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February 4 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

V DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO o della Parola di Dio (ANNO B)

Gesù passa tra noi e ci guarisce. Ci ha rigenerati e guariti con la grazia del battesimo e ci rinnova ogni giorno con la sua misericordia.
 Siamo dei salvati, ma lo siamo per essere segno del Cristo presso i nostri fratelli e le nostre sorelle. La suocera di Pietro dà ad ognuno di noi l'esempio di chi, guarito dal Cristo, sceglie di servire. Le folle cercano Gesù attratte da ciò che egli dice e dai segni che opera. È la carità che le richiama e la carità è certamente il segno più luminoso e distintivo di ogni comunità cristiana.
 Ma per essere davvero testimoni e annunciatori del Cristo occorre ancorare la propria vita nella preghiera e nella contemplazione: Gesù si ritira a pregare solo in un luogo deserto e indica la strada maestra che dobbiamo seguire se vogliamo essere suoi veri discepoli.

(lachiesa.it)

Archbishop Comensoli on how to enter into the Year of Prayer

To prepare for the 2025 Jubilee Year, the Holy Father has called for a Year of Prayer, a time of 'rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world'.
 Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who was recently in Rome, has recorded a special message for the local church of Melbourne in which he suggests three simple prayers to help us enter into this time of preparation.

See link for the full article:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/three-ways-to-enter-into-the-year-of-prayer-archbishop-comensoli>

Joke of the week

Two paramedics were sent to check on an elderly man who had become disorientated. They decided to take him to hospital for closer examination. On the way there, they asked him a few questions in order to ascertain the level of this awareness. Raising their hands simultaneously they sked him: 'Do you know what we're doing right now?'

The old man slowly looked up stared out of the ambulance window and said, 'About forty, maybe forty-five.'

(The book of senior jokes)

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviante, Josie, George, Tony and Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, Helmet Kolb, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark

Upcoming funerals: Carmen DeBono, Wednesday, 7th of February at 10.45 am. Rosary followed by the requiem mass.

Recently deceased: Antonella Mammoliti, Giuseppina Palmieri, Vito Merlo, Giuseppe Ferraro, Antonietta Ciavarella, Gaetano Dell'Avo, Nola Morelli, Antonino Zaccaria, Tommaso Zuccarelli, Giuseppina Miglino, Costantino Lamonaca, Emmanuel De Bono, Mariano Randello, Robert Richard Robinson. Giovanna Di Rocco (Italy), Rosa Callea., Beatrice Fernando, Margaret Van Langenberg

Anniversaries:

Wladyslaw Stopa, Domenica Faba, Pietro Mobrici, Rosa Lattanzio, Giuseppe Fortunato, Mary Attard, Phillip De Zilva, Antonio, Carmela and Graziella Sangiorgio, Rita Schiavello, Shanie Liyanage

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner (Leo Street, Fawkner)

Weekday: Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend: Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Rosters for weekend masses (Feb. 10/11)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: C. Schiavello

10.30 am: G. Gamberale

Bus driver: P. Capasso



Novena mass

Please be advised that the Novema masses will recommence on Wednesday the 8th of February—masses start at 6.00 pm.

Lent 2024

Lent begins each year on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday. This year, Lent will begin on **Wednesday, February 14th, 2024.**

Lent consists of six weeks leading up to Easter.

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen
 Amen.

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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