



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

28 & 29 NOVEMBER 2020

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P.Meat

Novena

5pm on 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month

Mass Times

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
- ◆ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

- 1st & 2nd Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le
Phone 9366 1310
Tuesday & Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm.

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.

1st Week of Advent Year B

Tues 9:00 AM, 1-12-20

Reader Xuan Duong

Wed 9:00 AM, 3-12-20

Reader Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 4-12-20

Reader Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 5-12-20

Reader Helen Maddela

Sat 6.00 PM, 6-12-20

Lit. Coordinator:

Reno Attard & Charlie Pace

Commentator Alastair Surrao

Reader Carmen Carmilleri

Wendy Forbes

Extraordinary Min:

Violeta Montoro

Anthony Naidu

Sun 9.00 AM, 6-12-20

Lit. Coordinator

Monica Lomen & ???

Commentator Derek D'Souza

Reader Shirley Krismanic

Extraordinary Min

Wilma Marmur

Antonia Fratric

Sun 10:30AM, 6-12-20

Lit. Coordinator

Saua Tufuga & Taoete Afano

Commentator Joh Cablao

Reader Ed Cablao

Christina Afano

Extraordinary Min

Elizabeth Delacruz

Mary Guiffida

Sun 6.00PM, 6-12-20

Lit. Coordinator

Michael & Matthew Laureano

Commentator Xuan Duong

Reader Lani Laririt

Rod Lalunio

Extraordinary Min

Wency Garrata

Lani Laririt

GOOD NEWS, GOOD NEWS!

Dear Parishioners,

With gratitude to our God, we can have 150 people in our Church until further notice.

English Masses:

* **Weekday Masses: 9am from Tuesday to Friday**

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to have your name noted in the 150 attendees.

* **Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Please contact the Parish Office to let us know that you would like to attend.

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

For the safety of everyone

- ◇ Please use the hand sanitizer provided and keep social distancing at all time.
- ◇ Everyone over 12 years of age, please wear face coverings/masks at all times.
- ◇ When a cantor is singing or a reader/commentator is reading, the face covering/masks may be lowered, but must be worn at all other times.
- ◇ Please find a mark on the pew to sit when you enter inside the church.
- ◇ Rite of Peace, please avoid shaking hands but instead say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- ◇ Please observe social distancing at Holy Communion, which will only be given in the hand.
- ◇ If you feel unwell, please do not attend the Mass you are registered for and advise the Parish Office, so as to allow someone else on the waiting list to attend.

Thanks for your collaboration.

God bless and protect us always.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

((R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,

because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

ADVENT.

Happy New Year! Yes, it is a new year within our Church. The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical cycle. For that reason, Advent is an opportunity for us all to begin anew.

Think about it. Wouldn't it be nice to start anew? Are there things in your life that you'd like to leave behind or change? Most likely there are and Advent might just be the time to do so. Beginning anew means that we take the past and give it over to our Divine Lord. It means that we let go of our past sin and hurt and ask Jesus to enter in. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He wants to accomplish in our lives. It is time to begin again!

Advent follows a certain theme of preparation and anticipation. At first, we reflect upon the fact that the Saviour of the World will one day return in all His glory. We look to that truth and anticipate it with great hope. From there, we look at the fact that He did come long ago as a child. He was born of the Virgin and dwelt among us.

Christmas is the fulfilment of the hope given in Advent and is the realization of God's promise. God humbled Himself, becoming a little child entrusted to the care of the Blessed Mary of Nazareth. She became not only the Mother of God; she also became our Mother in Grace.

The readings on the first Sunday of Advent invite us to confess our sins and beg for Divine mercy. Israel in the first reading beat their breast in contrition as from their situation of exile in Babylon they recognize that they had been unfaithful to their covenant with God. Now they beg for mercy. The Psalmist expresses our plea that God's anger may end that his mercy may once again be experienced. The Gospel reminds us that judgement day will be upon us though we do not know when. The present time is a time to prepare for it. "Be alert and watch, for you don't know when the time will come." The best preparation is to repent and beg for mercy. May we be "advent people" that is, people who wait, being vigilant, for the return of our Lord and Master!

Being vigilant also means we are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. Let us be prepared in our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas as we would prepare through our shopping, cooking, decorating, etc. Let us be attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to us on a daily basis.

So in our preparation for the coming of Christ this Advent let us pray, "Maranatha" (Come Lord Jesus!) It is a prayer of joyful hope!

Pray: Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

*Br Anthony Gatt
Preca Community*



"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Be Still

- Light the first candle on your Advent wreath or light a candle as a reminder of Christ's presence.
- Take a moment to allow whatever is in your heart to rise, and offer your thoughts to the loving care of the Lord.
- As we focus on the Advent candle, what memories of the year rise up for you?
- For what do you give thanks?

Sing or listen

St Augustine famously said, that when we sing our prayer, we pray twice. Spend some time in prayer singing or listening to these Advent hymns: [Hark, tis the watchman's cry](#) and [Wait for the Lord](#).

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, Awaken our hearts as we keep this Advent time; allow us to draw near to you and to be attentive to your gracious presence. Awaken our hearts as we keep this Advent time: that we may make room anew for Emmanuel. Amen.

Ponder

After the first reading of this Sunday's Gospel, what words or phrases struck you from the passage? Re-read the Gospel. Take a moment of silence to reflect upon how God is speaking through this text.

Noting down some responses to the following questions may assist with reflection.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we must be ready for Christ's coming:

- Reflecting on the previous weeks, where has God been present? Have I been 'alert' to God's presence and grace working in my life?
- As we begin this journey of Advent, what might God be asking of you during this time of preparation? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts and lead your prayer.
- How can I make extra room in my life for God this Advent? What are some practical things I can introduce into my day that will help me be receptive and responsive to God's voice?
- Am I alert and watchful for the needs of others? Are there relationships in my life where I need to practice kindness, mercy, and forgiveness?

COMMUNITY MAKES GOD VISIBLE

Nothing is sweet or easy about community. Community is a fellowship of people who do not hide their joys and sorrows but make them visible to each other as a gesture of hope.

In community we say: "Life is full of gains and losses, joys and sorrows, ups and downs—but we do not have to live it alone. We want to drink our cup together and thus celebrate the truth that the wounds of our individual lives, which seem intolerable when lived alone, become sources of healing when we live them as part of a fellowship of mutual care."

Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. We can do little with them as individual stones except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic, portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That's community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world.

Henri J. M. Nouwen

ORINATION

Permanent Deacon Ordination of **William Malouk Majak Daw** on Friday 11, December 2020, at 7pm in St. Patricks' Cathedral in East Melbourne. Please keep him in your prayers as he is preparing to this big day of his and also the South Sudanese Community .

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2020
Christmas Carols by Candle Light at the School Oval on 19th December 2020 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome to join choirs from our Parish community participating in the exciting event . Thank you

ALL SOULS NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES: A remembrance Hard cover book has been placed near the altar so that parishioners can place the names of the faithful departed for prayers throughout this month of November. Donations for charity purposes are appreciated. Thank You.

AN INVITATION TO SHARE THE JOURNEY

The discernment of a vocation is a wonderful journey. God desires that you will be happy in your choices. In this sense, Redemptorists would love to meet you, hear your views, and be inspired by your passion to give yourselves in service of others. If you wish to talk with someone about your thoughts of vocation, please contact with one of the Redemptorist priests or write to:
vocations@cssr.org.au

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.

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

Anthony Bartolo, Anna Jarnevic

Anniversaries

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

VOCATION VIEW: "It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him."

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