



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

12th March 2023

PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (CCC 2558-2565)

"Great is the mystery of the faith!"

The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles' Creed and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy, so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father. This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer.

Prayer as God's gift

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; *humility* is the foundation of prayer, only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

2560 "If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.

2561 "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God: "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!" Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of God.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

Priest-In Residence:

Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

Parish Secretary:

Maureen Goonewardena

Parish Manager:

Wilfred D’Couto

Acting Principal:

Pauline Moran

Child Safety Officer:

Bernadette Saubolle

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.15am
..... 11.00am
Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Everyday 9.15am

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the
Big Hall

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –
Contact Parish Office

Prayer as covenant

2562 Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times).

According to Scripture, it is the *heart* that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain.

2563 The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.

2564 Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.

Prayer as communion

2565 In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is "the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity . . . with the whole human spirit." Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ. Prayer is *Christian* insofar as it is communion with Christ and extends throughout the Church, which is his Body. Its dimensions are those of Christ's love.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

MONDAY

2 Kings 5:1-15
Psalm 42:2-3,42:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY

Daniel 3:25,34-43
Psalm 25:4-6,7a-9
Matthew 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY

Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mark 12:28-34

SATURDAY

Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

VACANT POSITIONS IN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Positions for suitably qualified and experienced applicants could be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on Melbourne Catholic website.

Catholic Development Fund

* Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

Parish Positions

- * Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- * Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbena
- * Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston
- * Pastoral Worker –St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

Other Positions

- * Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- * Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- * Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in both foyers of the Church.

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Charles R.
Swindoll

YOUTH CORNER

If you are between the ages of 13-30 and would simple like to learn more about what we are planning for the youth group, or express interest in participating, we would like to invite you to scan this QR code and quickly fill out the form.

<https://forms.gle/w6BDB5HnT9JDVgxH6>



If there are any adults 30+ who would like to help out time to time with the youth group, please contact: **Stephanie de Niese** (Youth Coordinator HF)
Group Fitness Instructor & Counsellor/Psychotherapist

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‘WALK WITH JESUS TO CALVARY’: LENTEN RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

Join St Agatha’s Church (Cranbourne) Lenten retreat for children: ‘Walk with Jesus to Calvary’ on the **18-19 March 2023**. For ages 5–15, the retreat will feature praise and worship, activities and games, group discussions, Holy Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bookings are essential. Food will be provided.

For further information, visit www.divinekids.com.au



On all Fridays during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be conducted at **6.30pm** followed by **Mass at 7pm**.

Parish Office Hours

Monday9am-11am

Wednesday ...9am-12 pm

Friday9am-12pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)