

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

21 & 22 AUGUST 2010

“We welcome the strangers”

Parish Priest - Fr Minh Tran SJ

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fcj
Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)
Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

Chaplain

Fr Lois Philippines

Refugee Worker - Mathew Bul

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Parish School

Principal - John Steele

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm

RECONCILIATION:

Any time by request – contact Fr Minh.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on a Saturday morning at 11am. Preparation - Thursday evening before the first weekend at 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made prior to making any other bookings.

“We ate and drank in your company”

Maybe you remember the story Jesus told weeks ago. Let me remind you. It is about a man knocking on a friend’s door at midnight to borrow some bread. The friend yelled back,

‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’

Jesus said: I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Doesn’t it feel good knowing that constant prayer will get the door opened?

Well, hold your feelings back a while. Look at this Sunday’s Gospel. Here again someone is knocking on the door late at night. The master of the house says, ‘I do not know where you are from.’

The answer from the outside: ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’ In other words, casual acquaintances, if that. ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!

Ouch. What about ask and you shall receive?

In the parable for this Sunday, the people outside are not friends and in fact they have no relationship at all to the man in the house. The parable says they knew about him only from parties and the streets. They heard him preaching, but did nothing as a result. They did not come to his house at a reasonable time and begin a friendship. No amount of midnight knocking will make up for it.

What does eating with JESUS mean? Jesus’ contemporaries in Luke 13 are claiming the same thing. “By eating with us, Jesus, you have made us kin with you. We are your fictive relatives.

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Why now are you excluding us from fellowship?”

Jesus’ answer has already been given earlier in this same chapter (Luke 13:2 and 5): “Unless you repent, you will all perish . . .” It is not enough to have shared a meal with Jesus. A radical change of life is also necessary to establish a kinship relationship with him.

Jesus’ contemporaries remind him: “You taught in our streets.” Jesus’ harsh reply to them insinuates: “Yes, but all you did was listen. You did not take my teaching to heart and reform your lives. You think superficial acquaintance with me and my teachings suffices.”

Jesus offers a prophetic warning to believers of all times. Only those will join him at the heavenly banquet who seek to understand him and his message, who seek to learn “the honest truth about Jesus” (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, 19).



OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
Father, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.

In our desire for what you promise make us one in mind and heart. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may this eucharist increase within us the healing power of your love.

May it guide and direct our efforts to please you in all things.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Rosters next weekend

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28/29 AUGUST

6:00 PM

Readers: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Abigail Montoro
Head Spec Min: Miriam Vella
Spec Min: Carmen Camilleri
Mario Zammit
Charlie Bartolo
Jeanette Spiteri
Pam Norris
Charlie Busuttill

9:00 AM

Readers: Fred Storage
Wilma Marmur
Head Spec Min: Josephine Grixti
Spec Min: Mini Eddy
Arleen & Gordon
Walsh
Doris Gatt
Phuong Ung
Pauline Storage

10.30 AM

Reader: Bruno Barreca
Helen Maddela
Head Spec Min: Bini Samuel
Spec Min: Mena Vasquez
Marilyn Medina
Maryanne Craker
Toni Antonowicz
Wally Antonowicz
Frank Carreon
Anna Grima

6:00 PM

Reader: May Mendoza
Head Spec Min: Ralph Perena
Spec Min: Joanne Azzopardi
Sharon Perena

PIETY STALL 6 pm - Janie Gatt
9 am - Volunteer
10.30am - E. Mercieca

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning 23 August 2010
Group 3 Kylie Thompson,
Anita Bison, Charie Surrao
Felicity Nalipay &
Otilia Tufuga

SINGING GROUPS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 28 Aug 6pm - Carmen away
Sun 29 Aug 9am - Charlie
10.30am - Filippino choir
6pm - Laririt family

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues. - Friday 9:00am

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Mt. 23:13-22
Tue: Jn. 1:45-51
Wed: Mt 23:27-32
Thu: Mt 24:42-51
Fri: Mt. 25:1-13
Sat: Mt. 25:14-30
Sun: Lk. 14:1, 7-14

Parish Meetings & News

CO-ORDINATOR – READERS

New readers - training this Monday 23 August 7:30pm at FCJ House, 7 Camara Street, St Albans. Sr Catherine fcJ will conduct the training. **Please note change of time and venue.** Anyone needing a refresher course please ring Sr Catherine on 9364 1918.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New ministers are required for the 6:00pm Sunday evening Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

New roster available to collect next weekend from the foyer.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Our parish is in a great need of a group of tradesperson and those who can help with property maintenance to assist Fr Minh in upkeeping of our Church's property and building project. If you can help please contact our parish office.

CLEANING ROSTER

3 or 4 more people are needed to go on to the church cleaning roster. It only takes 2 hours once every 16 weeks. Contact Lily Disco on 9366 0770.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

It is proposed to introduce "Greeters" to undertake welcoming of parishioners at each weekend Parish Mass, distributing bulletins etc. Please put your name on the noticeboard.

RECONCILIATION GROUP

Sr Helen Mary fcJ has been invited to form a group to learn about Aboriginal People and discuss how to respect other cultures. Those interested please phone her 9364 1918.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

This program offers the opportunity to enquire about the Catholic faith and prepares candidates for their welcome into the Catholic community and provides the opportunity for Catholics to renew their faith. With the help of Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans, our parish can train a group of RCIA instructors to run this program. Anyone over 25 can help, please contact our parish office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2011 NOW ON SALE FROM THE PIETY STALL. COST \$7.00

Parish Activities

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Receipts and new envelopes will be available to collect in the foyer of the church on Sunday 12 September.

Please catch up if you are in arrears.

New parishioners are welcome to join the Program, which forms the financial structure of the parish. Forms are available in the foyer. Contributors may give weekly by using the envelopes or avail of the Direct Debit or Credit Card services available.

FREE PASTORAL CARE COURSE

6 x 2 hour sessions over 6 weeks 27 August to 1 October at Sunshine Hospital, Ground Floor Meeting Room. Application forms available in the foyer.

RETREAT

Sr Margaret Maher fcJ will be away on retreat from 23 – 31 August.

PARISH HANDBOOK – Copies in the foyer.

Deanery News

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH MASS

A rotating Mass every six weeks will be organised by Deanery parishes. St Bernadette's Sunshine North is the first – next Sunday 29 August at 7pm.

Sick List

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Viviana Santos, Peter Vu, Tennous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef, Matija Latjman, Wasyl & Maria Lusak, Ana Brkljavic, Hannah Luka, Helen Tay, Mary Farrugia (Furlong Rd), Janja Rakonic, Tim Smiley, Pam Norris, Sr Charlene Wolfgramm FMDM, Marlene Ryan, Joe Zammit.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Lita Decaya, Joseph Schembri, John Xuereb, Rita Xuereb, Maria Tran Mai, Pham Cong Noi.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2011

Application forms now available for enrolments for Prep and other Classes for 2011. Contact the Secretary, Pat Kelly on 9366 2899.

PAST PUPILS' INFORMATION

ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE - Sunday, September 12, 2010 - 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm at 31 Curran Street, North Melbourne. ALL PAST PUPILS & STAFF WELCOME.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MELBOURNE COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS 2010

26 November 2010 Farewell North Melbourne Dinner, Melrose Reception Centre. 8 December 2010 Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of St Joseph's College, Melbourne, St Mary's Church, West Melbourne. Supper at North Melbourne Campus. Details:

www.sjemelb.catholic.edu.au

HEALTHY MOTHERS HEALTHY BABIES

The program is seeking donations for pregnant women or mothers who are socially and financially disadvantaged.

Some suggestions but not limited to are: cots, bassinets, porta costs, baby car seats, prams, nappies/bags, baby clothes, bottles, bedding and accessories.

Contact the Team on 9313 500 to arrange drop off or pick up of items.

"PEOPLE SPEAK"

From this week's edition:

A passing acquaintance with Jesus, even eating and drinking with him, will not assure our entrance into God's kingdom. Yet, God loves every person and wants to gather people of every race and language into the kingdom. It is in loving relationship with God, loving one another and accepting suffering as part of our training, that we will be gathered into eternal life with him.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Priests' Retirement Foundation
Sunday 5 September.
Envelopes in the current Thanksgiving set.

PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE RESULTS

PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	HOLDER'S NAME	STATE	PRIZE DESCRIPTION
1st	050232	Elenora Tenedora	NSW	Travel Voucher from Flight Centre
2nd	037755	Worland Family	VIC	Gift Voucher from Harvey Norman
3rd	040501	Michael & Bonnie Knox	WA	Ipad with case

Other 9 prize winners' names are on the noticeboard.

Thanks for your support - \$2,300 raised towards parish fundraising.

CHURCH PROJECTOR

The projector in our Church is getting to the end of its life span. We are looking at replacing the current projector with 2 plasma Screens of 63", one on each side of the front walls (angle) to provide cover for all position of the church. The cost of this project is \$10,428.00. We now have donations totaling \$5,710. We are grateful for this help and pray that God will continue to be generous to your family and grant you his blessing. If you can help with donation to finance this project please contact parish office or Fr. Minh. We are looking at October or November to initiate this project.

SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT

The sound system in our church is under process of improvement to accommodate the needs of our choirs and general. We brought 4 Shure hanging microphones, two mixers, a wireless microphone for priest. The total cost is approx. \$5,000. With the donation of \$2000.00 from Tam Thien Catering, if you can help with donation to finance this project please contact parish office or Fr. Minh. We still need 2 or 3 floor standing gooseneck microphones to replace the old hand held microphones.

PARISH'S VAN

Our parish is in need of a Van to transport Foods and Goods for Foodbank, and some other needs of our parish. A 1993 automatic van has been offered to us with a low price and generosity by Think's Motors, Collingwood for \$6500.00. Fr. Stan Lim and his family will give us \$1000.00, Ignatius' Parish will give us \$1000.00, and the Jesuit community and St Ignatius will give us \$1000.00. We sincerely thank Fr. Stan and his family, the Jesuit community and St. Ignatius Parish, Richmond for their generosity and assistance to our parish. If you can help with donation to finance this project please contact parish office or Fr. Minh. We are picking up the van next week. We are grateful for your help and pray that God will continue to be generous to your family and grant you his blessing.

SPECIAL CENTENARY MASS FOR MOTHER TERESA

In honour of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta there will be a Special Mass - celebrated by the Archbishop on Saturday September 4, 2pm at all Saints Parish, Fitzroy. All parishioners, communities, networks and friends are welcomed.

FOOTSCRAY CHOIR SINGS

Thursdays 5:30 – 6:45pm at 'The Church' 10a Hyde Street, Footscray (at the rear of the Town Hall). Details from www.creativityaustralia.org.au or see noticeboard. A new choir will be formed in Sunshine soon.

MACKILLOP

Tickets now on sale for MacKillop, the new Australian musical as part of the Canonisation celebrations. Features a cast and orchestra of 100+ people with opera singer Joanna Cole as Mary. 100% of profits are going to the Canonisation Appeal. Melbourne performances are at the Besen Centre, Station St Burwood on 23 October 3pm, 7:30pm and 24 Oct 1pm. Tickets prices \$45 adults; \$40 conc; \$35 (groups of 7+). \$120 family. Info/tickets www.mackilloptickets.org or phone MacKillop hotline 0424 648 034.

A VOCATION VIEW

Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to be formed and disciplined as a leader. Then you can go through the narrow gate, yourself.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 21 & 22 AUGUST 2010

FIRST READING IS 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 116. R. MK 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose

father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL LK 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.