

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

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**PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD
24 MARCH 2024**

**ST KILIAN'S CHURCH BENDIGO
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO**

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay, DD
Bishop of Sandhurst



In 2024, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst will celebrate 150 years since its establishment as a local Church. Through the Apostolic Letter “Universi Dominici gregis curam,” Pope Pius IX established two new dioceses in the then Colony of Victoria – in Sandhurst and Ballarat, raising Melbourne into a Metropolitan Archdiocese. This significant milestone in the life of our local Church carries with it a profound sense of joy but also a deep sense of mission. We look back at what has been with gratitude and we look to the future with hope.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Mr Troy Firebrace, representative of the Dja Dja Wurring people, will perform the welcome to country.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Bishop and ministers, with the faithful, gather in St Kilian's Church.

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

BISHOP: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: Peace be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

BISHOP: Dearly beloved brothers and sisters,
with eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus,
the great and sure sign of the Father's love for us,
today we inaugurate the Jubilee of the 150 years of the
establishment of our local Church of Sandhurst.

We begin this Jubilee year with a short pilgrimage
as a prelude to the profound experience
of grace and reconciliation that awaits us this year.

In this pilgrimage,
we shall joyfully trace the beginnings of our diocese:
from St Kilian's Church,

where the early Catholic settlers gathered
to celebrate the Eucharist in a tent,
to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,
consecrated to become the mother church of Sandhurst,
a visible sign of the Church in Bendigo and beyond.

Today, we look back at what has been with gratitude,
we look at the present with joy,
and we look to the future with hope.
May we as a pilgrim people of God
continue to walk together as a Church
to rejoice in God's love:

a love announced again and again
to every creature on earth.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS

BISHOP: We now bless the newly commissioned processional cross -
depicting the *Paderborn Cross*¹, a tribute to the beginnings of
our Community in Sandhurst.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Lord God, Father all-holy,
you will the cross of your Son
to be the fountain of all blessings,
the source of all grace.

In your goodness be near us
who have raised this cross as a sign of our faith.
May we always hold fast
to the mystery of Christ's suffering
and enter the joy of his risen life,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

¹The Paderborn Cross

The Paderborn Cross, which was worn as a badge or brooch in earlier times, is Paderborn's oldest Christian symbol. It was discovered recently in a grave more than 1200 years old. Byzantine style can be seen in the rounded edges of the arms and portrays connection between the cross and the tree of life in the book of Genesis. It possibly has both Lombardy and Celtic influences. St Kilian came from Ireland to the district of present-day Paderborn, Germany, in the seventh century as a missionary and its first Bishop. Dr Henry Backhaus, the first priest of the Bendigo Goldfields, came from Paderborn. Crosses made from this design were presented by the Archbishop of Paderborn to the Sandhurst Diocese in August 1999.

This new processional cross, in the style of a Paderborn Cross, was commissioned by Bishop Shane Mackinlay as part of the celebrations of 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Sandhurst Diocese. Martin Coman is responsible for its design and construction. Martin is a furniture craftsman and member of the Cathedral Cluster of Parishes. The cross is made from two types of wood. Sugar pine (*Pinus lambertiana*) is the light-coloured wood. The sugar pine for the cross was sourced from remnants of timber used as rafter capping in the ceiling of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Australian blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*) is the darker timber. It is a local hardwood and the timber for the cross was sourced from Martin's property. Blackwood was also used in the construction of the pews in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

A contribution towards the cost of the design and construction of the cross was provided by the Knights of the Southern Cross, Victoria Branch.

The Bishop sprinkles the cross with holy water in silence; afterwards, he incenses the cross.

BLESSING OF THE PILGRIMS

BISHOP: Bow down for the blessing
O God, our companion on the way,
you show mercy towards your people
and are always close to those who seek you.
Remain with us on this holy pilgrimage
to the mother Church of our diocese.
May our walking together
be a sign and symbol for the world
of our unity as your holy people.
On our way we will follow the cross,
the sign and instrument of your saving work
accomplished through the life, death and resurrection
of your Son.
May you, O Lord of heaven and earth,
graciously accompany us
and continue to keep us under your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
graciously accompany us
and continue to keep us under his protection.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May God, who gathered all his scattered children
in Christ Jesus,
grant that you will be one of heart and one mind in Christ.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May God, whose goodness inspires in you
all that you desire and achieve,
strengthen your devotion by his blessing.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

BISHOP: Brothers and sisters,
let us go forth in the name of Christ:
He is the way that leads us
in this year of grace and thanksgiving.

ALL: Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL²

PROCESSION FROM ST KILIAN'S CHURCH

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, remember, when you come into your Kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.
REPEAT

Text: Luke 23:42; Taize Community, 1981

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994; © 1981 Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 71250 Taize, France

ARRIVAL AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

When the pilgrimage arrives at the Cathedral (in front of the statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop), Fr Junray hands the newly-blessed processional cross to Fr Brian Boyle, Administrator of the Cathedral Cluster. After which, the Bishop and the people recite the 150th Anniversary Prayer.

² If First Aid or other assistance is required on the Pilgrimage, please speak with one of the attendants wearing a 'high visibility' vest.

**PRAYER FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE
OF SANDHURST**

All: Gracious and loving God,
source of all truth, goodness and beauty,
we give thanks to you
as we celebrate the 150th anniversary
of the Diocese of Sandhurst.

United in the Body of Christ,
through your Holy Spirit,
we give thanks for the generous love and care
that you have bestowed on us
since the foundations of our local Church.

We ask for your guidance,
under the patronage of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
In union with the whole Church,
may we work to discern the signs of the times
in the light of the Gospel,
and to build up faith communities
inspired by justice, peace and love.

Strengthen your Holy Spirit in us
as we renew our commitment
to proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ
entrusted to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

BISHOP: Our Lady of Good Counsel.

ALL: Pray for us.

BISHOP: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

ALL: Pray for us.

The Bishops, priests, and ministers return to the sacristy to prepare for the Mass.

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S
ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

FIRST FORM: THE PROCESSION

Once all ministers are ready, at an appropriate time, the people gather once again before the statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The faithful hold branches in their hands.

ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest!

Text: Antiphon preceding the Blessing of Palms; Mt 21:9 in the Roman Missal; trans, ICEL © 2010; Music, Hosanna filio David, Chant Mode VII; antiphon adapt. ICEL in The Roman Missal (2010).

BISHOP: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: Peace be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

BISHOP: Dear brothers and sisters,
since the beginning of Lent until now
we have prepared our hearts
by penance and charitable works.
Today we gather together
to herald with the whole Church
the beginning of the celebration
of our Lord's Paschal mystery,
that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.
For it was to accomplish this mystery
that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.
Therefore, with all faith and devotion,
let us commemorate

the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation,
following in his footsteps, so that,
being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,
we may have a share also
in his Resurrection and in his life.

After the address, the presider says one of the following prayers with hands extended.

BISHOP: Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
sanctify ✠ these branches with your blessing,
that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation,
may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.

One of the concelebrating priests proclaims in the usual way the Gospel concerning the Lord's entrance according to Mark (Year B).

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

PRIEST: When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments

on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, a brief homily may be given. Then, to begin the procession, an invitation may be given by a priest or a Deacon or a lay minister, in these or similar words:

BISHOP: Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem,
let us go forth in peace.

Then the procession to the Jubilee door sets off in the usual way. The thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then an acolyte or another minister, carrying the newly-blessed processional cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two ministers with lighted candles. Then follow a Priest carrying the Book of the Gospels, concelebrating priests, the Bishop with the ministers, and, after them, all the faithful carrying branches.

ANTIPHON

The Children of the Hebrews

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

Text: Antiphon after the Blessing of Palms; The Roman Missal; trans, ICEL © 2010;
Music: Gregorian chant, arr. Percy Jones

THE OPENING OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE DOOR³

ENTRANCE INTO THE CATHEDRAL

The procession stops at the Jubilee door of the Cathedral. The Bishop faces the Jubilee door.

BISHOP: Open the gates of justice,
we shall enter and give thanks to the Lord.

³ The Jubilee Door

Within the context of the Eucharistic celebration, the specific gesture that marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year is the opening of the “Porta Sancta” (Holy Door) and the solemn procession of the local church — the bishop, clergy, and people — into the cathedral, the Mother Church of all the faithful, where the Chief Shepherd of the diocese exercises his magisterial role, celebrates the sacred mysteries, carries out the liturgical acts of praise and supplication, and guides the ecclesial community.

A Porta Sancta (Holy Door) is a special door in a cathedral or basilica that is usually only opened during Jubilee Years. In the context of the significant anniversary of our local Church, Sacred Heart Cathedral has been designated as one of the Jubilee Churches along with the foundational churches of Sandhurst. Crossing the threshold of these churches through the Holy Door is more than just regularly entering a church — it signifies obtaining the Lord’s mercy and salvation. Anyone who visits any of the declared Jubilee churches and enters through the Holy Doors will be granted plenary indulgence, that is, the removal of temporal punishment due to sins that have been forgiven.

Pope St John Paul II in his Bull of Indiction of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 declares that entering through a Holy Door “evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish... There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation.” Entering through the Holy Door represent passage: sin to redemption, life to death, disbelief to faith. Jesus describes himself as The Door. People have to enter through Christ to get to the Father. The door is the path to salvation.

As we gather as a local Church to celebrate 150 years since the establishment of our local Church, we pass through the Holy Door as proclaim the richness of God’s mercy to the world and commit ourselves to proclaim the Lord to the world.

The Bishop strikes the Jubilee door with the foot of the newly-blessed processional cross.

BISHOP: This is the Lord’s gate:
let us enter through it and obtain mercy and salvation.

The Bishop opens the Jubilee door. He then kneels on the threshold of the doors for a short moment of prayer. Fr Junray gives the Book of the Gospels to the Bishop. Standing at the threshold, the Bishop holds up the Book of the Gospels while the antiphon indicated is sung. While the Book of the Gospels is shown, Fr Brian carrying the newly-blessed processional cross stands directly next to the Celebrant.

ANTIPHON

CANTOR: I am the gate, says the Lord,
whoever enters through me, will be saved;
he will enter and go out and find pasture.

Once the antiphon is finished, the procession begins again and moves toward the narthex: The thurible, cross, candles, the other ministers, the Book of the Gospels, followed by the Priests, the Bishop, and the faithful. In the meantime, a Psalm is sung until the procession reaches the narthex of the Cathedral.

PSALM

The Children of the Hebrews

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:
Hosanna in the highest.

Text: Antiphon after the Blessing of Palms; The Roman Missal; trans, ICEL © 2010;
Music: Gregorian chant, arr. Percy Jones

When the procession reaches the nave, the Processional Hymn is sung.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR

REFRAIN: All glory, laud, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

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You are the king of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. REFRAIN

The company of angels
are praising You on high;
and mortals, joined with all things
created, make reply. REFRAIN

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
before You we present. REFRAIN

To You before Your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to You, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. REFRAIN

Their praises You accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great source of love and goodness,
our Saviour and our King. REFRAIN

Text: Gloria, laus, et honor, Theodulph of Orleans c.760-820; trans. John Mason Neale 1818-66, alt.
Music: ST THEODULPH (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN) 76.76D; Melchior TEschner 1584-1635.

AT THE MASS

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Saviour to take flesh
and submit to the Cross,
graciously grant that we may heed his lesson
of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (SUNG)

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)

Philippians 2:8-9

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

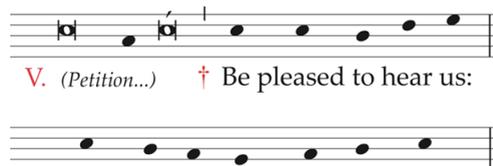
HOMILY

CREED

ALL: I believe in God,
 the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand
 of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge
 the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



V. *(Petition...)* † Be pleased to hear us:

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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 Music: Chant from The Roman Missal; © 2010, ICEL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN

INGREDIENTE DOMINO - MALCOLM

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF GIFTS

BISHOP: Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
 may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise
 and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His
 Holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

BISHOP: Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
 may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,
 so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds,
 yet by this sacrifice made once for all,
 we may feel already the effects of your mercy.
 Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

The Passion of the Lord

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in_ the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in_ the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Mass: Our Common Home (2023)
by Christopher Willcock, SJ (b. 1947)

BISHOP: The mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Repeat after Cantor

Save us, Sa - - - viour_ of the world, _ for by your Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you_ have set us free.

Mass: Our Common Home (2023)
by Christopher Willcock, SJ (b. 1947)

BISHOP: 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.

GREAT AMEN

Repeat after Cantor

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Mass: Our Common Home (2023)
by Christopher Willcock, SJ (b. 1947)

THE COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

Traditional Chant

BISHOP: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of
your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe
from all distress as we await the blessed hope and
the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

BISHOP: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant
her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

BISHOP: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way_ the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way_ the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way_ the sins of the
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Mass: *Our Common Home* (2023)
by Christopher Willcock, SJ (b. 1947)

BISHOP: 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.

ALL: **Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taize Community, 1981
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994; © 1981 Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 71250 Taize, France

POST-COMMUNION REFLECTION

CHRISTUS FACTUS - ANERIO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUBILEE CHURCHES AND HOMAGE TO OUR LADY

BISHOP: Dear brothers and sisters, with grateful hearts we are all invited to celebrate the 150 years of the establishment of the Diocese of Sandhurst. The gift of indulgence granted by His Holiness Pope Francis will accompany us during this year of grace. We have designated as Jubilee churches in our Diocese the foundational churches of Sandhurst where we trace the roots of our local Church.

A senior priest of the Diocese announces the designated Jubilee churches.

FOUNDATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE DIOCESE

St Kilian's Bendigo (1852)
St Joseph's Beechworth (1854)
St Patrick's Wangaratta (1863)
St Augustine's Myers Flat (1864)
St Mary's Inglewood (1865)
St Malachy's Nagambie (1872)
St Mary's Heathcote (1874)
St Mary's Echuca (1874)
St Mary's Chiltern (1876)
St Joseph's Benalla (1876)
St Mary's Myrtleford (1877)
St Brendan's Shepparton (1879)

BISHOP: From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it.

We now turn our thoughts to Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Mother of Mercy. May her merciful gaze be upon us throughout this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God's tenderness.

The Marian Antiphone, Ave Regina Caelorum is sung.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

AVE REGINA CAELORUM

Ave, Regina caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.

Hail, O Lady of Angels

Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate

From whom unto the world a light has arisen:

Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,

Lovely beyond all others,

Farewell, most beautiful maiden,

And pray for us to Christ.

Text: Origins unknown

Music: Chant Mode VI

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE⁴

A senior priest of the Diocese announces the Plenary Indulgence.

PRIEST: Dear brothers and sisters,
in gratitude to God the Giver of all graces,
on the occasion of the Opening of the Jubilee Year
of the 150 years of the establishment of our Diocese,
the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay,
by the grace of God and Apostolic See,
Bishop of this holy Church of Sandhurst,
will give the apostolic blessing
with a plenary indulgence
in the name of the Roman Pontiff, Pope Francis,
to all present devoutly taking part in the celebration
who are truly sorry for their sins,
have gone to confession
and have received holy communion.
Pray to God for the welfare
of our Most Holy Father Francis,
our Bishop Shane,
and for our Holy Mother the Church
and strive, by holiness of life,
to walk in full communion with it.

<4> The Plenary Indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints” (Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, Normae de Indulgentiis, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1999, p. 21; cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1471).

“...The starting-point for understanding indulgences is the abundance of God’s mercy revealed in the Cross of Christ. The crucified Jesus is the great ‘indulgence’ that the Father has offered humanity through the forgiveness of sins and the possibility of living as children (cf. Jn 1:123 in the Holy Spirit (cf. Gal 4:6; Rom 5:5; 8:15-16)).” An indulgence is an “expression of the Church’s full confidence of being heard by the Father when—in view of Christ’s merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints—she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace. In the unfathomable mystery of divine wisdom, this gift of intercession can also benefit the faithful departed, who receive its fruits in a way appropriate to their condition.” - John Paul II, General Audience, 29 September 1999.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your Spirit .

BISHOP: Bow down for the blessing.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

BISHOP: Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked
and submit to the agony of the Cross.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May blessed Mary ever virgin,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Saint John the Baptist,
the Apostles Peter and Paul,
and all the saints assist you
with their merits and prayers.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May the almighty and merciful Lord
forgive you from all sins.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: May he help you persevere in fruitful penance,
good example and sincere charity
and lead you to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

BISHOP: Through the intercession of the Blessed Apostles
Peter and Paul,
may Almighty God bless you,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠
and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

BISHOP: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE!

Hail Redeemer, King Divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace. REFRAIN

REFRAIN:

**Angels, saints and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”**

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
‘til in peace, each nation rings
with Thy praises, King of kings. REFRAIN

King, most holy, King of truth,
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light. REFRAIN

Shepherd King, from mountains steep,
homeward bring the wand’ring sheep,
shelter in one royal fold,
states and nations, new and old. REFRAIN

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