

## The Catholic Contribution

virtual lecture series  
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- What does it mean to be Catholic?
  - The Jewish/Classical Synthesis
    - Rebuilding of the West
    - The Church and Society
- Catholic Anthropology and Catholic Education
  - Professor Haldane in Discussion

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B  
Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

*"Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me"*

*Our prayers, which we offer in Jesus' name, go to the place where Jesus' prayers also went: to the heart of our heavenly Father. We can be sure of this if we trust Jesus. For Jesus has opened again for us the way to heaven, which had been barred by sin. Since Jesus is the way to God, Christians conclude their prayers with the phrase, "we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord".*

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## Prayer during Times of Crisis III

The world absolutely needs our prayer. It needs to be visited and touched by the mercy of God; only in a relationship with God will it be renewed and saved. Human remedies like social and political solutions are insufficient. We need to be like those watchmen spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, whom God stationed on the walls of Jerusalem: "By day and by night, they shall never be silent"; they continue to remind God of his promises. They would not let God rest until he granted his salvation to the holy city! Like the widow of the Gospel before the unjust judge, we must not leave God alone until he has granted us justice, that is, until he has shown mercy to the world (Luke 18:1-8).

There is a great need for intercession today: for the renewal of the Church, for heads of state, economic leaders, caregivers, for those who are sick, for all those who are living with the consequences of the pandemic in a difficult and painful way.

Every Christian must exercise, by virtue of his baptismal priesthood, a ministry of intercession. Each of us must ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand which particular intentions among the countless needs of the world and the Church God is entrusting to us. I must pray not only for the intentions that come to me spontaneously, such as my needs and the needs of my loved ones, but also for those that God himself entrusts to me. I will be all the more certain that my prayer will be fruitful if it does not come from my own feelings but if the Lord himself asks it of me.

Our prayer for the world must often be specific, but it can also remain implied. In her reflections on prayer, Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us that it is not always necessary to make all our requests. Sometimes it is enough simply to be in the presence of God, to let ourselves be drawn by him, so that a great number of souls will follow us and begin to run toward God.

This is how she interprets the phrase from the Song of Songs: "Draw me, Lord, we shall run!". Simply being in the silence of adoration, of being there for God and for him alone, for his glory and nothing more, like a candle burning in silence, attracts many souls to God!

Fr. Jacques Philippe wau.org

#### What does it mean to say, "Hallowed be thy name"?

To "hallow" or to treat God's name as something holy means to place him above everything else. A "name" in Sacred Scripture indicates the true nature of a person. To hallow God's name means to do justice to his reality, to acknowledge him, to praise him, to give him due honour, and to live according to his commandments.

#### What does it mean to say, "Thy kingdom come"?

When we pray, "Thy kingdom come", we call for Christ to come again, as he promised, and for God's reign, which has already begun here on earth, to prevail definitively.

#### What does it mean to say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

When we pray for the universal accomplishment of God's will, we pray that on earth and in our own heart it may become as it already is in heaven. As long as we continue to set our hearts on our own plans, our will, and our ideas, earth cannot become heaven. One person wants this, the other that. We find our happiness, however, when together we want what God wills. Praying means making room bit by bit for God's will on this earth.

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### May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased  
*Ivan Oliver*

Anniversaries of Death  
*Mary Rebbechi*



Partnered Parishes of St Gabriel Reservoir  
& St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B  
24.10.2021

**CHURCHES CLOSED  
UNTIL 80% VACCINATED**

Sunday Mass from  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
11am Channel 44

melbournecatholic.org.au  
Daily Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral  
Prayer of the Day Daily readings

We hope that weekend and daily mass will  
resume in early November with limited  
attendance and face masks  
trybooking registration will be advertised

#### Anniversary of Consecration

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
Wednesday 27 October

St Gabriel's Church Reservoir  
Friday 29 October

Sacred buildings are the houses of God, a symbol of the Church that lives in that place as well as of the heavenly Jerusalem. Above all they are places of prayer in which the Church celebrates the Eucharist and worships Christ who is truly present in the tabernacle.  
Compedium CCC n245

#### BAPTISMS

Sundays 11:30am  
by appointment  
Covid-19 restrictions apply.

#### WEDDINGS

At least six months notice.  
No Sunday weddings.  
Covid-19 restrictions apply.

The partnered parishes of St Gabriel Reservoir and St Stephen of Hungary Reservoir East are committed:  
- to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community;  
- to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the 2001 legislation of the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.  
A copy of the Parishes' Privacy Policy is available to parishioners on request from the Parish office.

## RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES

Archbishop Comensoli has advised that churches should remain closed until 80% of Victorians have been double vaccinated. Dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass remains in place until the time when all Catholics are free to attend Mass. 90% + of all clergy are now double vaccinated. Fr Pritchard is amongst these bishops, priests and deacons.

We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading Holy Scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

We all hope that we can return to weekend and weekday Mass soon. Several families are waiting for the baptism of their children. Funeral directors can provide ongoing advice on numbers that may attend the church for funeral mass and prayers. We all hunger for the Word of God, the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For as long as in-door church services require limited numbers we will continue to use try booking. We gladly welcome the opening up of our churches but remain mindful and respectful that many people still feel cautious and anxious, and that density quotients will limit the numbers of people able to attend Mass.

MenALIVE offers weekly refuel! each Tuesday 7.30pm on zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609  
This time spent with men throughout Australia and New Zealand to review next Sunday's Mass readings using the SOAP method: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

Columban Art Calendar 2022 \$9  
Magellan Christmas cards 10 cards \$7

Available from the Parish Office. These can also be delivered to your home address. Please contact the Parish Office 94606036 or reservoir@cam.org.au

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who continue to support our parish, collecting a Parish Bulletin and leaving Parish Thanksgiving and clergy support at St Gabriel's presbytery. The Parish bulletin can also be found on our website: www.stgabrielsreservoir.org

#### Thanksgiving contribution by direct debit

St Gabriel's Church account  
BSB: 083-347 account: 639372585

St Stephen's Church account  
BSB: 083-347 account: 145763498

## NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34