

# HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**28 & 29 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

Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12pm

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### Music Co-Ordinator

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### Parish School

**Principal** - John Steele

Phone: 9366 2899

### Mass Times

**Saturday:** 6pm

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

### Other Masses

1<sup>st</sup> Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### REVERSALS OF FORTUNE

*“Some who are first will be last.”*

One tradition in the Hebrew scriptures, especially in the wisdom literature, frequently highlights the irony of inverted expectations. Thus, Sirach's sage teaches that love is experienced in giving, rather than receiving; that greatness is revealed in humility; that wisdom is a better listener than a talker. The Psalms tell us that God becomes the dwelling of the homeless, the liberty of prisoners, and refreshing rain for dry hearts.

Luke's Jesus is fully a child of this oral tradition of paradoxical reversals. His own wisdom teaching, offered at a banquet of elite lawyers and pharisees, actually draws upon the advice in Proverbs (25:7) that it is “better to be invited, ‘Come up here,’ than be humiliated in the presence of the prince.”

Jesus' own parable portrays people seeking the place of honour who are eventually asked to move, now blushing, to a lower place. “What you should do when you have been invited is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host approaches you he will say, ‘My friend, come up higher.’”

Jesus is not offering mere courtly etiquette. He is talking about an existential reality. Those who exalt themselves, whether covertly or openly, will be humbled, and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

This poses a still deeper paradox. Is Jesus suggesting that we act humbly only for the reason that we might be exalted? Is he advising us to use the poor as our stepping stone to heaven's highest places?

I think not. Jesus is speaking to a group of people who set traps to catch him, who seem to understand only the logic of self-enhancement. Even on their own terms, their tactics are self-defeating. No matter what tactic of self-promotion they try, they will fail.

Pretending to be the least will not yield greatness in the kingdom of heaven. Luke is not presenting a strategy to win approval. He is describing again something already expressed by Mary herself, that God down the proud of heart, dethrones the worldly prince, and exalts the lowly. In such matters, faking it will not do the trick.



### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

Almighty God, every good thing comes from you.

Fill our hearts with love for you, increase our faith, and by your constant care protect the good you have given us.

We ask 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, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

*“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:14*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

## Rosters next weekend

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C**  
**4/5 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**6:00 PM**

Reader: Violeta Montoro  
Chris Mead  
Head Spec Min: Marlene Bartolo  
Spec Min: Mary Rose Spiteri  
Dorothy Bartolo  
Reno Bartolo  
Anna Saavedra  
Cathy Bartolo  
Angelo Bartolo

**9:00 AM**

Reader: Tinah Tohi  
Leanna Surrao  
Head Spec Min: Edith Gauci  
Spec Min: Mini Eddy  
Monica Lomen  
Mary-Anne Schembri  
Anthony Naidu  
Kim Bui Quanq  
Christopher Creo

**10:30 AM**

Reader: Rita Martin  
Paula Luansing  
Head Spec Min: Stephanie Choo  
Spec Min: Akok Kiir  
Johanne Dajic  
Judy Croos  
Lyn Aquino  
Cita Carreon  
Salim Hijazeen  
Ian Matanis

**6:00 PM**

Reader: Noel Noguera  
Head Spec Min: Sharon Perena  
Spec Min: Joanne Azzopardi  
Ralph Perena, Lucy Bosnjak  
Hann Nguyen, 2 Volunteers

**PIETY STALL** 6 pm - Janie Gatt  
9 am - Janie Gatt  
10.30am - H, Maddela & L. Disco

### CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning 30 August 2010  
Group 4 - Kim Truong, Margaret Bajada, Cathy Bartolo, Wendy Forbes Perera & Maria Protuder

### SINGING GROUPS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 4 Sept - 6pm - Carmen - away  
Sun 5 Sept - 9am - Charilie  
10.30am - Samoan  
6pm - Filippino choir

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues. - Friday 9:00am

### DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Lk. 4:16-20  
Tue: Lk. 4:31-37  
Wed: Lk. 4:38-44  
Thu: Lk. 5:1-11  
Fri: Lk. 5:33-39  
Sat: Lk. 6:1-5  
Sun: Lk. 14:25-33

## Parish Meetings & News

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Thursday 2 September 7:30pm in the church.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Monday 6 September 7:00pm Presbytery.

### MINISTERS' ROSTER

New roster available to collect this weekend from the foyer.

### SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Thankyou to Charlie Schembri who has volunteered to lead a Property Maintenance Committee. If you can assist 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.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS – SPRING EDITION

Free copies available from the foyer this weekend.

### RETREAT

Sr Margaret returns on Tuesday 31 August.

## 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.

### MONTHLY FOOD BANK

Friday 3 September at 2pm.

## Deanery News

### SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH MASS

A rotating Mass every six weeks will be organised by Deanery parishes. St Bernadette's Sunshine North this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Wolframmm FMDM, Marlene Ryan, Joe Zammit.



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
Christine Montebello (USA), Ronald Mallia (Malta) and Ivan Harmat died recently. We remember the anniversaries of Rosa Nguyen Thi Hai, Dominic Kinh Bui, Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Dominico Thach, John Nghia, Nam & Anna Giacobe, Maria Tran Mai, Pham Cong Noi, Agripina Maddela, Marija & Joseph (Jnr). Josephine, Joseph, Frank & Charlie Farrugia, Kathy & Jimmy Pace, Faustina John Grixti, Vince Spiteri, Manani & Paul Bajada, Annunziata Muscat.

## 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.sjcmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjcmelb.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 (newborn only), bottles, bedding and accessories.

Contact the Team on 9313 5000 to arrange drop off or pick up of items.

## "PEOPLE SPEAK"

### From this week's edition:

Each person's dignity is conferred by God, who values us infinitely. Today, Jesus speaks to the guests in the house of one of the 'leading' Pharisees. When dealing with each other, we are to be humble rather than standing on our dignity. By thinking ourselves better than others, we hurt them, sending the message that they are inferior, Jesus is our peace, and his love makes us all one.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL**  
Priests' Retirement Foundation  
Next Sunday 5 September.  
Envelopes available for taxation deductions.

## NEW MICROPHONES

Fr. Minh and Holy Eucharist Parish sincerely thank the Ha Long Family restaurant for their donation of \$1600.00 for the purchase of two Sennheiser floor standing microphones. We are grateful for this help and pray that God will continue to be generous to your family and grant you his many blessings.

## PARISH VAN

The Jesuit community of Hawthorn with their continuing support of Fr Minh had made a donation of \$1000.00 toward purchasing of a van. Also Family of Quy Loan donated \$500.00 and one family donated \$50.00. We now have enough money to pay for the van. Our thanks to Fr. Brendan and the Jesuits of Hawthorn and all those who had generously donated toward this social welfare outreach of our parish. We are grateful for this help and pray that God will continue to be generous to you and your family and grant you his many blessings.

## CHURCH PROJECTOR

Thank you for donations totaling \$5,850 towards 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. Thank you to Mat Gia Dinh for \$1,000; Gia Duch Bac Nhan for \$1,000 and Pham Thuy Hong for \$160. The cost of this project is \$10,428.00. 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.

## 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](http://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](http://www.mackilloptickets.org) or phone MacKillop hotline 0424 648 034.

## ZAGHRA ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Invites you to celebrate the Birth of the Virgin Mary and Malta Victory Day in remembrance of those who fought for Malta at Maltese Cultural Centre, 27 Talmage Street, Albion, Wednesday 8 September at 7pm. Fr Emanuel Adami will celebrate Mass.

## 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.**

## A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus keeps saying, Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

**FIRST READING SIR 3:17-20, 28-29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

***Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.***

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. *This is the word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

**SECOND READING HEB 12:18-19, 22-24**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

***You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.***

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion

and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant. *This is the word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL LK 14:1, 7-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

***All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.***

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*