



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

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

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**28<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

### **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: Sing a new song ..... (348)**

**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:

**All:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. (And, striking their breast, they say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

**All :** Amen.

**Head:** Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Head:** Christ, have mercy

**All:** Christ, have mercy

**Head:** Lord, have mercy

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen.

**Let us pray:**

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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:**

**2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16**

**Reader:** A reading from the second book of Kings

*This is a holy man of God; let him rest here*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us, he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my

own people about me.’ ‘What can be done for her then?’ he asked. Gehazi answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,’ he said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19**

**Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

**Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

**Response:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

**Second Reading:**

**Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

**Reader:** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

*When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**                      **cf.Ac16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

Or:    **1P2:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a people set apart to sing the praises of God,  
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel :**    **Matthew 10:37-42**

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

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

*Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Reflection:** To be a disciple of Jesus, one should possess the attitude, character and purpose of Jesus. Jesus lived a life of total availability and became a compassionate and comforting shoulder for the other to lean on; he lived and shared the love of the Father, becoming the food and drink of the other and sacrificing his life on the cross to redeem us. Jesus categorically stated that whoever wants to be his disciple should take up his cross and follow him. Any attachment to parents, siblings, property or anything else will disqualify us from becoming disciples of Jesus. The only attachment we should have in following Jesus is to Jesus himself.

Today we speak of the need to have credible and faithful witnesses in the Church, but hardly find any. The real reason is that we have become regrets in the presence of God (cf 1 Sam 15:11) as we live a life according to the standards of the world. When Jesus made us his disciples, he anointed us with his power to baptize, cast out demons, heal the sick, and bring the Gospel to the nations. However, like the Pharisees and others during the time of Jesus, we too clamour for a cross-less life and choose the value of the world, forgetting the fact that we are called to represent Jesus here on earth. Let us ask ourselves what is our greatest love? Is it Jesus?

### **The Creed: (The Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the Faithful**

**Head :** Lord, it is your will that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth. To this end, through the ages you sent your prophets ahead of your son so that all men who believed in him could be saved. In these difficult days we, who believe in you and in your son Jesus, come to you trusting that you will deliver us from our present predicament. As we put forward our petitions before the Lord.

**Let our response be :** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

1. We pray for the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests and Religious that they may proclaim God's saving work to all and that their efforts may bring about a renewal of the minds of the people to make them new creations in Jesus Christ.
2. We pray for those in Government and in the Health Ministry - that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to understand the pandemic situations clearly and thus give direction and enact laws that will result in effect control of the spread of the Coronavirus.
3. We pray for those who have died in this pandemic that God may give them eternal rest, and for all the relatives of the deceased that God may give them consolation in their grief. We pray specially for those who have lost their bread winners, that they may find help from those who are well placed.
4. We pray for the people of God – in their communities – that in these difficult and challenging days they may support each in their difficulties and that generous members may get together to assist those families who have lost their wherewithal to meet their basic expenses due to the lockdown restrictions of commuting.
5. Let us pray for our personal needs.

**Head :** Heavenly Father, we trust in your power and goodness. we are aware that you will listen to our prayers if it is in your plan for us. We humbly approach you with these petitions. Hear, graciously, our prayers and help us to always rely on your graciousness, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**All :** Amen

**Let us pray:**

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of our prayers. 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:**

May this prayer service fill us with life, O Lord, so that, bound to you in lasting charity,  
we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. 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 :** Sing my soul ..... (352)