

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October 2019

"GO MAKE DISCIPLES"



MASS TIMES

Weekends		Weekdays	
Saturday	6.00 pm	Monday	6.00 pm
		Tuesday	9.30 am
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am	Thursday	7.00 pm
		Friday	8.50 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION -

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT
9.30am OR BY APPOINTMENT

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm

(Closed 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)

1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Sunday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm

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PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our Parish groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Church for prayer, prior to meeting.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation is required.

MARRIAGE

Preparation program for couples is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Call the parish office for details or pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk.

BULLETIN


A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it "Weekly" or "Big Bulletin" in the subject heading and send to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY

The Library is open during office hours

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com.

Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the  Message button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

Stewardship Prayer

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

Working With Children's Check

A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a legal requirement for people engaged in child-related work as defined by the Working with Children Act 2005 (Vic).



In the Archdiocese of Melbourne all persons working or in ministry in parishes, agencies and entities hold a position of trust within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, irrespective of whether their role involves direct, indirect or no contact with children and young people must have a WWCC.

The WWCC excludes persons from working with children, and young people on the basis of their involvement in:

- Serious sexual offences
- Serious violent offences
- Serious drug offences



If a person declines to apply for or provide a WWCC, they are not permitted to engage in work or undertake a voluntary role within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

If you don't have a WWCC, this is the application process:

- Apply online for the WWCC
- Link WWCC to Resurrection Catholic Church, Kings Park

For all volunteers the application is free.

Office staff are happy to help complete the application on your behalf.

We pray in thanksgiving for the life of all those who have died recently.

We pray for Julieta Bunol Arengo, Antonio Arengo, Jodi Lagoun, Austo Do Dinh Hoi, maria Le Thi Ung, Ricardo Dizon and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

We pray for Charlie Grima, Pauline Debrincat, Clara Parnis, Eduardo Nicart and all the sick members of our community who are in need.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. As a Christian community, our belief in the resurrection of Jesus provides the context for our faith and hope in the resurrection of the dead. When viewed in this way death becomes in a very real sense, the only gate way to this eternal life of love with God and those we love.

Mass will be celebrated on 2nd and 3rd of November.

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our next parish meeting night will be held on 6th November at 7.15pm. St Vincent de Paul will be providing supper.

SINGULONG FUNDRAISER DANCE

The Sinulog-Santo Nino Festival is an annual cultural and religious festival held on the third Sunday of January in Cebu City, and is the centre of the Santo Nino Catholic celebrations in the Philippines.

The fundraising committee is holding a dance on Saturday 2nd November from 7pm to 11.30pm. Tickets are sold at \$15.00 (Children under 12 are free) Food and drinks sold at the venue by Happy Hut, Music by A Pros Light and Sound. For further information please contact Ramona Cazar on 0420 943 218.



PARISH MINISTRIES

In this bulletin you will find a description of all parish ministries. This is the time when each parishioner is asked to prayerfully reflect on where and how they will serve the Lord through their parish. Where and how are you being called right now to participate in the reign of God? A working with Children's Check must be provided for people over the age of 18. If a person declines to apply or provide the parish with a WWCC, they are not permitted to engage in any ministry.

INVITATION TO PARISH BBQ BREAK UP

If you are in a Parish Group or part of a ministry or help out in anyway, you and your family are invited to come along to our end of year BBQ. Sausages, Hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, 4th December

Time: 7.00pm

What to bring: A salad or dessert to share

It is our way of saying thank you to so many individuals and groups who have been faithful throughout the year to their chosen ministry commitments and/or attended their group meeting on Parish Meeting Night on the first Wednesday of each month. So let's get together; enjoy a meal, have some fun and get to know each other better or maybe meet someone new who is as dedicated as you.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Our special remembrance book will be available before all Masses during the month of November. If you have previously recorded the deceased person name in the remembrance book there is no need to do it again.

2019 ALL SOULS MASS

The greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust formally invites you to celebrate the All Souls Mass at the Ultima Conference Centre, adjacent to Keilor Cemetery, 11am on Saturday 2nd November 2018.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in my 60th birthday celebration. I was delighted that so many people came together for this occasion. My intention was that it would be a community event and it certainly was. Special thanks to the Social Event's Group, Men's Group, Choirs and all those who made a practical hands on contribution.

I'm also deeply grateful that so many people took up the opportunity to support our new partnership in Uganda. From your generosity we raised over \$4,000.00.

Again, heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.





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SERVICES

CatholicCare is not just a program, or even a series of programs – we’re a safety net and a capacity builder.

We accompany our clients on their journey, listening and responding, and ensuring their dignity is upheld at all times.

We offer a range of programs and services that aim to build and strengthen relationships, because we know that strong relationships are crucial in life.

RELATIONSHIP COURSES

Relationships are the glue that holds couples and families together. Happy, healthy and lasting relationships take time and care - as well as skill and knowledge. For couples preparing for marriage or strengthening their bond, expecting a new baby, or navigating parenting into the teen years, our programs help people to interact respectfully and positively. Everyone benefits from healthy relationships.

- Pre Marriage Education Programs
- Bringing Baby Home Program
- Marriage Enrichment Courses



FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP SERVICES

Families are the building blocks of a healthy community. There are times when families might need a little help. Like when a family member is struggling with addiction, gambling or mental illness. Or during life transitions such as the birth of a new baby, loss of a job, breakdown of a relationship, or death of a loved one. During these times, it is important to know that help is available.

- Adoption & Permanent Care
- Alcohol & Other Drug Family Service
- Counselling
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Family Wellbeing Support Service
- Godstart
- Integrated Family Services (supporting vulnerable families)
- Parent Orders Program (giving children a voice)
- Victorian Family Law Pathways Network (for Professionals working in the family law system)

PASTORAL SERVICES

Our pastoral services provide compassionate care to people in prison, youth custody and health care settings. Our chaplains listen, connect, understand and sustain people during difficult times. Sometimes, having someone to sit with you – shoulder-to-shoulder – can make all the difference for people who are vulnerable and isolated.

- HIV/AIDS Ministry
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Prison Ministry
- Youth Justice Chaplaincy



REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT

Our refugee and asylum seeker services help newly-arrived humanitarian entrants to settle well in Australia. We help refugee families to gain social and life skills while developing a sense of belonging.

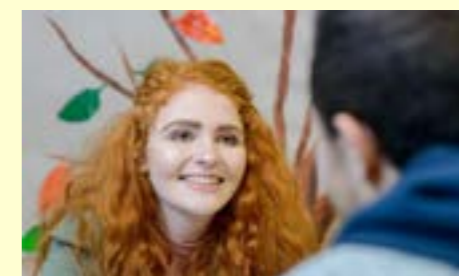
- Asylum Seeker Support
- Counselling
- English Conversation Program
- Green Patch Community Farm
- Job Readiness Program
- Refugee Dad and Kids weekend
- Settlement Engagement Transition Support



SCHOOL & EDUCATION SUPPORT

Education changes lives! It can provide social opportunities, pathways to employment, and can open the door to fulfilment of dreams and aspirations. But emotional or behavioural problems, poor mental health or social disadvantage can create barriers to achieving success. Our School & Education Support can help.

- Counselling for Youth
- Clinical Supervision and Support
- Relationships Matter
- School Refusal
- School Counselling



EMERGENCY RELIEF

CatholicCare, as part of CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania (CCVT), is now providing Emergency Relief in a number of locations across Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland.

What is Emergency Relief?

Emergency Relief provides financial or material aid to assist people experiencing financial hardship resulting from their current life situation or an unexpected crisis event.

CatholicCare provides confidential, non-judgemental support to maintain the dignity of individuals and families.

KINGS PARK PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO *The Holy Land*

WITH OPTIONAL OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY EXTENSION

Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem as we prepare for a powerful encounter into the heart of His passion.

10 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS COMMENCES FRI 5 JUNE 2020

Dead Sea (1 night) • Masada • Bethlehem (2 nights) • Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Mt Tabor • Mt Carmel • Haifa • Jerusalem (4 nights)

Optional: Oberammergau Passion Play - 3 nights

Commences Tue 16 June 2020 - Munich (1) • Oberammergau (2)

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First Holy Communions

Let's extend a warm congratulations to the RE Children and families who received their First Communion at all Masses.

We wish them well on their faithful journey.

Saturday 12th October
6.00pm

Alexander Alvarado
Sienna Avati
Mason Azzopardi
Sienna Borg
Xavier Buttigieg
Lana Kralj
Eva Li Donni
Christian Lykopoulos
Angelo Nardella
Selena-Iris Nilo
Joshua Notti
Declan Peacock
Ruby Spiteri
Luca Trimboli
Chalyse Vengrasamy
Emelia Zammit

Sunday 13th October
9.00am

Ashton Azzopardi
Mia Bazzano
Zane Belmuda
Jada Belmuda
James Briffa
Jade Carvalho
Jayden Fuljek
Pheonix Grima
Katelyn O'Donnell
Luka Podnar
Tuong Vi Trinh
Monique Vella
Analeigh Vera

Sunday 13th October
10.30am

Bianca Attard
Vivienne Barby
Chelsea Bugeja
Cruz Cachia
Adrian Cini
Maya Daniel
Ruby Ellul
Gabriel Ferraro-Husnu
Kaya Ferraro-Husnu
Taylah Galea
Chase Grima
Liam Jackson
Crysellah Mamo
Lilly Meagher
Ryan Jeremy Paul
Rangel
Adrian Sakic
Tianna Spiteri



WOW cooks Asian Style

Attention Wonderful Women of Reso:

Saturday 16th Nov. 2019

10:00am to 12:00noon

In the MacKillop Room
(gold coin donation for ingredients please)

(Note that there will be no WOW
catch-up on the first Saturday of Nov19)



Brought to you by the Outreach Group & the Social Group

Anglo-Indian Guild of Victoria



Invites the Reso parishioners and family to:

For booking please contact Neil Gonsalves on 0407 497 125



FAMILY NIGHT
Free Entry for Members

Non members - \$1 entry fee

on
Friday 15th Nov. 2019
from **7:30pm onwards**

Theme: Racing

at

Sassella Park Hall

Street Address:
119 Station Road,
Deer Park, VIC 3023



LIVE MUSIC



DANCE



WITH PRIZES



FOOD
\$10 for meal + dessert



GAMES



DRESS-UPS



Feast of Christ The King 2019



Since 1925 the Universal Church has celebrated the 34th and last Sunday of Ordinary Time with the Feast of Christ the King. The feast honours the Christ's sovereignty over all persons, families, nations and the whole universe. For the past 19 years, we as a parish have celebrated this feast with a distinctive Samoan flavour. It gives us an opportunity as a parish to recognise and celebrate with our parishioners who trace their roots back to Samoa. **The celebration will be held at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24th November.**

RESURRECTION



55 PLUS

GROUP

17TH DECEMBER
TWO/THREE COURSE
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

ST ALBANS SPORTS CLUB
KINGS PARK RESERVE
96A GILLESPIE RD
KINGS PARK

\$30 PER PERSON FOR A TWO COURSE MEAL
\$40 PER PERSON FOR A THREE COURSE MEAL
Contact Elizabeth on 0435 791 390

RSVP ELIZABETH OR MELANIE/RACHAEL
AT THE PARISH OFFICE
BY TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
55 PLUS

Name:

Paid:

ENTREES

CHICKEN & SWEET CORN SOUP
ROAST HONEY PUMPKIN SOUP

MAINS

ROAST PORK & APPLE CHUTNEY W
ROAST VEG

ROAST TURKEY & CRANBERRY
SAUCE W ROAST VEG

CHARGRILLED BARRAMUNDI WITH
LEMON BUTTER & VEGETABLES

DESSERTS

CHOCOLATE PUDDING &
CHOCOLATE SAUCE

APPLE CRUMBLE & ICE CREAM

\$30.00 TWO COURSE MEAL
\$40.00 THREE COURSE MEAL



Indian Sub Continent Mass & Celebration



QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT

Quatrefoils Restaurant is a fine dining a la carte full service restaurant that is also a training facility for students enrolled in the Catholic Regional College Trade Training Centre. The restaurant seats 100 people and features elegant furnishings, beautiful food a balcony and a light filled dining room that is perfect for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Quatrefoils Restaurant is open to the public for dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm and can be booked for those special occasions.

Our 55 Plus group had the pleasure of dining there on Wednesday 9th October.



Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into Resurrection community children who were baptised in the waters of Baptism. We pray that they will grow to love the Risen Jesus.

October

Eden Ciampa

Daughter of David & Stacey Ciampa

Charlotte Corina

Daughter of Peter & Shawnee Corina

Jamie Matsakos

Son of Michael & Rebecca Matsakos

Ryan Orlando Mizzi

Son of Raymond & Michelle Mizzi

Samuel Ilija Momirovski

Son of Ilche & Christina Momirovski

Iolene Lilly Penza

Daughter of Christopher Penza & Monica Mizzi



We make time to ask
RUOK?

Are you OK? Three simple words...right?

Trust the Signs, Trust your Gut & Ask R U OK? – because sometimes, asking the question could quite literally change a life.

R U OK? Day is a national day of action dedicated to inspiring people to start these conversations every day of the year.

At Resurrection it's important that we connect with our parishioners and ask "Are you ok?" and show support when it matters most.

Whether you already ask the question regularly or want to start asking it from today, consider four simple steps to have a conversation that could change a life:

1. **Ask R U OK?** – Help them open up by asking 'How are you going?'
2. **Listen without judgement** – Take what they say seriously
3. **Encourage action** – Ask them to commit to doing one thing that might help them
4. **Check in** – Make time to catch up soon

A conversation could change a life.

It can make a big difference

How to ask R U OK?



Outreach Group - Awareness Campaign

RESO MEN'S GROUP

We are a community of men who gather in a circle to sound our drums, raise our voices and speak from the wisdom of our personal experience. To all men who wish to venture on this sacred path our circle is open. Our next gathering will be held in the narthex on Thursday 31st October at 10.00am.

ST VINNIES PIETY STALL



The piety stall will be closing on Saturday 14th December and will re-open on Saturday 8th February 2020.

REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.



We don't notice His company at these times until we stop and look back.

Reference: Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen." (Acts 12:11 NIV)

Explore: There's a well known poem about someone walking across a beach with God. It's called Footprints in the Sand:

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.
This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.
So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?"
The Lord replied,
"The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you."

Such a powerful poem that explains how God is always with us, especially during our times of hardship. It's just that often we don't notice His company at these times until we stop and look back.

Application: The apostle Peter was experiencing a particularly difficult time. His fellow disciple, James, had been killed by the king and now he found himself heading towards the same fate.

This passage in Acts describes Peter's incredible escape from prison, one of my all time favourite interventions

of God. However, it's not until Peter goes through the experience that he realises God has finally carried him through this situation.

Once a time of trial is over it becomes much easier to see God's involvement. When we are going through tough times our heads are filled with emotion and concern.

It's important for us to remember to continuously rely on God during our suffering, but when the seas are starting to calm let's not forget to look back to see how much God was carrying us through.

Prayer: Lord, You promised never to leave us. Although there are times when we feel alone, we know You are faithful and true to Your word. Help us, in our time of trial, to feel Your loving arms as You carry us through. Amen.

When have you needed God to carry you?

Unexpected Grief

On 6 June 2002, I found myself unable to offer help. On the last day of her junior year of high school, our 17 year old daughter Melissa was killed in a car accident.

In one horrible instant, everything we knew about God and the Bible and heaven was put to the test. We needed the Christian community to guide us toward hope as we stood at the funeral of a beloved young woman who had touched so many lives with her smile, her godliness, her love of life, and her car for others.

For many weeks, I couldn't write. What could I say? How could I find the words to help others when my family - when I - needed so much?

Now, months later as I begin to write again I can say that God has not changed. He is still our loving heavenly Father, the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). He is still the source of hope in the face of unexpected grief. I write of Him with a renewed sense of my need for His touch, His love, His strength. Broken, I write of the only One who can make us whole. - Dave Branon

***I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the God of all comfort was with me,
At the hand to uphold and sustain. - Anon***

***When God permits trials,
he also provides comfort.***

The Spring Heart

Daffodils, jonquils, stocks – it's beginning to look like and have the smell of spring! All of a sudden it seems as though daylight lasts a little longer, and the sun seems to shine a little more brightly. There is a sense that the earth is gradually re-awakening as the fruits of the hidden underground work are starting to be revealed. It is a season of growth and great beauty. With the eyes of faith we cannot help but be drawn into a sense of wonder about God's presence in our world expressed in creation.

And spring proclaims new life! Our lives are not always in sync with the natural season, however. Sometimes we may be experiencing the autumn of life in the midst of spring. Just as the season around us seems to sing with joy we may be in the midst of a mourning time, wishing that the trees reflected our sense of loss by losing their leaves not growing them. The very thought of new life may seem impossible to us. Even the brightness of the sun contains a shadow.

But perhaps this is the lesson the season of spring offers us. Regardless of how we feel or what we are experiencing it is a sign that new life will always emerge. Robert H. Schuller, an American poet and Christian evangelist expresses it this way: "Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come".

So let our hearts prepare for spring! Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si (On the care of our common home) notes that 'A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings (n. 91). Perhaps this is a clue to cultivating a spring heart: just as the daffodils are emerging from the safety of the warm earth perhaps we are being invited to take a little risk with our hearts. To be more tender and kind and to turn our face to the other. To open our eyes to the wonder of the world around us in order that we may show that the world really does proclaim the glory of God. And to remember that the paschal mystery is for us not a memory, but a pattern of our lives.

In the words of the prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled

as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.



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Parish Ministry

How will you serve?

Serving others is central to being a Christian. It is recorded John's Gospel that after Jesus had washed the disciples' feet he said, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (Jn. 13:14). The word "Ministry" comes from a Latin word meaning service. Every Christian should take this instruction of Jesus seriously. Most Catholics serve others by participating in a ministry in their parish. Are you following Jesus' instruction? In what way do you serve? It does not matter if you are new to Resurrection or you have been here for a long time there is a ministry for you. Please read the following description of each Resurrection Ministry and then make a one year commitment to at least one Ministry. Complete the attached form and return to the Parish Office or Welcome Desk.

Camera Operator

Would you like to help with the data projection? Are you currently helping with the data projection? Would you like to operate the camera during 10.30am Mass? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, this might be your ministry.

Christmas/Easter Brochure Delivery

Within Resurrection parish there are approximately 13,500 homes. At Christmas and Easter each of these homes receives our specially designed brochure with an invitation to join our celebrations.

Our parish is divided into 38 zones so each person committing to this ministry has about 400 brochures to deliver by way of a letter-box drop.

Church Flowers

Except for Advent and Lent there are flowers in our church all the year. The parish purchases the flowers; but they need to be arranged.

Some people have a real gift in flower arrangement. If this is you this might be your ministry.

Coffee Clean Up

Perhaps some might see this as less glamorous than actually making the coffee but it is surely no less important. It is like being at home and doing the dishes. Somebody has to do it. Some parishioners find real joy in serving others.

Again working as a team and taking a turn to clean up can be fun. It is also a great way to meet other parishioners.

This is an ideal ministry for a family to take on together. How about taking a turn once a month?

Choirs/Music

Being part of a choir is pure joy for many people. You might be a couple or a single person or perhaps a family; by joining a choir you will get to know and make friends with other talented Resurrection parishioners.

Resurrection is blessed to have nine parish choirs. Each choir has its own distinctive style. All our choirs welcome new members. If you are already in a choir when signing up for please indicate the name of your present choir.

Church Cleaning

"Many hands make light work" This proverb certainly rings true when it comes to church cleaning. Our church is well used over the course of a week. It needs to be cleaned.

Paying professional cleaners would be very expensive. So parishioners committing to this ministry are doing two things; firstly they return our church to a state where we can worship and secondly they save the parish a lot of money. There are usually eight teams so a turn every eight weeks would seem reasonable. Cleaning happens on either of Friday or Saturday morning, usually around 9.00 am.

Joining other parishioners in this ministry is a great way of meeting people. Alternately you might like the flexibility of having your own team. All you need to do is gather 5 or 6 other parishioners to join you.



Coffee Maker

The espresso coffee machine in our narthex requires skill to use. You can be taught. This is a fun ministry for those over 15 year of age. Depending on the time of the Mass you might take a turn once every five or six weeks to help make coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. You will be working as a team with other parishioners. If you know how to use a large espresso machine or be willing to learn this can be a ministry for you.

Counting

Each week on either a Sunday or Monday morning our weekend collections are counted. As money is involved the counting has to be done both accurately and professionally.

Usually there are eight counting teams so depending on the number committing to this ministry a turn every two months is likely. We have a coin-counting machine that has cut down the time involved. This is a terrific way of getting to know other parishioners.

Food Preparation

There are some chefs both professional and amateur in the parish that might choose this as their ministry.

During the year we have some functions based around a meal. It might be for Prep families, families with children having special needs, a day for all Parish Groups, a lunch for new parishioners or a host of other functions.

On days such as these it would be great to have a couple of parishioners to call on to help prepare the food. The parish will supply the food but the preparation is another matter.

Can you help? You might consider helping the "chefs" by serving the food or you can help by cleaning up.

Collector

Being a Collector is a ministry. Some might see this ministry as no more than passing the collection basket. But when you stop and think of what is being collected and the reason for a collection it takes on a different meaning. Why? Because what is collected comes from Resurrection parishioners; it is their Stewardship offering. This offering enables the mission of the Risen Jesus entrusted to the parishioners of Resurrection to continue. A certain graciousness and a friendly smile will always make this a more rewarding ministry.

Data Projector

The data projector in the church has provided a new way to serve others. This means setting up before the 6.00pm mass and packing up afterwards. On a Sunday it is setting up before 9.00am mass and packing up after the 10.30 am mass. You need to arrive 10 minutes early to set up. Training will be provided; ideal way for young people to be involved. Perhaps you might like to help create the data slides on MS PowerPoint.

Gardening

One of the first things visitors to Resurrection notice and comment on are our gardens. They are much admired and have been loved to life by many people over the years.

Our four annual working bees achieve good results. But weeds do grow, lawns need cutting, and roses need pruning. Again this ministry has flexibility as regards to day and time. Parishioners committing to this ministry can work by themselves or with others. A parishioner might commit to a particular garden to look after. It would be ideal for anybody not in full-time work and perhaps would get somebody "out of the house".



Hospitality

Hospitality and Christianity go together. It is never just an add-on. Fortunately Resurrection parishioners embrace this tenet of our faith by making Hospitality one of our most popular ministries. It involves taking a turn once every five or six weeks to greet people as they arrive for Mass, offer new parishioners a "New Parishioner Pack", provide information at the Welcome Desk as required, and generally be on the lookout to help people. After Mass the Hospitality Minister offers the Parish Bulletin to parishioners as they leave. This is an ideal ministry for an individual parishioner or a whole family might be involved.

Because greeting parishioners as they arrive is part of this ministry it follows that Hospitality Ministers need to come 20-30 minutes before Mass commences when they are "on duty". There will be a training session for all parishioners committing to this ministry.

Maintenance

As the name implies this ministry is to help maintain our property and plant. Are you a handy person? Can you change a light globe? Are you "good with your hands"? You can choose to work alone or with another parishioner. You can choose to come in regularly (say on a Tuesday morning) or simply come as needed.

Parish Office Cleaning

It would be a significant cost to the parish if professional cleaners were employed to clean the Parish Office. Since the Parish Office opened over eight years ago a small number of dedicated parishioners come to clean the Parish office. Depending on the number who commit to this ministry a turn once every seven or eight weeks would seem reasonable. The good thing is that you can clean the office at a time to suit you – as the Parish Office is open seven days a week.

Sacristan

After Mass there is both cleaning and tidying to be done. Sacred vessels need to be washed, and stored. Liturgical books need to be put away. Sacristies need to be tidied. All this takes between ten and fifteen minutes.

Special Minister of Communion

For over fifty years it has been possible for non-ordained persons to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. Often called Eucharistic Ministers people called to this ministry have the honour along with the priest of offering the Body or Blood of Christ to worshippers. It is therefore self-evident that a person called to this ministry must have a love of Eucharist themselves. Eucharist must be distributed with reverence. There are proper procedures. Looking at these procedures at a training session will deepen your understanding of Eucharistic theology and help us to realize it is a privilege to offer the Body or Blood of Christ to another person.

Working Bees

During the year there are four Saturday morning working bees. The parish Maintenance Group plans the scope of works; however how many jobs get completed depends on how many people come to the working bee. Working bees are usually in February, June, September and November. Perhaps this is this where you can serve. Is this your ministry?

Office Help

Our Parish Office is a very busy place. If you would like to help with photo copying, filing, answering the telephone, using a computer and the like please make this your ministry. You could help on a regular basis or be on call when help is urgently needed.

Proclaimer of the Word

“When Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people, and Christ, present in his own Word, is proclaiming the Gospel”. This quote is from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and perhaps best catches the importance of Proclamation in Catholic Liturgy. The Ministry of Proclamation needs first of all a love of God’s Word. Liturgy demands a proclamation, it follows that Proclaimer rather than Reader better describes this ministry. Careful preparation goes hand in hand with this ministry. There will be a training session for all Proclaimers, readings are available two weeks in advance, and a pronunciation guide is provided. Why not experience the thrill of Proclaiming God’s Word to the assembly?

Supper Club

Do you enjoy baking a cake? There are occasions during the year when it would be good to have someone bake a cake, make some sandwiches, or bake some biscuits. The occasion might be a special parish gathering, a vigil for a funeral, or a parish meeting. If you commit to this ministry you might be called on five or six time during the year. This is a very good stay-at-home ministry and yet very important.

Watering

Our parish is concerned about the environment and conserving water is a priority. Ten water tanks have been installed along with a watering system. But taps need to be turned on as required during the summer and as permitted. There are some gardens that need to be watered by hand.



Resurrection Parish Ministries

Family Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____ Mobile:_____

Please attach a copy of your ‘Working with Children’s Check’ card. Without a copy of your card you will not be placed on the roster. Thank you.

Which Mass do you usually attend? Please tick	6pm <input type="checkbox"/>	9am <input type="checkbox"/>	10.30am <input type="checkbox"/>
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Write name next to Ministry		Name		Name		Name	
Camera Operator (10.30 Mass only)							
Choirs / Music							
Coffee Clean-up							
Coffee Maker							
Collector							
Data Projection							
Hospitality							
Mass Overseer							
Proclaimer of the Word							
Sacristan							
Special Minister of Communion							
Other Parish Ministries (Please write names next to ministry)							
Brochure Delivery							
Church Cleaning		Friday		Saturday			
Church Flowers							
Counting		Sunday		Monday			
Food Preparation		Supper Club					
Gardening		Watering					
Maintenance		Working Bees					
Office Help		Other Trade/Professional Skills:					
Parish Office Cleaning							

2nd & 3rd November 2019
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Judy Leckie	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Jane Caruana Joe Caruana	Kathy Wale Mary Gatt Rosario De Jesus	Daniella Carapellotti Mark Gatt Tessie Lim	
DATA PROJECTOR	Daniella Gozun	Oliver D’Souza	Alicia Joseph	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Jonathan Magtalas Henry Dunn Marissa Dunn Geraldine Holt	Augustine James Minh Pham Teresa The Vilinda Rebutillo	Daborah Agok Calvin Alderson Aurora Asuncion Romona Cazar	
COLLECTORS	Jacob Spiteri Jimmy Attard Joseph Thompson Michael Dutkowsky Neil Gonsalves Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Milton Young Raul Dizon Mary Do Rosemarie Balfour Teresita Kamarow	Angliss Lo Cristina Paulino Edmond Lo Marlena Ulugia-Sa’ena Sacrean Ulugia- Sa’ena	Vincent Alamo Andrew Morrison Rachita Antony Gerard Lali Jomar Into Franz Into
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Carol Tedesco Joyce Zahra Henry Dunn Lucia Portelli Cathy Downing Frank Spiteri Emalyn Spiteri Pat Marek Carmen Falzon	Fr Gerard Keith Eve Balfour Rosemarie Balfour Rosario De Jesus Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly Geraldo D’Silva Rose Gaquit Judy Leckie Elizabeth Osegueda	Fr Gerard Keith Clem Beltran Clem Beltran Josephine Medilo Dolly Zipagan Margaret Vilardo	Korlu Subah Maria Lapid Atalina Ulugia Sa’Ena Christine Perram Evelina Tuimauga Fely Baltazar
SACRISTY DUTY	Rianne Brizuela	Need Volunteer	Catherine Pedralvez Teresita Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Leon D’Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Mary Rulla Suzanna Tienzo Emilia Rivera	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Martine Grech Noelyn Fitzgerald	Bernadette Flores Oliver D’Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Jane Inot Fely Baltazar	
CHURCH CLEANERS FRIDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER 2019 Danilo Wico Tony Zahra Barbara Dabadie Joyce Zahra Samantha Rosair Catherine Muscat			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi	

9th & 10th November 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Vilinda Rebutillo	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Grace Eppingstall	Anna Cassar Maryann Psalia Andrew Cassar	Christine Perram Delia Collins	
DATA PROJECTOR	Anthony Galea	Jacob Rebutillo	Oliver Zipagan	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Marlene Axiak Choir Max Michel Cristina Selcedo	Colleen Wolfe Brandon Wolfe Elizabeth Michelsen Elizabeth Osegueda	Owen D’Cruze Choir Alicia Joseph Jane Inot	
COLLECTORS	George Borg Daniella Gozun Gabrielle Gozun Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Lachlan Colaco Charlie Galea Charlie Grech Charlie Spiteri	Frank Gatt Aimeree Manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D’Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Richard Marshall Roberto Bracco Royston Du’Pratt Sam Farrugia Tilo Matagi	Tony Tuimauga Wesley Yuan Teresita Danga Daborah Agok Diana Bellina
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Spira Attard Martess Borg Emmanuelle Brizuela Karen Colaco Caroline Conessio Martine Grech Rocky Hughes Olga Hughes Phu Thang Le	Fr Gerard Keith Minh Pham Vilinda Rebutillo Mauri Sendapperuma Kathy Wale Colleen Wolfe Jacqueline Wolfe Nadia Young Karen D’Souza Michael Donnelly	Fr Gerard Keith Richard Marshall Jonathan Medilo Patricia Meyn Cecilia Navarro Marques Navarro	Cleo Oliveria Kate Pedralvez Angelita Ramat Mary Rulla Veronica Santiago Suzanna Tienzo
SACRISTY DUTY	Pat Marek	Arlene Manabat	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Margaret Bannerman Anthony Scerri	Wesley Yuan Nora Russo	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Michelle Polidano Mirjana Dutkowsky	Grace Mifsud Doris Frendo Paul Bossini	Zeny Vella Emelia Debono	
CHURCH CLEANERS No ROSTER	BAPTISM MEETING 9 TH NOVEMBER 2019 Marissa Medilo Cecilia Navarro Tessie Villar		FLOWERS: Lan Dinh ALTAR LINEN: Joyce Zahra PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi	

16th & 17th November 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Judy Leckie	Marques Navarro	
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Anna Wright	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton Marques Navarro	
DATA PROJECTOR	Isabella Portelli	Christian Dizon	Alicia Joseph	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	John Borja Emmanuelle Brizuela Rebecca Galea Sandra Galea	Rosario De Jesus Choir Kathy Wale Nicolas Attard	Yvonne Du’Pratt Romona Cazar Mark Gatt Maria Lapid	
COLLECTORS	Jacob Spiteri Jimmy Attard Joseph Thompson Michael Dutkowsky Neil Gonsalves Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Milton Young Raul Dizon Mary Do Rosemarie Balfour Teresita Kamarow	Angliss Lo Cristina Paulino Edmond Lo Marlena Ulugia-Sa’ena Sacrean Ulugia- Sa’ena	Vincent Alamo Andrew Morrison Rachita Antony Gerard Lali Jomar Into Franz Into
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Frank Spiteri Emalyn Spiteri Blossom Tallent Geraldine Holt Adeline Borja Pat Marek Doris Oliver Noel Oliver Cathy Downing	Fr Gerard Keith Eve Balfour Rosemarie Balfour Rosario De Jesus Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly Geraldo D’Silva Rose Gaquit Judy Leckie Elizabeth Osegueda	Fr Gerard Keith Aurora Asuncion Owen D’Cruze Calvin Alderson Yvonne Du’Pratt Enza Fatone	Francisco Inot Jane Inot Lilian Libang Zita Alderson Resy Lim Marissa Medilo
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra	Need Volunteer	Aura Asuncion	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Spira Attard	Leon D’Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Lorna Salalila Zeny Vella Kate Pedralvez	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Tony Zahra Joyce Zahra	Bernadette Flores Oliver D’Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Luisa Fletcher Need Volunteer	
			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulas ALTAR LINEN: Helen Muscat PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi	

23rd & 24th November 2019
Christ the King

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Vilinda Rebustillo	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Maryann Krsteski Dominic Boland	Kathy Wale Mary Gatt Rosario De Jesus	Evelina Tumiauga Yvonne Utoasega Dolly Zipagan	
DATA PROJECTOR	Shanal Perera	Vincent Dizon	Calvin Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Frank Spiteri Maryanne Magnaye Judith Makripoulas Cathy Downing	Paula Prosia Nadia Young Teresa The Teresita Tena	Choir Member Choir Member Choir Member Choir Member	
COLLECTORS	George Borg Daniella Gozun Gabrielle Gozun Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Lachlan Colaco Charlie Galea Charlie Grech Charlie Spiteri	Frank Gatt Aimeree Manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Richard Marshall Roberto Bracco Royston Du'Pratt Sam Farrugia Tilo Matagi	Tony Tuimauga Wesley Yuan Teresita Danga Daborah Agok Diana Bellina
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Carmen Falzon Joyce Zahra Carol Tedesco Lucia Portelli Henry Dunn Marlene Axiak Phu Thang Le Caroline Concessio Martine Grech	Fr Gerard Keith Minh Pham Vilinda Rebustillo Mauri Sendapperuma Kathy Wale Colleen Wolfe Jacqueline Wolfe Nadia Young Karen D'Souza Michael Donnelly	Fr Gerard Keith Fely Baltazar Evelina Tuimauga Atalina Ulugia Sa'Ena Maria Lapid Jane Inot	Francisco Inot Aurora Asuncion Owen D'Cruze Yvonne Du'Pratt Enza Fatone Patricia Meyn
SACRISTY DUTY	Adelina Borja	Arlene Manabat	Catherine Pedralvez Teresita Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Margaret Bannerman Anthony Scerri	No Coffee	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Martine Grech Noelyn Fitzgerald	Grace Mifsud Doris Frendo Paul Bossini	No Coffee	
CHURCH CLEANERS FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER Danilo Wico Tony Zahra Barbara Dabadie Joyce Zahra Samantha Rosair Catherine Muscat			FLOWERS: Lan Dinh ALTAR LINEN: Lina Scicluna PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi	

30th November & 1st December
1st Sunday of Advent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Judy Leckie	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Jane Caruana Joe Caruana Charlie Grech	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Christine Perram Delia Collins	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Daniel D’Souza	Calvin Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Spira Attard Shanal Perera Isabella Portelli Maria Trinhm	Marc Dicconson Augustine James Vilinda Rebustillo Minh Pham	Bernie Kizito Korlu Subah Jacqueline Yuan Teresita Lim	
COLLECTORS	Jacob Spiteri Jimmy Attard Joseph Thompson Michael Dutkowsky Neil Gonsalves Ollie Farrugia Rock Hughes Tony Zahra Tyrone Tallent	Frank Gatt Milton Young Raul Dizon Mary Do Rosemarie Balfour Teresita Kamarow	Angliss Lo Cristina Paulino Edmond Lo Marlena Ulugia-Sa’ena Sacrean Ulugia- Sa’ena	Vincent Alamo Andrew Morrison Rachita Antony Gerard Lali Jomar Into Franz Into
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Spira Attard Martess Borg Olga Hughes Rocky Hughes Geraldine Holt Emmanuelle Brizuela Joe Caruana Jane Caruana Blossom Tallent	Fr Gerard Keith Eve Balfour Rosemarie Balfour Rosario De Jesus Marc Dicconson Michael Donnelly Geraldo D’Silva Rose Gaquit Judy Leckie Elizabeth Osegueda	Fr Gerard Keith Marques Navarro Cleo Oliveria Christine Perram Lynette Pirotta Veronica Santiago	Suzanna Tienzo Margaret Vilardo Dolly Zipagan Josephine Medilo Clem Beltran Richard Marshall
SACRISTY DUTY	Spira Attard	Need Volunteer	Aurora Asuncion	
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Leon D’Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Wesley Yuan Nora Russo	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Tony Zahra Michelle Polidano Mirjana Dutkowsky	Bernadette Flores Oliver D’Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Zeny Vella Emelia Debono	
CHURCH CLEANERS NO ROSTER			FLOWERS: No Flowers during Advent ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi	

November 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Office Closed No Mass	5 Melbourne Cup Office Closed No Mass	6 Parish Meeting Night 7.15pm	7 Mass 7.00pm	1. All Saints Day Mass 8.50am RCIC @ 4pm	2 All Souls Day Women for Word 10.00am – 12.00pm Mass 6.00pm Sinulog Fundraiser 7.00pm	3 31 st Sunday Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Celebration 12.15pm
11 No Mass	12 Communion Service 9.30am	13 Communion Services 9.30am Rosary 10.00am	14 Men’s Group 10.00am Mass 7.00pm	8 Mass 8.50am RCIC 4.00pm	9 Gospel Reflection 10am Baptism Parent Mtg 10.30am Mass 6.00pm	10 32 nd Sunday Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am 10.30am Children’s Liturgy
School/Parish Planning Day				15 Mass 8.50am RCIC 4.00pm	16 Mass 6.00pm	17 33 rd Sunday Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Welcome 10.30 Mass Sacramental Celebration for RCIC students
18 6.00pm Mass	19 Mass 9.30am	20 Communion Services 9.30am Rosary 10.00am	21 Mass 7.00pm	22 Mass 8.50am	23 Mass 6.00pm	24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Mass 9.00am & 10.30am 10.30am Samoan Celebration 10.30am Children’s Liturgy
25 6.00pm Mass	26 Mass 9.30am	27 Communion Services 9.30am Rosary 10.00am	28 Men’s Group 10.00am No Mass Fr Gerard celebrating Yr 10 Graduation Mass at Sacred Heart St. Albans	29 Mass 8.50am	30 4 th Working Bee 8.30am Mass 6.00pm	

Next Week's Readings—3rd November 2019
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reading 1

WIS 11:22-12:2

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

Responsorial Psalm

PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

R. (cf. 1) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading 2

2 THES 1:11-2:2

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel

LK 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a

wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."



Reflection
Change of Heart

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly. Repentance must involve a change of heart. Anything less won't produce a new being. It will be like decapitating weeds while leaving their roots intact. But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives too. After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart burst into life like a desert landscape after a rainfall. Fear can't produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can. Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to goodness. All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion. We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

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