

National Migrant and Refugee Week – 21-27 September 2020

In observance of the
106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Theme: *Forced like Jesus Christ to flee*

Archdiocesan



MULTICULTURAL MASS



Sunday, 27 September
2:30 pm

Cathedral of St Stephen

Main Celebrant:

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

Concelebrants:

Priests ministering to
multicultural communities

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Acknowledgement of Country: Uncle David Miller from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Entrance Procession: Representatives of cultural communities process in. All hymns led by St Maroun's Maronite Choir.

Gather Your People

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

*Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.*

*We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.*

*Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life:
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.*

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Archbishop Mark: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Archbishop Mark: Peace be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

Archbishop Mark: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God...
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Archbishop Mark: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy on us all (2)
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy on us all (2)
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy on us all (2)

Gloria

Almajdoulil lahi fil a'ali
Wa 'alal ardi ssalam
Wa raja'oo ssaleh
Li banil bachar

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to
people of good will.

Collect:

Archbishop Mark: Let us pray.

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

(Read in Tagalog by a member of the Filipino Catholic Community.)

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

“You object, O House of Israel!

You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’

Hear now, O house of Israel:

Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

“When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it;

for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

“Again, when the wicked turn away

from the wickedness they have committed

and do what is lawful and right,

they shall save their life.

Because they considered and turned away

from all the transgressions that they had committed,

they shall surely live; they shall not die.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

(Sung in English by a member of the Chinese Catholic Community)

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

*Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R)*

*Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)*

*The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)*

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

(Read by a member of the Polish Catholic Community.)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit,
any compassion and sympathy,
then make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look not to your own interests,

but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

(Sung in English by Fr Elie Francis - St Clement's Melkite)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus entered the temple,
the chief priests and elders of the people came to him
as he was teaching, and challenged his authority.

So Jesus asked them this question.

“What do you think?

A man had two sons;

he went to the first and said,

‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

He answered, ‘I will not’;

but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same;

and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’;

but he did not go.

“Which of the two did the will of his father?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them,

Truly I tell you,

the tax collectors and the prostitutes

are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness

and you did not believe him,

but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him;
and even after you saw it,
you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Profession of Faith: Apostles 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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Archbishop Mark: Instructed and encouraged by the word of God, we
confidently make our petitions.

(In Aramaic – Syriac Catholic) For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Mark, and
all those who minister in the Church. That they may guide the Church

with wisdom and holiness through the works of Faith, Hope and Charity.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Spanish - Latin American) We pray for refugees and people seeking asylum; those who are forced to flee like Jesus Christ and his family. May they receive full humanitarian support and a prompt resolution of their status.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Indonesian) We pray for peoples thrust back into poverty by the coronavirus pandemic. May world leaders pledge their full support for a new international plan of development.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Arabic – Sudanese & South Sudanese) For those who are grieving loved ones, especially those who have died of the Corona virus, that they might experience the hope of the resurrection.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Vietnamese) For the indigenous peoples of the world, that in the midst of global turmoil their traditions and culture will be valued more than ever. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Korean) For those most disadvantaged by the economic downturn, especially women, casual workers and the low-paid. May they receive their fair share of government support.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Italian) We pray that newly arrived migrants may be welcomed and accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer.

(In Samoan) We pray for vulnerable international students who have lost their means of subsistence and are unable to return to their countries due to COVID19 restrictions. May they be included in the government support system and continue to be assisted by generous groups.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Archbishop Mark: Lord, as we continue this celebration of the Eucharist, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit and to the needs of one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Archbishop Mark: Pray, my brothers and sisters, 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 Offerings

Archbishop Mark: Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Mark: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop Mark: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Archbishop Mark: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Archbishop Mark: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory,

that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity

and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself,

that the cause of our downfall

might become the means of our salvation,

through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty

and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs

in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Mystery of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world,

For by your Cross and Resurrection

You have set us free.

Doxology:

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.

The Great Amen:

Ma-si-thi: Amen,
Si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa,
Ma-si-thi: Amen,
Si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa,
Ma-si-thi: Amen,
Ba-wo, Amen,
Ba-wo, Amen,
Si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa (2)

COMMUNION RITE

Archbishop Mark: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

(Recited by all in various languages.)

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.

Archbishop Mark: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

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

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

Sign of Peace

Archbishop Mark: 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.

Archbishop Mark: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop Mark: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

Archbishop Mark: 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 should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn:

Table of Plenty

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth
Come to the table of plenty
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty*

*O come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love*

*O come and eat without money
Come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life*

*My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and war
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul*

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Eat This Bread

*Eat this bread, Drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.*

*I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father*

*Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven*

*Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day*

*Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever*

*If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life*

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Prayer after Communion

Archbishop Mark: Let us pray.
May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Acknowledgement:

Rev Dcn Peter Pellicaan

Executive Director, Evangelisation Brisbane

Chairperson – Multicultural Chaplains Group, Archdiocese of Brisbane

Archbishop Mark: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Archbishop Mark: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sending Forth

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.*

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Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827, harm. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867
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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 106th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020**

**Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee.
Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating
internally displaced persons**

At the beginning of this year, in my Address to the members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, I pointed to the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: “Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced” (9 January 2020).

The Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has issued the document “Pastoral Orientations on Internally Displaced People” (Vatican City, 5 May 2020), which aims to inspire and encourage the pastoral work of the Church in this specific area.

For these reasons, I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But “this is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people” (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020).

In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of COVID-19.

I would like to start with the image that inspired Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia* (1 August 1952). During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, “which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23).

Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families” (Angelus, 29 December 2013). In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. Mt 25:31-46). If we can recognize him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them.

Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, “even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language” (Homily, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. To these words, I would now like to add another six pairs of verbs that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect.

You have to know in order to understand. Knowledge is a necessary step towards understanding others. Jesus himself tells us this in the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: “While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him” (Lk 24:15-16). When we talk about migrants and displaced persons, all too often we stop at statistics. But it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

It is necessary to be close in order to serve. It may seem obvious, yet often it is the contrary. “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him” (Lk 10:33-34). Fears and prejudices – all too many prejudices – keep us distant from others and often prevent us from “becoming neighbours” to them and serving them with love. Drawing close to others often means being willing to take risks, as so many doctors and nurses have taught us in recent months. This readiness to draw near and serve goes beyond a mere sense of duty. Jesus gave us the greatest example of this when he washed the

feet of his disciples: he took off his cloak, knelt down and dirtied his hands (cf. Jn 13:1-15).

In order to be reconciled, we need to listen. God himself taught us this by sending his Son into the world. He wanted to listen to the plea of suffering humanity with human ears: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son... that the world might be saved through him” (Jn 3:16-17). A love that reconciles and saves begins with listening. In today’s world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost. Yet it is only through humble and attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled. In 2020, silence has reigned for weeks in our streets. A dramatic and troubling silence, but one that has given us the opportunity to listen to the plea of the vulnerable, the displaced and our seriously ill planet. Listening gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with our neighbour, with all those who have been “discarded”, with ourselves and with God, who never tires of offering us his mercy.

In order to grow, it is necessary to share. Sharing was an essential element of the first Christian community: “Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common” (Acts 4:32). God did not want the resources of our planet to benefit only a few. This was not the Lord’s will! We have to learn to share in order to grow together, leaving no one behind. The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realizing that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish... yet they proved enough for five thousand people (cf. Jn 6:1-15)!

We need to be involved in order to promote. As Jesus was with the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:1-30). The Lord approaches her, listens to her, speaks to her heart, and then leads her to the truth and makes her a herald of the Good News: “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?” (v. 29). Sometimes the impulse to serve others prevents us from seeing their real riches. If we really want to promote those whom we assist, we must involve them and make them agents in their own redemption. The pandemic has reminded us of how essential co-responsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone – even of those groups so often underestimated – can we face this crisis. We must find “the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity” (Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square, 27 March 2020). It is necessary to cooperate in order to build. That is what the Apostle Paul tells the community of Corinth: “I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our

Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement” (1 Cor 1:10). Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians, and for this reason it is necessary that we learn to cooperate, without yielding to the temptation to jealousy, discord and division. In the present context it should be reiterated: “This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons” (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020). To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God’s original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

I would like to conclude with a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2020,
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.

Franciscus

