

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

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</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: As we gather ..... (44)**

**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, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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:**

**Ecclesiasticus 48:1-15**

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

*The spirit of Elijah fills Elisha*

The prophet Elijah arose like a fire,  
his word flaring like a torch.  
It was he who brought famine on the people,  
and who decimated them in his zeal.  
By the word of the Lord, he shut up the heavens,  
he also, three times, brought down fire.  
How glorious you were in your miracles, Elijah!  
Has anyone reason to boast as you have? –  
rousing a corpse from death,

from Sheol by the word of the Most High;  
dragging kings down to destruction,  
and high dignitaries from their beds;  
hearing reproof on Sinai,  
and decrees of punishment on Horeb;  
anointing kings as avengers,  
and prophets to succeed you;  
taken up in the whirlwind of fire,  
in a chariot with fiery horses;  
designated in the prophecies of doom  
to allay God's wrath before the fury breaks,  
to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children,  
and to restore the tribes of Jacob,  
Happy shall they be who see you,  
and those who have fallen asleep in love;  
for we too will have life.

Elijah was shrouded in the whirlwind,  
and Elisha was filled with his spirit;  
throughout his life no ruler could shake him,  
and no one could subdue him.  
No task was too hard for him,  
and even in death his body prophesied.  
In his lifetime he performed wonders,  
and in death his works were marvellous.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Psalm 96(97):1-7**

**Response:** Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

**Response:** Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.



### *How to pray*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In your prayers do not babble as the pagans do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard. Do not be like them; your Father knows what you need before you ask him. So you should pray like this:

‘Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test,  
but save us from the evil one.

‘Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Reflection:** The ‘Our Father’ helps us understand who God is and who we are. In this prayer, we acknowledge God as our loving, redeeming, forgiving, generous and caring Father and we surrender ourselves to him as his children. Above all, it teaches us to honour God, our loving Father, to respect and care for our brothers and sisters, to completely depend on Divine Providence and live in harmony with one another. Saint Therese of Lisieux wrote: “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” Our prayers are not meant to impress people but are a means to obtain God’s graces and blessings.

### **Let us pray:**

O God, who in the prayers presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray,

that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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 the Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. 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 life sing love ..... (351)**