



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

5 & 6 FEBRUARY 2021

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

Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

Parish School Principal

Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P.Meat

MASS TIMES

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

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Parish Office for more details.

BAPTISM- FEBRUARY

Congratulations to: **Anna Sally Ngu-
yen, Aveai John, Catarina
Tiffany Tran, Felix Ethan
Thien Nguyen, Gabriel
Tomas Co, Jack Az-
zopardi, Joseph**



**Louis Nguyen, Joseph Ioane Ipo-
lito, Maria Anh Tue Mai, Maria
Chloe Nguyen, Maria Ha Vy Bui,
Maria Mia Pham, Matta Rosa Ngu-
yen, Michael Bevis Ngo, Penina
Ianeta John, Peter Quoc Anh Ngu-
yen, Ryan Gomes, Theresa Judy
Huynh & Xavier Kingston Kha
Nguyen,** who were baptized in the

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.

PRECA CENTRE

COME
and
SEE
Youth Group



PRECA
COMMUNITY



Come and See is a youth group within a Catholic Faith community called the Preca Community. Preca is an inclusive multicultural community which welcomes youth and their families in a safe and vibrant environment.

Come and See provides a weekly opportunity to celebrate our faith and

family life. There is time for recreational sport, community prayer, learning groups, birthday and anniversary celebrations and just hanging out with friends in a relaxed and safe atmosphere.

Come and See meets every Friday from 6:45pm till 9:00pm. We welcome youth from 11 years and over both girls and boys. Their families are welcome to stay and be part of our gatherings.

Visit: www.precacommunity.org and also on <https://www.facebook.com/recacommunitymel> or email us on precastalban@tpg.com.au

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria.

As of 5:00pm, 31 December 2020:

- ◆ **All people must carry a face covering when leaving home** unless they have a lawful reason not to.
- ◆ It is **mandatory to wear fitted face coverings in all indoor public spaces** unless you have a lawful reason not to do so, or are a child under 12 years of age.
- ◆ Wearing a face covering is strongly recommended outdoors if a distance of 1.5 metres from other people cannot be maintained.
- ◆ Up to 15 people can visit an individual's home per day. There is no limit on the number of households those people come from. Front and backyards are considered part of the home.
- ◆ Weddings, funerals and religious gatherings can occur with no limits on the number of guests or attendees. To ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance the 'venue' must apply the two square metre rule. Anything conducted in a private home must apply the gathering limits for private homes of 15 people.
- ◆ Record keeping remains an important and critical tool for keeping all in the community safe.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Thanks for your collaboration.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

This year, Year B of the Church's three-year liturgical cycle, we focus on the gospel of Mark, the earliest and the shortest of the four gospels. Today's reading comes from the introduction to Mark's gospel. It tells of Jesus' miracles at the start of his public ministry.

Last week we had the story of the Jesus's first miracle, according to Mark: Jesus, after teaching with authority in the synagogue, heals a man who is possessed of an evil spirit, casting out the devil that afflicts the man.

Today we have the story of a second miracle, later that same day in Mark's account, this time in the home of Simon and Andrew, where Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law who was sick. Mark's story of Jesus' two miracles on that one day in Capernaum exemplify the pattern of Jesus' ministry and teaching. They throw into sharp relief the nature of his mission and the authority with which he conducts himself. In these few verses from Mark's gospel, we also see the hallmarks of Jesus' ministry. He does not confine himself to the synagogue and Temple but goes out and into the places where the people live and work. He meets them where they are and he responds to their needs.

We see his boundless compassion for those who are suffering. We also see his unfailing hospitality. Mark tells us that, later that evening on that same day, the crowds flocked to Jesus, bringing him all who were sick or possessed, and that he cured many! No one was turned away or barred from his presence.

All who would listen and believe in his preaching, teaching, and in his miracles are welcome in his presence. It is no surprise that the suffering flocked to him. Suffering is one of the great challenges of our lives. It comes to each one of us, custom-made, be it in the death of loved ones, broken or damaged relationships, the dashing of our hopes and plans, or the loss of what is precious to us.

It is never easy. In today's first reading from the Scriptures we are reminded of the suffering of Job - and of the reality of suffering in our own lives. Now Job, though a good and upright man, experienced great - and entirely undeserved - suffering, losing all that was precious to him, his children, his possessions, his health. Like us, when faced with suffering, he questioned why innocent people suffer, why bad things happen to good people, while wicked people prosper, and the injustice of it all.

By way of response, Mark's account of Jesus' miracles highlights God's steadfast love and compassion, especially for those who are suffering. And today's reading from the Psalms offers us some of the most consoling words of all: God heals the broken hearted. So, have faith! Hold on in times of trial! God does not desert us. God's delays are not God's denials.

By Anne Hunt

WITHOUT LITURGY, CHRISTIANITY IS WITHOUT THE WHOLE OF CHRIST

Pope Francis said on Wednesday that it is essential for Christians to participate in the liturgy and the sacraments to encounter the Real Presence of Jesus.

"Every time we celebrate a baptism, or consecrate the bread and wine in the Eucharist, or anoint the body of a sick person with Holy Oil, Christ is here. It is He who acts and is present as when He healed the weak limbs of a sick person, or when at the Last Supper, He delivered His testament for the salvation of the world," Pope Francis said at his general audience on Feb. 3.

"A Christianity without liturgy, I would dare say is perhaps a Christianity without Christ, without the whole of Christ," the pope said.

Speaking via live-stream from the library of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis underlined the necessity of the Sacraments in the life of a Christian.

"In Christian life, the corporeal and material sphere may not be dispensed with, because in Jesus Christ it became the way of salvation ... Therefore, there is no Christian spirituality that is not rooted in the celebration of the holy mysteries," the pope said, coughing as he spoke.

He then quoted the Catechism, which states: *"The mission of Christ and of the Holy Spirit proclaims, makes present, and communicates the mystery of salvation, which is continued in the heart that prays."*

In the history of Christianity, there has often been a temptation to emphasize one's individual prayer over the spiritual importance of public liturgical rites, the pope explained.

"Often this tendency claimed the presumed greater purity of a religiosity that did not depend on external ceremonies, considered a useless or harmful burden," he said.

However, the liturgy is the foundational act of the Christian experience, he said. "It is an event ... it is presence, it is an encounter. It is an encounter with Christ."

"Christ makes himself present in the Holy Spirit through the sacramental signs: hence the need for us Christians to participate in the divine mysteries," Pope Francis said.

When the first Christians worshiped, they did so by "actualizing the gestures and words of Jesus with the light and power of the Holy Spirit."

"St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: 'I therefore urge you, brothers, by the mercy of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God; this is your spiritual worship.' Life is called to become worship of God, but this cannot happen without prayer, especially liturgical prayer," he said.

"This thought helps us all when we go to Mass: I go to pray in community, I go to pray with Christ who is present. When we go to the celebration of a Baptism, for example, it is Christ there, present, who baptizes. 'But, Father, this is an idea, a way of speaking?' No, it is not a way of speaking. Christ is present and in the liturgy, you pray with Christ who is next to you."

The pope's comments come at a time when public worship remains suspended in some parts of the world due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Pope Francis noted that even during times when Christians experience imprisonment or persecution, when the liturgical rite is at its most bare, "Christ makes himself truly present and gives himself to his faithful."

"The liturgy, precisely because of its objective dimension, asks to be celebrated with fervor, so that the grace poured out in the rite is not dispersed but reaches the experience of each one. The Catechism explains very well: 'Prayer interiorizes and assimilates the Liturgy during and after its celebration,'" he said.

Francis said that "certain forms of spirituality can be found in the Church which have not been able to adequately integrate the liturgical moment. Many faithful, although assiduously participating in the rites, especially at Sunday Mass, have drawn nourishment for their faith and their spiritual life rather from other sources, of a devotional type."

By Courtney Mares

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Vietnamese community will celebrate the lunar New Year from February 11 evening to February 14.

- ◇ **Lunar New Year Eve:** 7.00pm Thursday
- ◇ Praying for Peace: 7.30pm Friday
- ◇ Praying for the Ancestors: 7.30pm Saturday
- ◇ Praying for Job: 12.00pm Sunday

TAI CHI CLASSES

Yang Style 24 **Thursday Night at 6.30pm.** The Classes will be held at the HOLY EUCHARIST HALL 1A Oleander Drive St Albans. All welcome. gold coin donation. Please wear Comfortable Clothing and Footwear.”

ST ALBANS SOUTH SENIOR CLUB

Bingo on Wednesdays 3rd-24th February 2021, then back to Tuesdays. doors open from 9:00am, eyes down 10.15am.

Please be aware that the first FOUR WEEKS will be on Wednesdays, due to the school prep orientation.

Look forward to seeing you all back!

PRECA CENTRE

We are commencing our Sacrament Classes on **2nd February 2021 @ 7pm.** Both for past 2020 enrollments and the new 2021 enrollments. The first 3 weeks are open for registrations every Tuesday from 645pm followed by the allocated class. Dates for Sacraments will be given upon registration. Contact 9356 0734, Preca Centre 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans We are commencing our Sacrament Classes on 2nd February 2021 @ 7pm. Both for past 2020 enrollments and the new 2021 enrollments. The first 3 weeks are open for registrations every Tuesday from 645pm followed by the allocated class. Dates for Sacraments will be given upon registration. Contact 9356 0734, Preca Centre 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans, or email us on precastalbans@tpg.com.au

FEAST OF ST BAKITA

Wishing The South Sudanese Community Happy Feast Day as they will celebrate St Bakita's Day on Sunday 14/2/21. The Community also invites everyone to celebrate with them.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARIST

Tues 9:00 AM, 09-02-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 10-02-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 11-02-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00AM, 12-02-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 13-02-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera

Reader: Matthew Tufuga
Anita Foaease

Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu

Sun 9.00 AM, 14-02-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
Reader: Pam Norris
Fred Storage

Eucharistic Min. Wilmar Marmur
Mini Eddy

Sun 10:30AM, 14-02-21

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
Commentator Rita Martin
Reader Cristina Pedroso
Ed Cablao
Eucharistic Min. Cristina Pedroso
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 14-02-21

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Angeline
Reader Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 14th February 2021

6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday, 14th February 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am – Osana Choir

6.00pm – Youth for Christ

CHURCH CLEANING

Week beginning: 9th Feb. 2021. Group 12: Vietnamese Women's League. Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan & Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen.

LET US PRAY FOR

Prayers For The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Lambertus Lolo, Ian James Hermence, Arthur Garciliano, Justine Catuaan Augustine(Philippines)

Anniversaries

Dominic Kinh Bui, Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Maria Tuan, Maria Moc, Dominic Phuc, Dominic Khat, Luchy Ellawala, Emille Ranasinghe, Arthur DeSilva, Paul & Frances Pace, Frank Frenchetti, Leo Krouser, Richard Pace, John, Carmen Mallia, Helen & Frank Mallia, Joseph Fenech, John & Malia Xerri, John Xerri Junier, Camilleri & Vella Family, John Bezina, Charlie Galea, Antonio Yelo, Mercia Canicula, Anthony Mallia, Richard Curmi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Anthony Gatt, 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.

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

VOCATION VIEW

“The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?”

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