

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 2010

“We welcome the strangers”

Parish Priest - Fr Minh Tran SJ

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fcJ
Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)

Chaplain

Fr Lois Philippines

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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.

My Own Heart

What is life about, here on earth?

The First Reading says,

“Deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. The body weighs down the soul, the earth weighs down the mind. . . . What is within our grasp we find with difficulty.”

Sounds like the writer was having a bad day. But these words actually do apply to all life. We have choices, we have problems. What are we to do?

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot
change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the
difference.

This is the Serenity Prayer, possibly trite to some people. But it shows us the essence of humility: be who you are, not more, not less. Trust in God for everything you cannot do. So, we have the first answer. Life here on earth, even though timid and weighed down, is about *humility*.

The second answer is *love*. Real, toiling, sweating love.

Look at the apostle Paul in the Second Reading—the fiery, tempestuous Paul—now an old man and in prison. We are reading a personal letter here, one he wrote to Philemon. It turns out that Philemon's slave Onesimus ran away and came to Paul. Paul became like a father to him, converted him to Christianity and now sends him back to Philemon not as a slave but “as a man and in the Lord.”

Listen to the language Paul uses. “I am sending him, that is, [I am sending] my own heart, back to you.” Onesimus is not a piece of chattel. Paul is sending someone so dear to him that he refers to that man as “his own heart.”

This is a true *personal love*. It is what life here on earth is all about.

The third answer, as the Gospel tells us, is to *get our values straight*. Jesus says he wants you to

1. hate your father, mother, children, brothers, sisters, and your own life,
2. renounce all your possessions,
3. carry your own cross just as he carries his.

Hang on, don't panic. These sound horrible, but examine them.

1. The word “hate” is probably an oratorical way to say “love them in proportion.” If you let love of God be first in your life, your beloved family will come right along with it.

If you do not, you will lose them. Hate means not having them be overboard in their importance to you.

2. “Renounce all your possessions.” If you are tempted to love material things above all else, then renounce them. It is God you need to love above all things, and everything else in proportion.

3. Why are we supposed to carry a cross? Why? Because it is far too easy for us to pretend that the world really is not painful, that no one actually suffers. But they do and we do, in a big way. Taking up our cross sends us out with Jesus to help others carry theirs.

And that is the real and final answer to the problems presented in the First Reading. What is life about here on earth? It is about being humble, about loving others truly, and about loving God above all things.

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray - God our Father, you redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Look upon us, give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised.

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,

your word and your sacrament
give us food and life.

May this gift of your Son
lead us to share his life for ever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

THOUGHTS ON GIVING

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Rosters next weekend

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11/12 SEPTEMBER 2010

6:00 PM

Reader: Candy Taylor
Sylvio Hoshun
Head Spec Min: Patsy De Abreu
Spec Min: Delia Ryan
Nanette Micallef-Grimaud
Sr Helen Mary FCJ
Dominic Bui
Mary Borg
Anne Philby

9:00 AM

Reader: Gordon Walsh
Arleen Walsh
Head Spec Min: Nalini Cruse
Spec Min: Mini Eddy
Josephine Grixti
Phuong Ung
Doris Gatt
Pauline Storace
Fred Storace

10:30 AM

Reader: Ed Cablao
Roslin Botlero
Head Spec Min: Nina Desira
Spec Min: Isabella Barreca
Tony Randich
Mary Giuffrida
Beth De La Cruz
Linda Fernandez
Fedele Hallorina
Susan Hallorina

6:00 PM

Reader: David Garrata
Head Spec Min: Anna Saavedra
Spec Min: Hann Nguyen
Lucy Bosnjak
Sharon Perena
Ralph Perena
Joanne Azzopardi
Ian Matanis

PIETY STALL 6 pm - Janie Gatt
9 am - Janie Gatt
10.30am - H. Maddela & I. Disco

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning 6 September 2010
Group 5 Antonia Fratric, Wilmur
Marmur, Terri Aguinaldo
Hang Pham & Neide Carduso

SINGING GROUPS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 11 Sept - 6pm - Carmen
Sun 12 Sept - 9am - Charlie
10.30am - Somoan
6pm - Fillppino choir

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues. - Friday 9:00am

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Lk. 6:6-11 Fri. Lk. 6:39-42
Tue: Lk. 6:12-19 Sat. Lk. 6:43-49
Wed: Mt. 1:1-16 Sun. Lk. 15:1-32
Thu: Lk. 6:27-38

Parish Meetings & News



Baptism

BAPTISMS – SEPTEMBER

Teresa Vo Emy – Phero & Maria
Joseph Thai Hien Ngoc Ngo – Hieu
& Katherine
Anna Tran Thi Thuy Quyen – Tran
& Dao
Giuse Pham Tommy – Pham
& Nguyen
Christopher John Burton – Paul
& Katarina

SPECIAL COLLECTION

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Priests' Retirement Foundation
This weekend 4/5 September.
Envelopes available for taxation
deductions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Monday 6 September 7:00pm
Presbytery.

LOAVES & FISH FOOD BANK

Meeting Tuesday 14 September 7pm
Presbytery.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Charlie Schembri who
has volunteered to lead a Property
Maintenance Committee. If you can
assist, please contact our parish office.

CLEANING ROSTER

2 or 3 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.

MASS IN SUDANESE

Sunday 12 September 2.30pm.

Parish Activities

PARISH THANKSGIVING

Receipts and new envelopes will be
available to collect in the foyer of the
church **NEXT WEEKEND**.

Please catch up if you are in arrears.

New parishioners are welcome to
join the Program, which forms the
financial structure of the parish.



SUNSHINE DEANERY NEWSLETTER – SPRING EDITION

Would you like to write an article or
stories about Mary MacKillop and the
work and life of the Josephite sisters,
who have served in our Deanery? Did
you go to a Josephite school and have
some stories to share? Contact Anne
Dowling before 8 September at
sdrc@netspace.net.au. Photos
welcome. Anne is at 16 Athol St
Braybrook.



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

Joseph Saliba, Carmelo Portelli, Loretu
Azzopardi, John Gatt, Charles Paris, John
Mallia, Richard Pace, Leo Krouser, Joseph
Fenech, Nazareno Spiteri, Anthony
Mifsud, Philip Gauci, Antonio Vallone,
Ignatius Borg, Charlie, Mary & Peter
Spiteri and family, Joseph, Esther Borg &
family, Tony Vella, Maryann & Carmelo
Gili, Pham Cong Noi, John Nghia & Nam
Giacobe, Joseph Schembri, John Xuereb,
Paul Attard, Joseph Galea & John Marie
Schembri and families, Dominic Phan Van
Thach, Anton Tran Van Tai, Baskal
Saliba, Joseph Mizzi, Anthony Xerri,
Michael Mizzi, Annunziata & Emmunel
Muscat, Joseph & Maryann Mercieca,
Joseph Camilleri, John Borg, Michael
Xerri, Gretzu Camilleri, Joseph Agius,
Georgina & John Grima, Carmen &
Charlie Agius, Frank & Louis Galea,
Maryann Galea, Tony Mifsud, Joseph
Bajona, Joseph Micallef-Grimaud.

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

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:

No one and no thing may come before loyalty to Jesus who is way, truth and life. Following him may cost everything, but in reality it profits nothing to gain or keep everything and lose our integrity. To gain the world and lose oneself is the ultimate loss. It is ultimate betrayal of father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters and our own life too. It is ultimate sadness.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says clearly: "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

CANDLE STAND

It is proposed to purchase an electronic candle stand for the church at a cost of \$2,800. This will be a coin operated unit. A donation has already been received for \$1,000 towards the cost by Hoa & Mau Nguyen. Fr Minh would be grateful to receive any other donations towards this project.

PARISH VAN

The parish van has now been delivered and is available for valuable use for food bank collections from agencies. Thanks to everyone who donated to this cause.

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. 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.

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.

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT – 17 OCTOBER

Procession, Festival and Live Broadcast of Canonisation from Rome Sunday 17 October in Fitzroy and at Royal Exhibition Building. For more details visit: www.cam.org.au/mackillop.

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.

WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Lay Ministry is the topic for Tuesday, 21st September. Speakers are Maria George, who was raised in West Footscray and has many years experience as a Pastoral Associate, and Peter Price, who has recently finished his doctorate on this topic and has been involved in training people for ministry. Victoria on Hyde Hotel, corner of Hyde and Schild Sts. Yarraville. Session begins in the Function Room at 7.30 p.m. but we encourage you to have a meal there beforehand from 6.00 p.m. and so support the pub that supports Western SIP.

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.

SR MARIA

I wish to express my thanks to all parishioners of Holy Eucharist for your support and friendship over the past 17 months. You will be remembered in my prayers.

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FIRST READING WIS 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming
mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on
earth, laborious to know what lies within our
reach; who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

SECOND READING PHLM 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

***Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a
very dear brother.***

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what
is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am

appealing to you for a child of mine, whose
father I became while wearing these chains: I
mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to
you, and with him – I could say – a part of my
own self. I should have liked to keep him with
me; he could have been a substitute for you, to
help me while I am in the chains that the Good
News has brought me. However, I did not
want to do anything without your consent; it
would have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time,
but it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how much
more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in
common means anything to you, welcome him
as you would me.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

***All who do not renounce their possessions
cannot be my disciples.***

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way
and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man
comes to me without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple.
Anyone who does not carry his cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to
build a tower, would not first sit down and
work out the cost to see if he had enough to
complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable to
finish the work, the onlookers would all start
making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man
who started to build and was unable to finish."
Or again, what king marching to war against
another king would not first sit down and
consider whether with ten thousand men he
could stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off,
he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in
the same way, none of you can be my disciple
unless he gives up all his possessions.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.