

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

Psalm Response

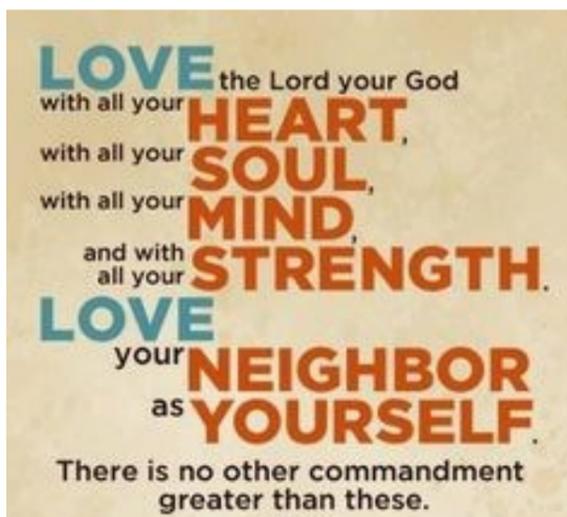
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

The scribe knows all about the commandments, but he wants to see if Jesus does, too. When Christ responds correctly, the scribe takes his words to heart and is therefore "not far from the kingdom of God". In fact, to love Jesus is to fulfil the commandments, for in loving him we love the God who became our neighbour. Christ the High Priest's "power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him". In approaching him we approach God. He is our strength, our rock, our fortress, our deliverer—and our high priest who lives forever to make intercession for us.



NEXT SUNDAY—DOMENICA PROSSIMA

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Prayer during Times of Crisis IV

God does not always answer our prayers exactly as we expect, but our prayer always changes something in us and in the world. It attracts the presence of God; it brings about the kingdom.

It seems to me that in these unique times in which we are living, our prayer must be a supplication for the coming of the kingdom. We do not know the times or the moments that the Father has set in his sovereign wisdom, but we are clearly facing the end of a world today. We are in one of those unique moments in history, like those very deep tectonic movements that mark the change of a geological era.

According to Paul's words in the Letter to the Romans, creation itself sighs and groans in expectation of its redemption. The world is experiencing the pains of childbirth that are preparation for the coming of the new heavens and the new earth. The request we make in the Our Father—"Your kingdom come!"—takes on a special intensity today. The deepest cry of our prayer must be the one uttered by the Spirit and the Bride at the end of the Book of Revelation: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" Marantha! Fr. Jacques Philippe wau.org

What does it mean to say,

"Give us this day our daily bread"?

The petition about our daily bread makes us people who await everything from the goodness of our heavenly Father, including the material and spiritual goods that are vitally necessary. No Christian can pronounce this petition without thinking about his real responsibility for those in the world who lack the basic necessities of life.

What does it mean to say, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"?

Merciful forgiveness—the mercy we show to others and the mercy that we ourselves seek—is indivisible. If we ourselves are not merciful and do not forgive one another, God's mercy will not reach our hearts.

Many people have a lifelong struggle with their inability to forgive. The deep blockade of not being reconciled is resolved only by looking to God, who adopted us while we were yet sinners. Because we have a kind Father, forgiveness and reconciliation in life are possible.

What does it mean to say, "Lead us not into temptation"?

Because every day and every hour we are in danger of falling into sin and saying No to God, we beg God not to leave us defenseless in the power of temptation.

Jesus, who was tempted himself, knows that we are weak human beings, who have little strength of our own with which to oppose the evil one. He graciously gives us the petition from the Our Father, which teaches us to trust in God's assistance in the hour of trial.

What does it mean to say, "Deliver us from evil"?

No one can deny that evil in the world is devastating in its power, that we are surrounded by devilish suggestions, that there are often demonic processes at work in history. Only Sacred Scripture calls things by their name, "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness". The petition from the Our Father "deliver us from evil" brings all the misery of this world before God and begs God Almighty to free us from all evils.

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May They Rest In Peace

Recently Deceased

Ann Reilly
Betty Bridges
(Funeral Mass Wed 3 Nov, Family only)

Anniversaries of Death

Shirley Giddens
Giuseppe Acquaro



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B
31.10.2021

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Fully vaccinated only

QR Code or Sign In

Masks must be worn indoors

Please place Thanksgiving in baskets
on entry

Weekday Masses 1-5 November

Monday	10am	St Gabriel's
Tuesday	10am	St Gabriel's
Wednesday	10am	St Gabriel's
		Funeral Mass: family only
Thursday	10am	St Gabriel's
Friday	10am	St Stephen's
		St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS

Weekend Masses 6-7 November

Saturday 6pm St Stephen's

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Sunday 10am St Gabriel's

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Daily Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral
Prayer of the Day Daily readings

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

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- to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the 2001 legislation of the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.
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Welcome!

*With joy, we return to Mass and Parish life
this weekend!*

There are still restrictions on attendance.

*Please register by trybooking,
and then QR code or sign in on arrival.
Remember to sanitise your hands and wear a face mask.
Thanks for helping with cleaning after Mass.*

Monday November 1 is All Saints Day:

10am Mass at St Gabriel's Church.

Tuesday 2 November is All Souls Day:

10am Mass at St Gabriel's Church.

Prayer and Indulgence for all the faithful departed at Mass on Tuesday. Archbishop Comensoli has also extended this Indulgence to Masses next weekend 6-7 November.

The November Offering can be placed in the weekend collection or at St Gabriel's Presbytery front door. Envelopes are also available at the presbytery front door with the Parish bulletin. The November offering provides for Masses for our deceased parents, family members, friends, all we have known and loved.

St Gabriel's & St Stephen's MACS attend 10am Mass St Stephen's Church Reservoir East Friday 5 November.

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 pack \$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

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