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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

10 & 11 OCTOBER 2020

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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FoodBank: open Fridays 10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

St Vincent de Paul: Call Centre is now open. Please contact 1800 305 330. Thank you.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

by St Alphonsus de Liguori, Founder of the Redemptorist

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SCHOOL NEWS

Learning and Teaching:

BACK TO SCHOOL

From 12th October all Prep to Grade 6 students will return to on-site learning. Students will have a staggered start and finishing time. **Please note that remote learning will not continue in Grades Prep to Grade 6.**

BACK TO SCHOOL – GRADE PREP, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2

Students in Grades Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school on **Monday 12th October 2020** (2nd Week of Term 4). **Gates open: 8:40am**

Classrooms Open: 8:45am, Starting Time: 8:55am, Finishing time: 3:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL – GRADE 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 5 & GRADE 6

Students in Grades 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 will return to school on **Monday 12th October 2020** (2nd Week of Term 4).

Classrooms Open: 9:00am, Starting Time: 9:10am, Finishing time: 3:15pm

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AND PICK UP ZONE:

Each grade level will have a designated gate to enter/leave the school. These are as follows:

- Gate 1 (Next to the hall) – Grade Prep & Grade 3,
- Gate 2 (Next to the church) – Grade 1 and Grade 4
- Gate 3 (Admin gate) – Grades 6,
- Gate 4 (O'Brien Drive) - Grade 2 & Grade 5

Please note that classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning. The classroom teacher will take the students to the gate at home time and wait for students to be picked up. **If you have more than one child at school, you can drop off and pick up your children from a preferred gate**, so long as you have one child who belongs to the year level specified at the gate.

Please remember to continually check for updates on Class Dojo and to visit our school website to keep up to date with important information in regards to COVID-19. Please visit www.hestalbansth.catholic.edu.au



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher said, "In difficult times, as we are facing at the moment during the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholics find great comfort in the Rosary, a sweet chain which unites us to God, a bond of love which unites us to the angels. On today's Feast of Our

Lady of the Rosary, let us unite again in a prayer to our dearest Mother. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!"

"To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother." — Pope Saint John Paul II

The feast day of Saint Gerard Majella, the patron saint of Mothers will be on Friday, October 16th. Saint Gerard was a Redemptorist brother credited with miracles linked to mothers and pregnant women.



HC9 - 297E
Prayer for Motherhood
St. Gerard

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those

who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

INVITATION TO GOD'S TABLE

In 2006 at the 56th Berlin International Film Festival, filmmakers were invited to compete in a Short Film Competition on the theme: Food, Taste and Hunger. About 3600 filmmakers from around the world participated, but only 32 films were chosen to be screened at the Berlinale Talent Campus.

The winner was a six-minute Filipino film, "Chicken a la Carte", made by Ferdinand Dimadura. This touching short film sent a very strong message about how we value what we are given. It shows customers at a KFC outlet eating half the food they had bought and then throwing away the rest. But that was not the film's main focus. It then shows a man collecting the garbage and selecting leftovers to feed his family; and then the joyful faces of the man's small children as they see him arriving with the baskets of leftover food. They enjoy the food like it's a great banquet.

What is inspiring is the hope and spirituality that never left these people. Even in this dire situation, they thank God and say grace and give thanks for what they have. The readings of the liturgy this Sunday depict great banquets. The passage from Isaiah in the first reading paints a portrait of the lavish final banquet of the Lord, with the best food and drink imaginable, where his guests can enjoy each other's company and that of the Lord himself. In the reading from Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses the parable of a wedding banquet to teach his hearers about the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus emphasises the generosity and hospitality of God. In the parable the king, after those who had been invited didn't bother to come to the feast, sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find – good and bad - to come instead. However, the parable also stresses that there will be a judgment about the worthiness of the guests attending the wedding party, and such judgment belongs to the king. When the king comes into the assembly of guests and finds someone "not wearing a suitable wedding garment", the king has that guest thrown out.

The point is that those who are invited to God's banquet need to present themselves as worthy to be there. I like to think they are people who give thanks to God for all the goodness they have received, however difficult life may be. In both the gospel and the first reading, it is God who prepares the banquet, who calls, and who longs for all peoples to attend and feast in friendship. We are all invited and we are all called to respond, rejoice and give thanks, and to live lives that are worthy of the banquet that is the kingdom of heaven.

By Anthony Tran CSsR



“FRATELLI TUTTI”: A CALL TO DISRUPT OUR LIVES AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE WORLD

Fratelli tutti is “a devastating challenge to our ecological, political, economic and social life”, but above all, it is the “proclamation of an ineradicable, joyful truth, presented as a

well-spring for a fatigued world.”

This is according to Professor Anna Rowlands, a renowned political theologian and member of the panel that presented Pope Francis’ third Encyclical in the Vatican’s new Synod Hall on Sunday.

Speaking to Vatican Radio’s Christopher Wells, Professor Rowlands said *Fratelli tutti*, with its powerful social meditation on the Good Samaritan, who recognises love and attention as the preeminent law and model for creative social friendship, is a call to everyone to take action.

“I think that the core of this document is a call for us to stop and find a way to look at the world in a different way,” Prof. Rowlands said, noting that Pope Francis is asking us to stop looking at the world with the eyes of indifference or cynicism.

He is asking us, she explained, “to stop and to begin to look again.”

A call for social action

Rowlands said the document contains a list of social actions, the first being the command that we “pay attention to the world around us, to what truly is.”

Pope Francis, she continued sees reality and tells us that the only true perception of that reality is through encounter with “the reality of all the people and of the created order.”

“His first call to us is simply to pay attention, to be with what is, and what is both the suffering and the difficulty of the world, but also its beauty and its grace,” she said.

She noted that he finds a contemplative starting point for his social teaching in his deep association with Saint Francis of Assisi, and that this is imbued in a political mysticism.

Church’s social teaching rooted in reality

Rowlands recalled that all the social teaching documents from 1891 onwards stem from a meditation by the respective Pope on the world, and on the action of the world.

“*Rerum Novarum* was inspired by the action of local bishops in Germany and in the UK involved in the dockworkers strike and in industrial relations. Later documents were also inspired by movements on the ground, often ecclesial movements,” she explained.

Pope Francis, she added, is very clear that this encyclical was inspired by an interfaith dialogue and by visits and encounters he has had all over the world.

So, she continued, it begins with his engagement with a world of action and then moves into a reflective phase in which “the Pope gathers, reflects, prays, discerns and then presents this reflective response to reality.” He does this in the hope of impelling a kind of revolution, a change of dynamics that will lead to action towards the common good.

“I think that what he imagines really is this world which is based on a cycle of constant meditation and action, contemplation and action,” she said. This vision is at the heart of monastic life, it is what Bishops in the wider episcopal community are meant to do, and most certainly, it is at the heart of the task of the Bishop of Rome.

The call for a concrete response

In *Fratelli tutti*, Rowlands said, Pope Francis calls for a concrete response from all people of goodwill, regardless of their religious belonging. He does so using the parable of the Good Samaritan, because it is “utterly concrete, utterly practical, utterly immediate and utterly devastating in terms of what it means for an individual.”

He’s asking us, she explained, “to be interrupted in the flow of our everyday lives; to stop and pay attention to those whom he describes as ‘foreign in our own neighbourhoods’, and he doesn’t just literally mean coming from a foreign place, he means the divisions of wealth and poverty in a street, in a neighbourhood, in a city.”

He wants us, she continued, to think about the roles that we occupy in our professional lives “and he has a lot to say about the vocation of those in politics, of those in business etc.”

Rowlands noted that the Pope also talks about the role of grass-root movements and of the importance of building a new world together with those who are most marginalized and excluded, not “for them or on their behalf.”

This is an action, she said, that requires us to build relationships in every stratum of our everyday lives.

He, Pope Francis, believes that the transformation of the world will stem from that basis, but it is essential that we let ourselves be disrupted and disturbed in our normal routines, “to learn that pattern of attention and the gifts it brings.”

Social friendship

Finally, Rowlands reflected on the meaning for Pope Francis of social friendship.

She expressed her belief that according to his conception of universal fraternity that envisages a world in which we are all interconnected, brothers and sisters and children of the same God, and said that ‘social friendship’ is the concrete response to that realisation.

It’s a vision, she concluded, that leads to a structural commitment, “to forms of action together in the world”. So, “social friendship is the set of practices that allow us to realise universal friendship as a way of life, as a habit.”

by Christopher Wells & Linda Bordoni

TOMB OF CARLO ACUTIS IS OPENED FOR VENERATION AHEAD OF BEATIFICATION

By Courtney Mares

The tomb of Venerable Carlo Acutis was opened for public veneration Thursday ahead of the computer-programming teen’s beatification.

A spokeswoman for Acutis’ beatification told CNA that the entire body was present, but “not incorrupt.”

“Today we ... see him again in his mortal body. A body that has passed, in the years of burial in Assisi, through the normal process of decay, which is the legacy of the human condition after sin has removed it from God, the source of life. But this mortal body is destined for resurrection,” Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said at a Mass at the opening of the tomb Oct. 1.

The bishop explained that Acutis’ body was “reassembled with art and love.”

The teen's body will be available for veneration in a glass tomb until Oct. 17, during a celebration of Acutis' life in Assisi.

Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15, was known for his computer-programming skills, and love of the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary.

The heart of Acutis, which can now be considered a relic, will be displayed in a reliquary in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. His mother said that his family had wanted to donate his organs when he died, but were unable to do so because of the leukemia.

"Carlo is a boy of our time. A boy of the internet age, and a model of holiness of the digital age, as Pope Francis presented him in his letter to young people around the world. The computer ... has become a way of going through the streets of the world, like the first disciples of Jesus, to bring to hearts and homes the announcement of true peace, that which quenches the thirst for the infinite that inhabits the human heart," Sorrentino said.

The rector for the Sanctuary of Spoliation in Assisi, where Acutis' tomb is located, told EWTN that reconstruction work on Acutis' face was necessary before the public viewing of the tomb.

Acutis had brain hemorrhaging at the time of his death, and he offered his suffering for the pope and the Church.



"His body was discovered to be fully integral, not intact, but integral, having all its organs. Work was done on his face," Fr. Carlos Acácio Gonçalves Ferreira said.

"In some way, his earthly face will be seen again. But that face -- let us not forget -- by now does not point to itself, but to God," Archbishop Sorrentino said.

Acutis' tomb is open for public veneration Oct. 1-17 in Assisi to allow as many people as possible to make a prayerful visit in the weeks before and after his beatification Oct. 10, despite coronavirus measures limiting attendance.

In his interview with EWTN, Ferreira lauded Acutis as a witness that holiness is attainable for teenagers.

In the tomb, Acutis is dressed in the casual clothes he wore in daily life. While he was not buried in this clothes, it is hoped that they will give evidence of the teen's life.

"For the first time in history we will see a saint dressed in jeans, sneakers, and a sweater," the rector said.

"This is a great message for us, we can feel holiness not as a distant thing but as something very much within everyone's reach because the Lord is the Lord of everyone."

In the year before he died, the Italian teen researched Eucharistic miracles to create a website cataloging and sharing this information with others.

As part of the 17-day celebration of Acutis' beatification in Assisi, two churches are hosting exhibitions of the Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions cataloged by Acutis.

Acutis' tomb is in Assisi's Sanctuary of the Spoliation, where a young St. Francis of Assisi is said to have cast off his rich clothes in favor of a poor habit.

"Carlo Acutis, like St. Francis, had in common, in addition to love for Jesus and in particular for the Eucharist, a great love for the poor," Archbishop Sorrentino said as he announced Oct. 1 that a soup kitchen would be opened near the Sanctuary of the Spoliation in remembrance of Acutis.

"We are thrilled that finally Carlo's tomb has been opened, especially because the faithful that Carlo has scattered around the world will be able to see him and to be able to venerate him in a stronger and more engaging way," she said.

"We hope that through the exposition of Carlo's body, the faithful can raise their prayers to God with more fervor and faith who through Carlo invites us all to have more faith, hope, and love for him, and for our brothers just as Carlo did in his earthly life. We pray that Carlo will intercede for all of us with God and obtain many graces for us."

PRECA NOTICE

We are in progress to host more families from the Holy Eucharist Parish on our zoom meetings whether they are sacraments related or not. We are constantly holding catechism classes every Tuesday at 7pm for young people.

Sacraments and also every Friday at 7pm for both girls and boys who wish to continue their faith journey from 11 years and above youth including their families.

If anyone interested call myself Noel on 0410923291 or Br Anthony on 0419115692 or our email: precastal-bans@tpg.com.au

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

We are online!

Parish Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolyEuchristChurch>

Parish Youtube: Holy Eucharist Church St Albans

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRkzB6-KIHeDQ_aOTDfeYIg/featured

Parish Website:

<https://www.holyeuchariststalbans.org/>

LET US PRAY FOR

Prayers For The Sick

Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Peter Disco, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Joseph Nicholas Tuan Manh Nguyen

Anniversaries

Marina Pagdanganan, Nazareni Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, George & Angela Bugeja, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Mary Camilleri & Family, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, Charlie Xerri, Lewis Spiteri, Raymond Abela and All Souls.

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Holy Eucharist parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjer people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.

VOCATION VIEW: "Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin."

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