

## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

(Prayer service for those who cannot attend Eucharist due to Corona Virus threat)

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **The Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary .....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Be it done unto me according to your word

Hail Mary .....

And the Word was made Flesh

And dwelt among us

Hail Mary .....

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Beginning today .....** (58)

**Head of the family:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**All :** Amen

### **Penitential Act**

**Head:** My dear family members, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this prayer service:

**Head:** You were sent to heal the contrite of heart, Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Head:** You came to call sinners, Christ have mercy

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Head:** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Head:** May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**Let us pray:** O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2:1,12-22

**Reader:** A Reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, with their misguided reasoning: ‘Our life is short and dreary, nor is there any relief when man’s end comes, nor is anyone known who can give release from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. He claims to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a son of the Lord. Before us he stands, a reproof to our way of thinking, the very sight of him weighs our spirits down; his way of life is not like other men’s, the paths he treads are unfamiliar. In his opinion we are counterfeit; he holds aloof from our doings as though from filth; he proclaims the final end of the virtuous as happy and boasts of having God for his father. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

This is the way they reason, but they are misled, their malice makes them blind. They do not know the hidden things of God, they have no hope that holiness will be rewarded, they can see no reward for blameless souls.

**Reader;** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33(34):16,18,19-21,23

**Response:** The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.

1. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **Response**
2. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him. **Response**
3. He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Joel2:12-13

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** John 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Reader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus stayed in Galilee; he could not stay in Judaea, because the Jews were out to kill him.

As the Jewish feast of Tabernacles drew near, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went up as well, but quite privately, without drawing attention to himself. Meanwhile some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Isn't this the man they want to kill? And here he is, speaking freely, and they have nothing to say to him! Can it be true the authorities have made up their minds that he is the Christ? Yet we all know where he comes from, but when the Christ appears no one will know where he comes from.'

Then, as Jesus taught in the Temple, he cried out: 'Yes, you know me and you know where I came from. Yet I have not come of myself: no, there is one who sent me and I really come from him, and you do not know him, but I know him because I have come from him and it was he who sent me.'

They would have arrested him then, but because his time had not yet come no one laid a hand on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All** : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reflection:** Some of Jesus' listeners say that they know nothing about him, others that they know everything. People often make judgements about others, not realizing how their own limitations blind them to the truth. In today's Gospel, a lot of people in general are confused about Jesus – the Jews, the Pharisees, Chief Priests, the Sadducees. Though these were often rivals, they viewed Jesus as their common enemy. Being unclear about Jesus' real identity, and consequent to the misunderstanding both about the origins of the Messiah and Jesus' origins, they concluded that Jesus is not the expected Messiah. But Saint John wants us to know who He is so that we “believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing we may have life in his name” (Jn 20:31) (source: God's Word, St. Pauls India)

**Let us pray:** May this prayer service, almighty God, cleanse us by its power and lead us to approach its source with ever greater purity. Through Christ our Lord.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Head:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Head:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**Head :** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; peace I leave to you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign forever and ever.

**All** : Amen.

**Head** : The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## **The concluding rites**

**Let us pray:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we pass from old to new, so, with former ways left behind, we may be renewed in holiness of mind. Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen

**Head :** May almighty God bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**All :** Amen

**Head :** Let us go in the peace of the Lord,

**All :** Amen

**Hymn:** O Cross erected .... (289)

## **Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus**

(To be said before the recessional hymn)

Almighty and ever merciful God,  
You show your love to the entire universe.

Hear our prayers as we lift up  
all the people infected by Corona virus  
in different parts of the world.

We beg you to touch the victims and  
their families with your healing touch.

We thank you for the persistent efforts  
put in by the doctors to research  
an effective solution to this virus.  
May you bring success to their  
tireless efforts in this field

We pray for the people working  
through the governmental and health  
organizations that they may be guided by you to  
take appropriate measures to overcome this difficult situation  
and work towards the safety of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

