

Local Events

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BACKGROUND

Events that take place in both the local and wider community are integral elements of the Days in the Diocese experience. Previous Days in the Dioceses around the world have all included events and activities which draw people together in both the local parish and the larger diocese or archdiocese settings. Celebrations can be the simple gathering of people for prayer or a meal, to larger gatherings of the whole community for mass or a multicultural concert and feast! Whether they be liturgical celebrations, social celebrations or both, gatherings of these kinds enable people of all ages and walks of life to come together and celebrate their common humanity and faith.

As part of Brisbane's Days in the Diocese, a large archdiocesan event will take place on Saturday 12th July at the Roma St Parklands. This event is open to everyone and will be a fantastic celebration of the church in Brisbane as well the diversity of countries and cultures present from all around the world for Days in the Diocese. All of the other Days in the Diocese events will take place at a parish, school or deanery level and these include a Welcome, Social Gathering and a Farewell and Commissioning. It is these local gatherings of both a social and liturgical nature that this section of the manual focuses on and aims to assist local coordinators and communities with the planning and preparation of these celebrations.

This section of the manual is divided into Social Events and Liturgical Celebrations. Suggestions for a variety of social gatherings and tips for event planning have been provided as well as ideas and resources for liturgy preparation. Host Communities are free to take any suggestions, resources or information provided in the manual and adapt to suit their own purposes.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

In hosting community events such as prayer times, social gatherings, fun activities or Eucharist you are creating opportunities to deepen communion with the pilgrims you are hosting. Although it may seem only a simple gathering of people, your local event is a sign that Christ is embodied in different cultures and local traditions. Sharing the experience of a local event creates memories for the pilgrims and communities which they can hold on to and also share with others.

The sheer variety of options for social and liturgical events at the local level is instructive for us. There is more than one way to touch and experience holiness and communion. Laughter, dancing, song are as much a part of the ordinary experience of holiness as is prayer, and liturgical celebrations which may also use song, dance, laughter and silence as ways of expressing the holy.

It is good for us to create social and cultural events where we can share fellowship with each other. The pilgrims are among us as friends because we share a prior bond which is our having been baptised into Christ, so together we are parts of one another (Rom 12:5). Even if the events look to be much the same as any other social event for young people, for those with eyes to look beyond appearance we can see that it is Christ in our midst who calls us to celebration.

It is also important for us to make time to pray together with our pilgrims so that we can prepare ourselves for what we are to experience, to reflect on what we have done and to commission and send our pilgrims on their way to Sydney. Some days like Friday July 11, Feast of St Benedict of Nursia, join all of us in a universal communion of saints whereby we learn that our particular pilgrimage of faith has a bigger history. If we can gather on the Saturday for Vigil Mass or the Sunday, we can farewell and commission our pilgrims in the context of the Eucharist. Vatican II teaches us that Eucharist is the summit and source of the Christian life and so it is fitting that, if we are able to, that we send our pilgrims on their way from Mass.

The Mass gets its name from the rite of dismissal or sending which in Latin is *Ite Missa est*, Go you are sent! At each Eucharist the deacon, or a priest if there is no deacon, repeats the great commission of Christ to his disciples to proclaim the gospel to the whole world. World Youth Day is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed to the world and that its message remains as fresh today as it did 2008 years ago.

Host community gatherings are an opportunity to get to know one another and to invite young and old into the celebration of the events of World Youth Day 2008. If prepared well it can be an integral part of the process of deepening communion, celebrating Jesus in our midst and sending our pilgrims on mission.

HOST COMMUNITY ROLE

Throughout the four-day Days in the Diocese program there are many opportunities for people to gather for worship and celebration, with some opportunities being more significant than others. The key liturgies and events each Host Community is being asked to hold are;

- a) An official welcome of overseas guests most likely on Thursday afternoon/evening
- b) A social gathering of some kind over the course of the program; and
- c) A farewell to guests and commissioning of pilgrims as part of Sunday Eucharistic celebrations

As outlined in the Days in the Diocese program in the introduction, there are a handful of other times throughout the program where various events or reflection times can occur. Each Host Community has the flexibility and autonomy to be able to decide when, where and how events within their local Days in the Diocese program will take place.

WYD SECRETARIAT SUPPORT – SOCIAL EVENTS

Why not throw a party! A party is a social gathering celebrating an event like a birthday, anniversary, religious or seasonal festival. A party as a social gathering is intended primarily for celebration and recreation. While having some things in common with religious and seasonal festivals, the term “party” usually denotes a smaller gathering. Parties are great ways for people to meet and get to know one another in a fun and informal environment.

The international guests are arriving and Days in the Diocese is a great opportunity to put on a parish party! Over the Days in the Diocese week there will be many chances for pilgrims staying in your area to come together, celebrate and spend time in recreation together. All Host Communities are being encouraged to hold at least one social gathering over the course of the four days. This event could be held in conjunction with another event eg the Welcome, Farewell or Social Service activity or a social gathering can be held in its own right on either the Friday or Saturday night.

Here we have provided just a few ideas and some planning suggestions to help get you started.

Multicultural Concert and Feast

One of the most significant aspects of Days in the Diocese is that pilgrims are coming from all parts of the globe to participate in the program and gain an experience of life in Australia. It therefore provides an incredible opportunity for the Host Communities and various pilgrimage groups to share and learn about each other's culture. Why not use this opportunity and have an event which showcases the different cultures present. Invite pilgrim groups and/or other community groups to perform song or dance and share a meal which includes dishes from the different countries and cultures.

The Great Aussie BBQ

A world famous icon of Australia is the 'The Great Aussie Barbie' and as ordinary as it may be for us it will be an experience for overseas guests. BBQ's are easy to prepare and are great for catering for a large number of people. A BBQ meal could be done in conjunction with other activities such as sports, games or cultural performances.

Any Excuse to Eat

Sharing any kind of meal is a great way of bringing people together. Take advantage of other meal times such as breakfast or lunch to have an event in the Host Community. Breakfast especially may be a good time to gather people as many overseas pilgrim groups will look to gather at the church. So why not put on a BBQ breakfast to follow? Having a lunch time or daytime gathering may suit your Days in the Diocese program better. Perhaps there is a great beach or park close by that would be ideal for having a picnic or BBQ.

Fun in the Sun

Australians love their sport and our athletic ability and sporting successes are well known around the world. However sports such as AFL, Rugby League and Cricket might be unfamiliar to a lot of pilgrims and it could be fun to have a social gathering that incorporates these activities. Overseas visitors may also introduce locals to sports or games played in their home country. Soccer or 'football' as it is known in many countries is a widely played sport around the world and could also be a great way of engaging local and international pilgrims. Incorporate your sports day with a BBQ, picnic or shared meal.

Other Ideas

Bushwalk and Picnic

Games/Trivia night

Bush Dance

Pot luck dinner

Spit roast

Cuppa after Mass with homemade goodies

Event Planning

The following points have been provided to assist with the planning of social events in the Host Community.

Things to Consider in Planning Your Social Event

1. Consultation with other Host Communities

Before you begin organising a social event you may wish to contact other Host Communities close by or a deanery representative to determine whether there are opportunities to work together on Days in the Diocese events. For deanery or neighbouring HoSt Community contacts call or email the WYD Secretariat..

2. Organising Committee

Is it necessary to convene a committee to organise the event? If so, who will make up the committee and what are the potential roles to be filled?

3. Purpose

What is the purpose of the event and what are you aiming to achieve? For example, is the purpose of your event to 'create an opportunity for pilgrims and the local community to interact in a social setting'? In holding the event do you 'hope that it provides a fun experience of local hospitality and everyday Catholic life in Australia'?

4. Audience

Identify the event's target audience. Who will be attending the event? How many people will attend? What are their ages and past experiences and what might their expectations of the event be?

5. Content

Taking the event's purpose and audience into consideration what will the event comprise of? What should the format be? Could there be a theme? Will there be a prayer or liturgical aspect to the event? If so when and what will it look like? Who will organise?

6. Catering

What catering will be required as part of the event? Is it a breakfast, lunch or dinner? Will catering be done 'in house' or are external caterers required? What might the dietary needs of your international pilgrims be? Will they be used to western food?

7. Venue and Facilities

What is the best setting for the event and what venues are available? Of the possibilities, what are the associated costs? What facilities, equipment are available for use at the venues? Do they provide wet weather alternatives? Is there suitable amenities and parking? What potential hazards exist? What controls can be put in place to minimise any risks associated.

8. Equipment

What equipment is required for the event, sound, music, video or data projection? Tables and chairs, first aid, decorations, set up, clean up supplies etc.

9. Transportation

Does transport require consideration? Are all pilgrims and people who would like to come to the event able to get there? Some car pooling may be required or a bus to pick people up. Perhaps identify public transport options.

10. Environment

What sort of environment or atmosphere would you like to create for the event? Has a theme been decided on? What decorations and set up would be required and what are the associated costs?

11. Budget

Develop a budget that determines what costs will be involved in the event, and where you will obtain the money needed in order to host the event. What are the costs for the venue, food, drinks, decorations, advertising etc? How will the event be financed? Will funds come from the parish or deanery budget, fundraising, WYD deanery grants, entry fees, donations, sponsorships or a combination?

12. Endorsement of Plans

Is there a person or committee that needs to approve plans for the event i.e. Dean, Parish Priest, Pastoral Council or WYD/DitD Committee? Keep key groups informed of plans for the event.

13. Publicity and Advertising

Do you need to advertise the event in the Host Community or wider community? If so, how can this be achieved, newsletters, community newspapers, speaking at Masses, posters? Identify the types of advertising that could be done and timeline of when they should be done by.

14. Timeline and Responsibilities

To ensure the success of the event it is important to plan well. Identify the decisions that need to be made, tasks that need to be completed, who is responsible for completing them and by when.

15. Evaluation

After staging an event it's important to spend some time evaluating. It is helpful to identify what things worked well and what things perhaps could have been done better and these things can be kept in mind for next time. Try and obtain feedback from a variety of people including organisers, volunteers and those that attended.

WYD SECRETARIAT SUPPORT – LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Times when pilgrims will gather with the local community for prayer and worship are vital elements of the Days in the Diocese program. Young people from Australia and around the world are embarking on a pilgrimage of faith in attending World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney and for those that participate in Days in the Diocese it will be a significant part of their journey. Liturgical Celebrations during this time are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the universal Church and will also give overseas visitors an experience of parish and liturgical life in Australia.

Identified below are the key Days in the Diocese liturgies as well as other liturgical opportunities throughout the program. Included in this section is helpful information for Host Communities to consider when planning their liturgies which also includes a liturgy planning checklist.

Key Liturgies

Welcome: Thursday 10th July 2008

Thursday afternoon and evening will mark the official beginning of Days in the Diocese celebrations. Host Communities are asked to hold an event/ceremony/liturgy to welcome their guests to mark the beginning of the program.

Farewell and Commissioning: Sunday 13th July 2008

As part of parish masses on either the Saturday night or Sunday, Host Communities are encouraged to incorporate into their Eucharistic celebration a farewell to overseas guests and a commissioning of both local and international pilgrims as they embark on their journey to Sydney.

Optional

- Morning Prayers
- Evening Prayers
- Day of Social Service liturgy (See Section 2 on ACtS)

Other Ideas

- Arrange to have a liturgy led by overseas guests
- Organise a Catechesis/Spiritual formation session with a guest speaker
- Hold a forum or prayer service inviting young people from other denominations
- Arrange a liturgy with an Australian focus eg Mary MacKillop, Our Lady Help of Christians or parish patron
- Stations of the Cross

Preparing Liturgy

The following information has been provided for Host Communities to assist them in their understanding and preparation of liturgy for Days in the Diocese. It seeks to equip the reader with:

- An understanding of the principles that underpin liturgy;
- Comprehension of basic liturgical words and phrases;
- Common forms of Catholic Liturgy
- Knowledge of the elements that make up liturgy;
- An understanding of areas of flexibility and opportunities for creativity in liturgy.

Principles of Good Liturgy

(From the 'Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy' issued by Vatican II 40 years ago)

- Liturgy is always an act of praise of and to God.
- The 'theme' of every liturgy is the paschal mystery.
- Liturgy (all liturgy, not only Mass) is the peak activity of the Church.
- The aim to be considered before all else when preparing and celebrating liturgy is that everyone present can participate fully, consciously, actively.
- Christ is present whenever liturgy is celebrated in the people assembled for worship, in the scriptures proclaimed, in the consecrated elements, and in the person of the ordained presider.
- Liturgy is a ritual activity. That means there are set patterns and familiar cues and responses.
- Liturgical symbols should be large and clear.
- Liturgy is more than only words.
- Liturgy has a structure (Gather/Listen/Do/Go).
- Liturgy is a dialogue – pieces of paper get in the way and waste time & paper!
- Liturgy is not a performance or entertainment.

Common Forms of Catholic Liturgy

- Mass/Eucharist
- Liturgy of the Word/Scripture Services/Word Celebrations
- Morning Prayer
- Evening Prayer
- Penitential Services
- Blessings

Preparing Creative Liturgy

(a) Save yourself time by not re-inventing the wheel! Tap into the catholic tradition of worship for:

- Possible forms of liturgy to use
- The feast or season that the Church is celebrating at the time (i.e. look up the Church calendar in the Ordo)
- The scripture readings allocated for the day (see Appendix)
- The prayers that the Church sets down for the day
- Words and responses that people know so you won't need to give them all the script!

(b) Think beyond words; plan for:

• Movement and Drama

Liturgical movement and drama have found increasing acceptance in the worship life of the church. Both movement and drama offer enormous range of forms and expressions that can be used in worship. It is essential that these are carefully choreographed to ensure that they support the particular liturgy, rather than being imposed on it.

- **Music**

'People value music as an expression of themselves. It speaks of their daily reality, their hopes and dreams, their fears and disappointments, and their ordinary experiences of life in a way that plain words cannot .' This said, music must at all times be a servant to the liturgy. Music must assist in breaking open the scripture and supporting the community as they seek to participate in the Eucharist.

When preparing the music for liturgy, three judgements must be kept in tension. These are;

- Musical judgement: the music is assessed on its technical, aesthetical and expressive qualities;
- Liturgical judgement: the music reflects the nature of the part of the liturgy where it is used and the feast or season being celebrated;
- Pastoral judgement: it is appropriate for the age, culture and musical ability of the assembly and within the capabilities of the music ministers.

(Sweet, Marilyn J. Preparing to Celebrate with Youth; Preparing for Liturgy. Ottawa, Ontario: Novalis, St Paul University, 1997)

- **Prayers**

Prayers are one of the areas of creativity and flexibility. It is essential to remember when preparing the mass that there is some flexibility in the choices of the penitential rite, the Eucharistic prayers, acclamations and final blessing. Additionally, the General Intercessions are another area of the Mass where there can be some creativity.

- **Processions**

One of the most powerful expressions of the unity of a community is a procession. Processions create a vibrancy and energy that add power to a celebration. Throughout the liturgy there are a number of opportunities for processions, including:

- The entrance procession;
- The Gospel procession;
- The procession of gifts;
- The communion procession;
- The recessional procession.

It is through creative usage of processions that individuals move away from an individual piety and towards a harmony and connection with all members of the gathered assembly.

- **Silence**

Silence is one very simple way to be creative in a liturgical celebration. Through the use of silence the gathered community are presented to the opportunity to reflect about the celebration they are participating in. Additionally each community member is afforded space for silent communal petition.

- **The Liturgical Environment**

The space that we gather in says a great deal about the liturgy that we celebrate in it. Through the use of lighting, material and key symbols (e.g. jugs of water, candles, oils, incense) each member of the assembly is further invited into the mystery of the liturgy.

Planning Checklist for: _____

| OUTLINE | Choices | Ministers |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| INTRODUCTORY RITES | | |
| Entrance Procession | music | |
| Greeting | | |
| [Introduction] | | writer |
| Penitential Rite [Sprinkling] | music | writer |
| Gloria | music | |
| Opening Prayer | | |
| LITURGY OF THE WORD | | |
| First Reading | | reader |
| Responsorial Psalm | music | singer |
| Second Reading | | reader |
| Gospel Acclamation | music | |
| Gospel | | |
| Homily | | |
| Profession of Faith | | |
| General Intercessions | writer | reader |
| LITURGY OF EUCHARIST | | |
| Preparation of the Gifts | procession | who |
| Prayer over the Gifts | | |
| Eucharistic Prayer | | |
| Preface | | |
| Acclamations | music | |
| Communion Rite | | |
| The Lord's Prayer | | |
| Sign of Peace | | |
| Breaking of the Bread | music | |
| Communion | | ministers |
| Communion Procession | music | |
| Period of Silence or Song of Praise | music | |
| Prayer after Communion | | |
| CONCLUDING RITE | | |
| [Announcements] | | |
| Greeting | | |
| Blessing | | |
| Dismissal | | |
| [Recessional Song] | music | |

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Local Events Appendices

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Writing safe work procedures

Purpose

Organisers of all events should be committed to providing a safe place for the event. One way to achieve this is the development of safe work procedures. Safe work procedures are used extensively across all industries as they:

- outline a safe method of work for a specific task
- provide for safety induction before starting the event
- help to identify hazards, assess risk and outline necessary control measures, and
- can be used to anticipate possible problems.

This guideline details how to write safe work procedures. It is important to write safe work procedures in plain English as procedures must be readily understood by all, including those with low literacy/numeracy skills. The procedures are also more likely to be implemented and to keep their relevance.

The information on the Safe Work Procedures Form can also be used as a **risk management tool** by Event Organisers to identify hazards and implement suitable controls

How to complete this form

1. In the Task Column, list step by step the activities that will be involved in your event
2. Identify any potential hazards that exist either at the venue or as part of event proceedings
3. Score the risk. Estimate the seriousness of harm/likelihood of something going wrong at this hazard
4. Controls. Write down what measures you will take to ensure no one is hurt

Adapted from Information from: Occupational Health and Safety Team, Brisbane Catholic Education



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| Training required to complete activity: | |
| List training and knowledge required. | |

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| List Plant and/or Equipment required for this event: | List equipment maintenance checks required for this activity |
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|---|----------------------------------|
| Acknowledgement | |
| To be signed by the Event Coordinator and any other person in charge of an aspect of the event (eg BBQ). | |
| I understand the above safe work procedures and I agree to carry out all relevant work in accordance with its requirements. | |
| Name: _____ | Position: _____ Signature: _____ |
| Name: _____ | Position: _____ Signature: _____ |
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| Name: _____ | Position: _____ Signature: _____ |

Appendix 2 -Sample General Intercessions

Presider: God is the beginning and the end of life's pilgrimage. Let us call on him with confidence, saying: Lord, be the companion of our journey.

1. Father all-holy, of old you made yourself the guide and the way for your people as they wandered in the desert; protect these pilgrims as they begin this journey, so that they may return home again in safety. For this we pray:
Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**
2. You have given us your only Son to be our way to you; make us follow him faithfully and unswervingly. For this we pray:
Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**
3. You gave us Mary as the image and model for following Christ; grant that through her example we may live a new life. For this we pray:
Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**
4. You guide your pilgrim Church on earth through the Holy Spirit; may we seek you in all things and walk always in the way of your commandments. For this we pray:
Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**
5. You lead us along right and peaceful paths; grant that we may one day see you face to face in heaven. For this we pray:
Response: **Lord, be the companion of our journey.**

Sample Prayer of Blessing

All-powerful God,
you always show mercy toward those who love you
and you are never far away for those who seek you.
Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage
and guide their way in accord with your will.
Shelter them with your protection by day,
give them the light of your grace by night,
and, as their companion on the journey,
bring them to their destination in safety.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Appendix 3 - Readings of the Day

Thursday - 10th July 2008

First Reading: Hosea 11:1-4. 8-9

A reading from the prophet Hosea
Israel, how could I give you up? My heart turns against it.

Thus says the Lord:

When Israel was a child I loved him,
and called my son out of Egypt,
But the more I called to them, the further they went from me;
they have offered sacrifice to the Baals
and set their offerings smoking before the idols.
I myself taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them in my arms;
yet they have not understood that I was the one looking after them.
I led them with reins of kindness,
with leading-strings of love.
I was like someone who lifts an infant close against his cheek;
stooping down to him I gave him his food.
My heart recoils from it,
my whole being trembles at the thought.
I will not give rein to my fierce anger,
I will not destroy Ephraim again,
for I am God, not man:
I am the Holy One in your midst
and have no wish to destroy.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16

R. Let us see your face, Lord,
and we shall be saved.
O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. R.
God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

Gospel Acclamation: Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You received without charge, give without charge.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'As you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge. Provide yourselves with no gold or silver, not even with a few coppers for your purses, with no haversack for the journey or spare tunic or footwear or a staff, for the workman deserves his keep.

'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. And if anyone does not welcome you or listen to what you have to say, as you walk out of the house or town shake the dust from your feet. I tell you solemnly, on the day of Judgement it will not go as hard with the land of Sodom and Gomorrah as with that town.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday - 11th July 2008

First Reading: Hosea 14:2-10

A reading from the prophet Hosea

We will say no more: Our God, to the work of our hands.

The Lord says this:

Israel, come back to the Lord our God;
your iniquity was the cause of your downfall.

Provide yourself with words
and come back to the Lord.

Say to him, 'Take all iniquity away
so that we may have happiness again
and offer our words of praise.

Assyria cannot save us,
we will not ride horses any more,
or say, "Our God!" to what our own hands have made,
for you are the one in whom orphans find compassion.'

- I will heal their disloyalty,
I will love them with all my heart,
for my anger has turned from them.

I will fall like dew on Israel.
He shall bloom like the lily,
and thrust our roots like the poplar,
his shoots will spread far;
he will have the beauty of the olive
and the fragrance of Lebanon.

They will come back to live in my shade;

they will grow corn that flourishes,
they will cultivate vines
as renowned as the wine of Helbon.

What has Ephraim to do with idols any more
when it is I who hear his prayer and care for him?

I am like the cypress ever green,
all your fruitfulness comes from me.

Let the wise man understand these words.
Let the intelligent man grasp their meaning.

For the ways of the Lord are straight,
and virtuous men walk in them,
but sinners stumble.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 50:3-4. 8-9. 12-14. 17

R. My mouth will declare your praise.
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. R.
Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. R.
A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

Gospel Acclamation: John 16:13; 14:26

Alleluia, alleluia!
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth
and bring to your mind all I have told you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
It is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Remember, I am sending you out like sheep among
wolves; so be cunning as serpents and yet as harmless as doves.
'Beware of men: they will hand you over to sanhedrins and scourge you in their synagogues.
You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and
the pagans. But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say;
what you are to say will be given to you when the time comes; because it is not you who will
be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you.

'Brother will betray brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise against their
parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name;
but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, take
refuge in the next; and if they persecute you in that, take refuge in another. I tell you solemnly,
you will have not gone the round of the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday Morning - 12th July 2008

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

What a wretched state I am in, my eyes have looked at the king, the Lord God.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings: two to cover its face, two to cover its feet and two for flying.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 92:1-2. 5

R. The Lord is king;

he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;

the Lord has robed himself with might,

he has girded himself with power. R.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;

your throne has stood firm from of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house,

O Lord, until the end of time. R.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 4:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'The disciple is not superior to his teacher, nor the slave to his master. It is enough for the disciple that he should grow to be like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, what will they not say of his household?

'Do not be afraid of them therefore. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house tops.

'Do not be afraid of those that kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass - Sunday 13th July 2008

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Appendix 4 - Morning Prayers

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Morning Hymn

Receive the Power

by Guy Sebastian and Gary Pinto

V. 1: Every nation, every tribe,
come together to worship You.
In Your presence we delight,
we will follow to the ends of the earth.

Chorus Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power, from the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power to be a light unto the world!

V. 2: As Your Spirit calls to rise
we will answer and do Your Will.
We'll forever testify
of Your mercy and unfailing love.

Bridge: Lamb of God, we worship You,
Holy One, we worship You,
Bread of Life, we worship You,
Emmanuel, we worship You.
Lamb of God, we worship You,
Holy One, we worship You,
Bread of Life, we worship You,
Emmanuel, we will sing forever.

PSALMODY

Psalm

Presider: Ring out your joy to God our strength.

A: Ring out your joy to God our strength,
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

B: Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute;
blow the trumpet at the new moon,
when the moon is full, on our feast.

A: For this is Israel's law,

a command of the God of Jacob.
 He imposed it as a rule on Joseph,
 when he went out against the land of Egypt.

B: A voice I did not know said to me:
 'I freed your shoulder from the burden;
 your hands were freed from the load.
 You called in distress and I saved you.

A: I answered, concealed in the storm cloud;
 at the waters of Meribah I tested you.
 Listen, my people, to my warning.
 O Israel, if only you would heed!

B: Let there be no foreign god among you.
 no worship of an alien god.
 I am the Lord your God,
 who brought you from the land of Egypt.
 Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

A: But my people did not heed my voice
 and Israel would not obey,
 so I left them in their stubbornness of heart
 to follow their own designs.

B: O that my people would heed me,
 that Israel would walk in my ways!
 At once I would subdue their foes,
 turn my hand against their enemies.

A: The Lord's enemies would cringe at their feet
 and their subjection would last for ever.
 But Israel I would feed with finest wheat
 and fill them with honey from the rock.'

All: Ring out your joy to God our strength.

Canticle

Presider: The Lord has done marvellous things, let them be made known to the whole world.

A: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
 for though you were angry with me,
 your anger turned away,
 and you comforted me.

B: Surely God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and will not be afraid,
 for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
 has become my salvation.

A: With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation.
 Give thanks to the Lord,

- call on his name;
 make known his deeds among the nations;
 proclaim that his name is exalted.
- B: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- All: The Lord has done marvellous things, let them be made known to the whole world.

WORD OF GOD

[Thursday] Romans 14:17-19

The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building.

[Friday] Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

[Saturday] Romans 12:14-16

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

[Sunday] Ezekiel 12:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Responsorial

- A: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.
 You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.
- B: You are seated at the right hand of the Father.
 You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Have mercy on us.

PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

Canticle of Zechariah

Presider: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

A: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

- He has visited his people and redeemed them.
- B: He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.
- A: A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
- B: So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.
- A: He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear,
and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justices
all the days of our life in his presence.
- B: As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God,
the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lords
to prepare his ways before him,
- A: To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.
- B: He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.
- All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

Intercessions

Blessed be our God and Father: he hears the prayers of his children.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you, Father, for sending us your Son: let us keep him before our eyes throughout this day in our pilgrimage towards World Youth Day. We pray to the Lord:

Make wisdom our guide, help us walk in newness of life. We pray to the Lord:

Lord, give us your strength in our weakness: when we meet problems give us courage to face them. We pray to the Lord:

Direct our thoughts, our words, our actions today, so that we may know, and do, your will. We pray to the Lord:

Lord's Prayer

As sons and daughters of a loving God, we pray in the confident words of his Son:

**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.

Concluding Prayer

Lord God,
true Light and Creator of light,
grant that faithfully pondering on all that is holy,
we may ever live in the splendour of your presence.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

[Let us offer each other the sign of peace.]

Appendix 5 - Evening Prayers

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Evening Hymn

Behold the Cross

by Gary Pinto

PSALMODY

Psalm

Presider: From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.

A: Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

B: High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

A: From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.

Canticle

Presider: The Lord Jesus humbled himself, but God exalted him on high for ever.

A: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

B: And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

A: Therefore God highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

All: The Lord Jesus humbled himself, but God exalted him on high for ever.

WORD OF GOD

[Thursday] 1 Peter 1:22-23

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

[Friday] 1 Corinthians 2:7-10

We speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him' –

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

[Saturday] Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Sunday] 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Responsorial

A: How great are your works, O Lord.

How great are your works, O Lord.

B: In wisdom you have made them all.

How great are your works, O Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

How great are your works, O Lord.

PRAISE AND INTERCESSION

Canticle of Mary

Presider: My soul glorifies the Lord.

A: My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

B: The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

A: He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

B: He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

All: My soul glorifies the Lord.

Intercessions

God is ever creative. His love renews all things and is the source of our hope, Let us turn to him in confidence:

Response: Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We give thanks for the order of created things: you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human life. May we be good stewards of creation. We pray to the Lord:

We give thanks for man's share in your continuing work of creation: we praise you for your gifts to him of inventive skill and creative vision. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for all the nations of the world especially those represented by World Youth Day pilgrims in our community: may those in authority work for peace and goodwill. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for all who are homeless today: we pray for families searching for a place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland. We pray to the Lord:

Life was your first gift to us: may those who have died come to its fullness in you. We pray to the Lord:

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Concluding Prayer

Lord God,

the Cross reveals the mystery of your love:
a stumbling block indeed for unbelief,
but the sign of your power and wisdom to us who believe.
Teach us so to contemplate your Son's glorious Passion
that we may always believe and glory in his Cross.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

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[Let us offer each other the sign of peace.]

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