were able to shop for food. Spiritually, we were called to be creative in deepening our relationship with the Lord and caring for one another. The self-isolation was a time to draw deeply on the rich resources of the scriptures, to renew personal and family prayer, to practise meditation, and to assess what we deemed valuable in life. It was also a time to create networks of care by communicating with family and friends using modern technologies.

Perhaps, and hopefully, fasting from eucharist can be an opportunity to value it more deeply while at the same time developing deeper spiritual resources to nourish us on our life's journey in ways that help us understand, as Jesus teaches in today's gospel, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God.

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CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN Oct 18, 2020
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AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;

Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;

Tues & Fri ~ 9am



MASS TIMES

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COMING UP NEXT!

Lourdes Hill College
Virtual Open Day 2020

National Carer's Week Oct 11-17
Anti-Poverty Week - 12 - 18 Oct
Sacrament preparation ~

Oct 17/18; Oct 24/25; Oct 31/Nov1; Nov 7/8

Mass of Confirmation & First Communion ~ Nov 14/15

REFLECTION cont: *Full article in insert!*

Google Social Justice Statement Aust. Bishops 2020
MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY KEY IDEAS FROM
PART B: THE GREAT PROJECT OF COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
Unsung heroes – often family, mostly women carers – bear the failure of provisions for mental health. Needs & emotional & financial stress take their toll on carers' companionship & service. **The 2 most vulnerable groups, are homeless & imprisoned.** Mental illness, poverty, unaffordable housing & fear of harm are causes & consequences of homelessness. System's failure reflected in the interplay between poor mental health & suicide, homelessness, shelters, boarding houses & imprisonment. **Some illnesses may be addressed medically. However a holistic approach is often needed.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We need a properly functioning system...
...We do not believe that mental ill-health is caused by a moral failure nor relates to character. **Psychiatric disorders & psychological distress are not signs of a lack of faith or a weak will.** Mental distress calls for us to respond as part of our Christian life!

#WeAreStillHere **Catholic Mission Appeal THIS Wk**

COVID-19 pandemic headlines the news each day, & as we see Australia ease restrictions, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world



where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered. **Reach out. Give life.** Priests, sisters & missionaries

around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical & pastoral support. These Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you. Will you join with us to be there for those in need during this crisis? **2020**

WORLD MISSION APPEAL - CAMBODIA: This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights important work of Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, & give them hope & support to live a fulfilling life. This appeal shares the story of Chen, a landmine survivor who lost both his legs when he was 16 y/o. Chen's been given the care & opportunity to turn this tragic event into a positive outcome through support of the Arrupe Centre, Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang in NW Cambodia. More info & to give generously to support vital mission programs, visit catholicmission.org.au/mission

Mary of the Cross canonised 10yrs Ago!

Take fresh Courage...

The 'New Norm'

- 1. Sanitise your hands
 - 2. Sign In
 - 3. Sit on stickered seats only
 - 4. Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
 - 5. Social Distancing enforced (1person or family/4m²) limit 100p
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
 - ◆ Stay home if unwell
 - ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
 - ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors;
 - ◆ Take newsletter home with you
 - ◆ No Hymn books used.



RECENTLY DECEASED: BART GAFFNEY, FT 'BILL' HANLEY, LUCY HOUGHTON, DOMINIC VU,
ANNIVERSARIES: MR & MRS ANDRUCZYK, LOUISE & MAURICE CHAPPUIS, NEILSEN & JOHNSON FAMILIES, OLEK LAJOC, JACK & JOY MCNAMARA, DIANE MCNAMARA, SOPHIE GARRETT'S ORGAN DONOR, JACK & PAT O'CONNOR, LEO & GAY RYAN, IVAN, NANCY & STEPHEN GARRETT, GLORIA & ANNE-MARIE MCMAHON, JOHN SCOTT, JACK & MARGARET ALTHAUS, KAZIMIERA LYP, TOM STERNFELDT, HELEN SHAW

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Archbishop Mark's message...

In National Carers Week we focus on 2.65 million people who really are at the heart of nation. They're people who don't make headlines or draw limelight, which is why it's good to have a week dedicated to them & what they contribute. They care for family & friends with disability, mental health worries, terminal illness or who are frail because of age – & they do so, day in, day out, often on a 24/7 basis. They do it not as a job but as a calling, not for pay but for love. It's humble & unglamorous service, but as a society we'd be in desperate strife if they weren't there. They are good news in the midst of all bad news; they are the blessing without which life would be bleak indeed. So we thank them & pray that they will find peace joy as they care for those they love.

ENTRANCE HYMN

SING TO THE LORD, ALLELUIA

REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations! God has made salvation known. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

V1 Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!

Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia! R/.

V3 Sing to the Lord! Sing of wondrous deeds!

Mighty Lord of all creation! Alleluia!

R/.

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OFFERTORY HYMN

SHELTER ME, O GOD

REFRAIN: Shelter me, O God;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

You alone are my hope.

V1 When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.

Hear me when I call your name. R/.

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COMMUNION HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

V1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

V3 Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst; and whatsoever ye ask I will do.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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REFLECTION HYMN

HYMN TO CHRIST

V1 Christ the visible expression of our God. We praise you!

Long before creation he existed and was Lord. We praise you!

Chorus: And therefore he is rightly called Lord of all.

And therefore he is rightly called Lord of all!

V2 Through him everything was made, he is the Father's word.

We praise you! Power and dominion rest on him, creation's Lord. We praise you! Ch/.

V3 Deep in him the principle from which all life began.

We praise you! Centre point of history, God's reconciling plan.

We praise you! Reconciling man to God and reconciling men

We praise you! Ch/.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

NEW PEOPLE, NEW LIFE

V1 Let's lift our hearts and voices in praise of our God.

The family of Christ united as one.

New people, new life: a symbol of God's love,

The church assembled to proclaim the work of Christ begun.

REFRAIN: You are people of God, You are a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, a Chosen Race. (Rpt)

V2 A sacramental people, gifted by his grace,

He calls us to be holy, a witness to his way.

New people, new life, be Christ to each other.

The gift of Eucharist is our strength:

the hope for each new day. R/.

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