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St Vincent de Paul Society
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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
170TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024
ST FRANCIS' CHURCH,
MELBOURNE**



**May the radiance of
your charity always be
a beaming light!**

Saint Vincent de Paul

WELCOME

We welcome members of the St Vincent de Paul Society as we gather to celebrate 170 years of the Society in Australia. We give thanks for the tens of thousands of members and volunteers across Australia who have assisted people in need over the past 170 years. May God continue to bless our Society and those who work to make a difference in the lives of others.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

CONCELEBRANTS

Bishop Greg Bennet, Bishop Terry Curtin, Bishop Tony Ireland, Emeritus Bishop Les Tomlinson, Fr Tony Kerin.

(with apologies from Bishop Paul Bird, Bishop Martin Ashe and Bishop Shane Mackinlay).

PRE-MASS: WOMINJEKA WURUNDJERI (SUNG BY CHOIR)

Hello. How are you?
From our family to yours, take/accept this leaf.
Welcome.
Welcome to Wurundjeri Country.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

The Light of the Society was first lit at St Francis' Church 170 years ago. It was passed on to others throughout the nation in subsequent years. The symbolism of the National President bringing in the Society candle and then lighting it for us acknowledges the grateful and safe return of the flame to its place of origin.

WELCOME

Mark Gaetani

President, St Vincent de Paul Society National Council.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | Here I am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

PENITENTIAL RITE

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sung

Cantor: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

All: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung | We Stand

Cantor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Cantor: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

GOSPEL READING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 9:35-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness.

And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest'.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

We Sit

Celebrant:

Loving God, you call all Christians to seek you through service to the people of our world. We turn to you in confidence, interceding for our world and our community.

Reader:

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the Bishops, Clergy and all who are leaders in our Church. May they always be inspired by your example of servant leadership. Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For the members of our St Vincent de Paul Society, as we celebrate 170 years of service in Australia. May we continue to be inspired by Blessed Frederic Ozanam and all those members who have served before us, to care for those who are in need, and so reflect the human face of our Church. Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For the many peoples and cultures in our country. May we continue to strive to live in harmony, and be a nation of welcome and hospitality to those who seek new life in this land.
Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For peace in our world, in our nation, in our families and in our hearts.
Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

For the many men and women who have died and who shared the dream of Blessed Frederic Ozanam throughout our 170 years. May they rest in your peace. Lord Hear Us.

All: Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant:

Faithful God, ever provident and watchful of our living, hear these prayers which we make with confidence and hope, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

We Sit

OFFERTORY HYMN | A PLACE AT THE TABLE

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.**

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.**

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Sung: Mass of St Francis

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

ACCLAMATION

Sung: Mass of St Francis

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours
for ever and ever.

All: Amen amen!

Sung: Mass of St Francis

RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OUR FATHER

We Stand

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Sung: Mass of St Francis

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

COMMUNION HYMN | The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

COMMUNION HYMN | We Remember

Refrain:

**We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
in your glory Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

Here a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all our people and, and hold them to your heart

Refrain

Now we re-create your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord

Refrain

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart;
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear

Refrain

See the Face of Christ revealed
in ev'ry person standing by your side;
Gift to one another, and temples of your love

Refrain

VOTE OF THANKS

Michael Quinn

State President

We Sit

CONCLUDING RITE

We Stand

SOLEMN BLESSING

Archbishop: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit

Archbishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Now and forever

Archbishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth

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

All: Amen

Archbishop: Go forth, the Mass is ended

All: Thanks be to God

RECESSIONAL HYMN | City of God

Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

**Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

Refrain

God is light;
In him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light,
His children, one and all.
O comfort my people;
Make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Refrain



**Yours must be a work
of love, of kindness, you
must give your time, your
talents, yourselves.**

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

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**Light refreshments will be served outside in the church courtyard.
Please join us for supper.**

Special thanks to: Larissa Cairns and the Choir of the Parish of St Joseph,
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