

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Saturday 13th June 2020 – St Anthony of Padua

The Angelus

Head : The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

All : And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Head : Hail Mary

Head : Behold the handmaid of the Lord

All : Be it done unto me according to your word

Head : Hail Mary

Head : And the Word was made Flesh

All : And dwelt among us

Head : Hail Mary

Head : Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

All : 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: Children of God (77)

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.

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, who gave Saint Anthony of Padua to your people as an outstanding preacher and an intercessor in their need, grant that, with his assistance, as we follow the teachings of the Christian life, we may know your help in every trial. 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.

All : Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:19-21

Reader: A Reading from the first book of Kings

Elisha leaves the plough to follow Elijah

Leaving Mount Horeb, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-10

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps118:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Alleluia!

Or:

Ps118:36,29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Bend my heart to your will, O Lord,
and teach me your law.
Alleluia!

Gospel :

Matthew 5:33-37

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not swear: say 'Yes' if you mean Yes, 'No' if you mean No

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Today more than ever there is a need to walk the talk on our part. Living a life worthy of our calling makes us faithful witnesses of Jesus here on earth. Our personal integrity and commitment will make us trustworthy and will lead us to become true and faithful disciples of Jesus. We come across many performers in Christianity today who tempt people with their 'offer' to change and become the Christ. However, these performers lack creditability, as the values of the beatitudes have not touched them yet. A genuine messenger of Christ should make his or her conscience a guide to the truth. Jesus wants his followers to possess kindness, honesty, compassion, justice, transparency and pure motives, conscious that only these will help us to live a Gospel based life.

Let us pray:

May the sacrifice which we gladly present on the feast day of blessed Anthony of Padua be pleasing to you, O God, for, taught by him, we, too, give ourselves entirely to you in praise. Through Christ our Lord.

All : Amen.

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.

All : And with your spirit.

Head : Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You Sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You
Amen.

The concluding rites

Let us pray:

Through Christ the teacher, O Lord, instruct those you feed with Christ, the living Bread, that on the feast day of blessed Anthony of Padua. they may learn your truth and express it in works of charity. 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 : Thanks be to God.

Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus

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.

Hymn: You shall go out (477)