

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

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

Thursday 11th June 2020 – St Barnabas, Apostle

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: Come in pilgrim (89)

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:

O God, who decreed that Saint Barnabas, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, should be set apart to convert the nations, grant that the Gospel of Christ, which he strenuously preached, may be faithfully proclaimed by word and by deed. 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:

Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith

A great number believed and were converted to the Lord.

The church in Jerusalem heard about this and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. There he could see for himself that God had given grace, and this pleased him, and he urged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with heartfelt devotion; for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were won over to the Lord.

Barnabas then left for Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. As things turned out they were to live together in that church a whole year, instructing a large number of people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians.'

In the church at Antioch the following were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. One day while they were offering worship to the Lord and keeping a fast, the Holy Spirit said, 'I want Barnabas and Saul set apart for the work to which I have called them.' So it was that after fasting and prayer they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97(98):1-6

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

‘Whatever town or village you go into, ask for someone trustworthy and stay with him until you leave. As you enter his house, salute it, and if the house deserves it, let your peace descend upon it; if it does not, let your peace come back to you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: Barnabas was an important figure in the early Church, not because of his power and eloquence, but as the Acts of the Apostles testifies, “He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.” He was a constant companion of Paul in his missionary journeys. “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” said the Holy Spirit. The qualities that made Barnabas a powerful influence in the early Church are strong faith, goodness of heart and being filled with the Holy Spirit. He and Paul, together with others, were truly living ‘Christ bearers’ whereby the early followers of Christ came to be called ‘Christians’. Do we really live and bear witness to Christ?

Let us pray:

Sanctify with your blessing, O Lord, the prayers presented here, so that by your grace they may set us on fire with the flame of your love, by which Saint Barnabas brought the light of the Gospel to the nations. 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:

As we receive the pledge of eternal life, we humbly implore you, Lord, that what we celebrate in sacramental signs on the Memorial of the blessed Apostle Barnabas we may one day behold unveiled. 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: Good news (147)