The 4th Sunday in Lent

27 March 2022

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

COVID Safety and Face Masks. The Emergency Management (Activities—General No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 and the Emergency Management (Activities—Associated Direction No 20) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 provide that face masks must be worn at all times other than when a person is reading or otherwise leading worship.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



O thou not made with hands, Not throned above the skies, Nor walled with shining walls, Nor framed with stones of price, More bright than gold or gem, God's own Jerusalem!

- 2 Where'er the gentle heart
 Finds courage from above;
 Where'er the heart forsook
 Warms with the breath of love;
 Where faith bids fear depart,
 City of God, thou art.
- Thou art where'er the proud
 In humbleness melts down;
 Where self itself yields up;
 Where martyrs win their crown;
 Where faithful souls possess
 Themselves in perfect peace;

- 4 Where in life's common ways
 With cheerful feet we go;
 Where in his steps we tread,
 Who trod the way of woe;
 Where he is in the heart,
 City of God, thou art.
- Not throned above the skies,
 Nor golden-walled afar,

 But where Christ's two or three
 In his name gathered are,
 Be in the midst of them,
 God's own Jerusalem.

Francis Palgrave 1824-97

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 66.10-11

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Invocation and Greeting

▼ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister, says

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All say

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon ♥ you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5.9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 32



- 1 Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
 Blessed are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! R.
- 2 For I acknowledged my sin to the Lord, and my iniquity I did not hide.
 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD';
 And you forgave me the wickedness of my sin. R.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;

And shout for joy, all who are true of heart. R.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15.18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Reading

Luke 15.1–3, 11–32

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

▼ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before

you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation. he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

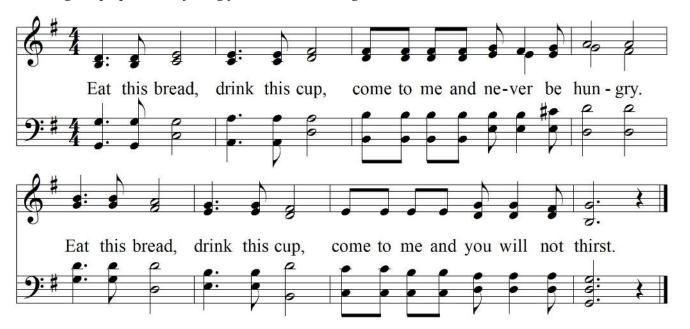
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand to sing the chant. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung.



Jacques Berthier 1923-94

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

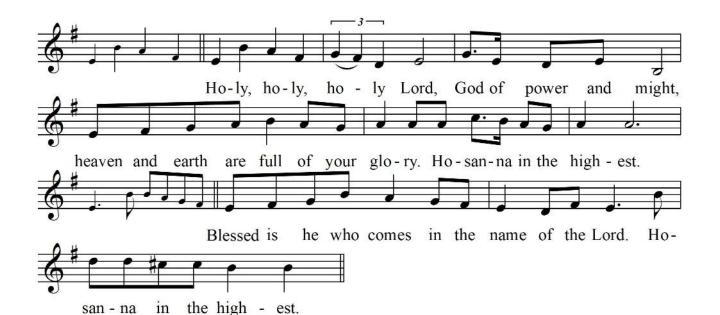
Holy Father, compassionate and good, it is right to give you thanks and praise, for you never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life.

Though we are sinners, you constantly offer us pardon and ask us to trust in your mercy alone.

Time after time, when we broke your covenants, you did not cast us aside; but through the incarnation of Jesus, your Son, you bound the human family to yourself with a new and unbreakable bond.

In Christ you give your people a season of reconciliation and grace: a time to draw new breath for our journey back to you, a time to open our hearts to your Spirit and respond to the needs of all.

In wonder and gratitude we join our voices with the choirs of heaven, as we proclaim with joy the power of your love and sing the endless hymn of your glory:



From the beginning, O God, all you have done for the human family you have done for our good, that we may be holy, as you yourself are holy.

Look with kindness, then, on your people gathered before you. Send forth your Spirit in power, that these gifts may become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, in whom we too are your children.

When we were lost and our hearts were far from you, you showed the depth of your love: your Son, who alone is the Just One, gave himself into our hands and was nailed to the wood of the cross.

Before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth as the lasting sign of your covenant, he desired to celebrate the Passover in the company of his disciples.

While they were at table, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal, knowing he would reconcile all things in himself by his blood poured out on the cross. he took the cup filled with wine; again he gave you thanks, and, handing the cup to his friends, he said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the Cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



We remember Jesus Christ, our Passover and our lasting peace, we celebrate his death and resurrection, we await the blessed day of his return.

And so we present to you, God ever faithful and true, the offering that restores the world to your grace.

Merciful Father, look with love on those you draw to yourself through their sharing in the sacrifice of Christ. By the power of your Spirit, may they become the body of your risen Son, in whom all divisions are healed.

Help us to work for the coming of your kingdom, until at last we stand in your presence and take our place among the saints, with the Virgin Mary and the apostles, and with our departed brothers and sisters, whom we commend to your mercy.

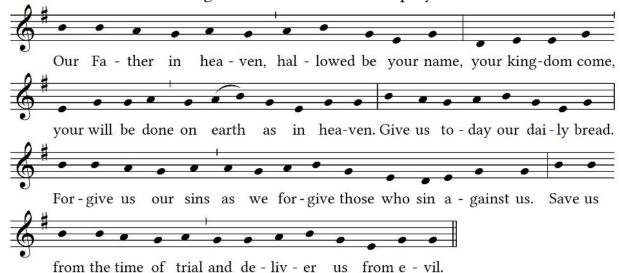
Then, in the glory of your new creation, freed from the sting of death, we shall sing to you the hymn of thanksgiving which rises from Christ the living Lord, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, with whom, in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honours is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

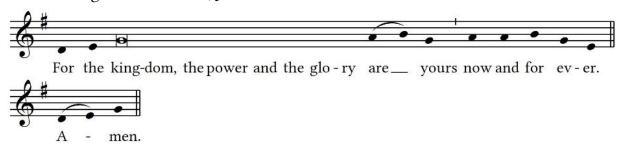
THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



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.



The Breaking of the Bread

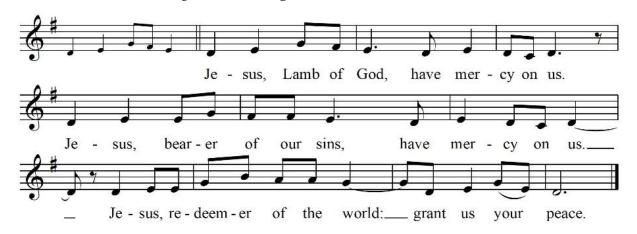
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 15.32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Giver of life,

you enlighten all who come into the world.

Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,

that we may perfectly love you

and worthily praise your holy name,

through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn



Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through: Strong Deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction
 Land me safe on Canaan's side:
 Songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-91 trans. Peter Williams 1727-96 and others

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing of Simnel Cake

Prayer over the People and Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, *\mathbb{P} and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held after Mass today. Please make your way to the Mission Hall to collect a cup of coffee and we will hope to begin the meeting as soon as possible, and to finish by 12 noon.

Today is **Refreshment Sunday**, the 4th Sunday in Lent. Among the customs associated with this day is the blessing and distribution of **Simnel Cake** – our thanks to Penny Gent for once again providing this delicious treat in mid-Lent!

Before the Blessing at Mass, this prayer will be said,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all joy: receive and № bless this cake, which earth has given and human hands have made, that it may be to us a symbol of our communion with you and with one another.

As its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one, so let us be one in anticipation of the gift of the new Jerusalem which, as your redeemed people, is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THANKS FROM THE SISTERS OF THE INCARNATION

The Parish hosted the annual celebration of the Sisters of the Incarnation last Sunday. Sister Juliana and Sister Patricia write:

The Sisters of the Incarnation thank the parish for their hospitality on the 40th anniversary of our foundation. Thanks to Peter for running off the service book and preparing the church. And thanks to the Hospitality team who were amazing in the serving of a COVID-safe High Tea: Catherine, Annemarie, Collette, Kayoko, John Dow, Heather, Peter Turner and Jim. We are very grateful and our quests loved their experience in Mary Mags.





30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS PRIESTS

Last Wednesday saw a very special event in the history not only of the Diocese of Adelaide but of the Anglican Church of Australia, being a thanksgiving Eucharist in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women as priests in our part of the Anglican communion.

Sister Juliana, along with the Revd Susan Straub and the Revd Joan Claring-Bould were among the participants in the Eucharist, which was celebrated by Bishop Denise Ferguson and attended by five of the other six active women in the Australian episcopate. The Preacher was Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy. It is something of a delight to be able to say that each and every one of those named have presided at the altar at St Mary Magdalene's!

Sister Juliana was invited to cut the celebratory cake! Well done, Sister!







SPECIAL SERVICES IN LENT

Each **Wednesday** in Lent, prayers will be said in the Church at 7.30 am. The format will be a short reading, 20 minutes of silent prayer/meditation, and a song to conclude, finishing promptly at 8 am. All welcome. If you would like to join "remotely" from home, please let Alison McAllister or Leonie Zadow know.

On **Thursday**, Fr Steven will offer a Lenten study, in person at 10 am, and by Zoom at 7 pm. See the item elsewhere in this newsletter. The regular Thursday Mass will also be said at 12.10 pm, following the Angelus at 12 noon.

On **Friday**, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 6.15 pm.

LENTEN STUDY

Fr Steven's Lenten Study *In love, in hope, in freedom* will be delivered in person and online each Thursday in March.

- Thursday morning: 10am at Bocelli's Caffe, Hutt Street (cr Wakefield Street): free parking in Angas Street. COVID-wise, there are outside tables at Bocelli, under cover.
- Thursday evening: 7pm on Zoom. Please email Fr Steven for an online invitation.

There is still an opportunity to join the study for the final session next Thursday. Please let Fr Steven know.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Service times in Holy Week and Easter have now been set and are advertised on the rear of these notes and a separately flyer. A few things to note:

- On **Palm Sunday**, everyone is reminded that Mass begins at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at the later time of 10.30 am with the Blessing and Procession of Palms. The procession moves into the streets, and our community then returns to St Mary Magdalene's for Mass. We are delighted that Bishop Denise Ferguson will again be with us on this day, and has been invited to deliver a brief homily at the Cathedral.
- After the 7.30 pm Mass on Maundy Thursday we begin the Watch of the Passion, which is kept throughout the night until the liturgies of Good Friday. If you would like to keep watch for a period of 1 hour during this period, there is a roster at the back of the church when you can nominate a time. During the night hours, security arrangements are in place.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7.30 am, Prayer and Meditation

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

Friday 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is also offered at St Peter's Cathedral Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am. Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to the Locum Priest. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000 BSB 305 122, account no 0324654. Reference: Your name

The Magdalene Centre

A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street, St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Next Sunday, 3 April, at 10 am - The 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3.3-14 • John 12.1-8

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Clarice, Dulcie, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), Mark, and Olivia.

For those who have died. Those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Ossy Grotto, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Rest # eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.