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27TH March 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Year C)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:
'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.
'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of

hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Latest Guidelines from the Melbourne Catholic
Archdiocese of Melbourne can be found here:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Matthew Jecott

Sick: Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi;
Roman, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Glen, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter

Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Mitchell Wilson,
Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura
Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John
Wray, Lynn Doensen, Elsa Gianforte, Fiona M, Louise
Janse,

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN MARCH

Sr Nell Russell (03.03.16), Ronald Donchi (05.03.83), H. Weda (12.03.03), Rene Chandler (13.03.96), Helen Srafford, (16.03.08), Frank McDonald (12.03.04), John Doensen (17.03.17), Ziggy Nadolski (18/3/11), Claudio Latin (20.03.13), Mary Snell (22.03.12), Antonio Bariola (24.03.99), John Field (23.03.42), Mary Wood (23.03.03), Eva Jansen (2006), Erica Fries (2005), Mavis McKenzie (2006), Harry van de ven, Susan Sosic (25.03.19)

Gardening around the church and presbytery

If you can help out in any way in keeping our gardens looking neat, please contact the office. Our gardening team needs assistance with big jobs and little, from mowing and whipper snipping to weeding. This need not be a big time commitment, we simply need generous parishioners to be available when they can to join a pool of willing hands to help maintain our large grounds. Thanks!

Thanksgiving St Brigid's Healesville, 13th & 20 March 2022 – NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

Thanksgiving: \$
Presbytery: \$

Easter Mass Times

14th April- 7:30 pm.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Altar of Repose, Individual Prayer and Adoration.

15th April, Good Friday.

3:00 pm Passion of the Lord

16th April, Holy Saturday.

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

17th April Easter Sunday Mass

10:30 am St. Patrick's, Lilydale

8:30 am St. Brigid's, Healesville



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 10.00am at
St Aloysius - Yarra Glen

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about

the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information: A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working. Watch: Melbourne's Deacons

<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons

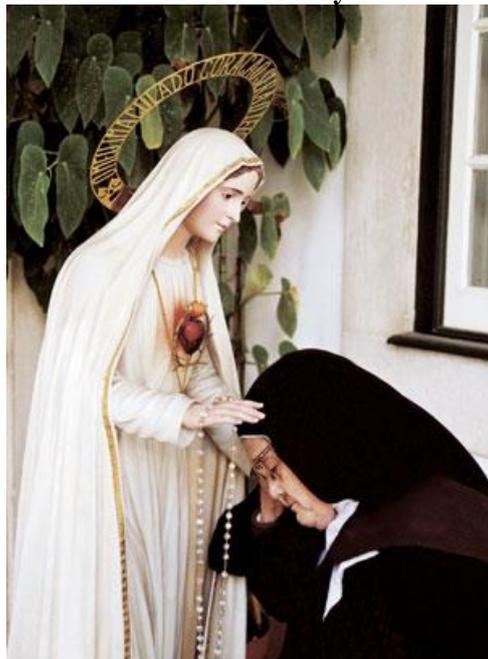
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY> Read More: [Brochure]

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Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



“In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph” – Our Lady of Fatima

With the violent conflict between Ukraine and Russia escalating and geo-political tensions rising across the globe there is, indeed, an urgent need for prayer. From a Christian perspective, all warfare is (at least in part) spiritual. As St Paul says, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world’s darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12). In a real sense, the fate of nations lie in the hearts and souls of the Christian faithful the world over – whether they respond in prayer, penance and charity, or spiritual indifference and stony-hearted unrepentance.

As concerns about how this conflict might play out continue to plague us, Pope Francis made a most surprising announcement last week, when he declared his intent to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. News of this went viral. It genuinely energised many Catholics who immediately understood the significance of what the Pope was doing in the light of the message of Fatima.

In the apparition of Fatima on July 13, 1917, Our Lady gave the three seers a terrifying vision of hell. According

to Sr Lucia dos Santos, the principal seer of Fatima, Mary said: “You saw hell where the souls of poor sinners go; to save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I say, many souls will be saved and you will have peace... There will be wars, hunger, persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To impede this *I come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart* and Eucharistic reparation on the First Saturdays. If my desires are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors through all the world, promoting persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated ... Suddenly the horizon will darken... Later, a brilliant ray of light and hope will arise... In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

Over the past decades various Catholic commentators have debated about whether the specific demands of the various Pope’s consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary were fulfilled. Some argue that it was in essence; others argue that the specific details of Our Lady’s request were in each case bafflingly ignored. What makes Pope Francis’ consecration unique is the fact that he has specifically called upon all the bishops of the world, and the priests also, to make this consecration together in a coordinated effort. This is powerful witness to the catholicity (ie. universality) of the Church’s prayer in union with her chief shepherd. Pope Francis is to be commended and thanked for taking this initiative, and we can only pray that many hearts are moved and turn back to God, especially those in a position to influence world events.

God willing, at 5pm Rome-time on Friday 25th March (Feast of the Annunciation) Pope Francis will have made the consecration of Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to the Holy Father’s request, I will likewise be offering the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Patrick’s Lilydale which due to the time difference will be at 3:00am. The following is an excerpt from the official text of the consecration issued by the Vatican. Each of us is invited to pray this prayer and to renew our faith in the triumph of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary to usher in a new reign of peace.

“Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from

your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more."

For the full text see:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250756/vatican-pope-francis-text-for-march-25-consecration-prayer>

Yours in Christ
Fr Francis Denton



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community. With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. Visit - <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine> or contact 1800 024 413.



Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au

Flood Appeal - Society of St. Vincent de Paul The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Qld and NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Society - Good works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling Queensland 07 3010 1000 or New South Wales 02 9568 0262.

Caritas Australia - Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the