



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

20 & 21 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, 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.

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

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



Tuesday 16 February, 2021

To the Laity, Religious and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Vaccine Program

Dear Friends,

It is welcome news that the first batches of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia. Soon the most vulnerable people in our country – our frontline workers and those at greatest risk – will receive their first dose against the COVID-19 virus.

I will be grateful to receive a vaccination when my turn in the staged roll-out comes around.

None of the vaccines are a cure for COVID-19, but indications are that they provide a significant measure of protection from the worst effects of the virus, for the time being.

For the common good, it is appropriate that our governments work together to roll out a nation-wide process of vaccination for all residents.

Likewise, for the common good, everyone should respect the decisions of individuals who, for medical, safety or moral reasons, are not ready to receive a vaccination immediately.

At this early stage in measuring the longer-term effectiveness and safety of each of the COVID-19 vaccines, calls for a 'No jab, no service' policy would be unjust.

The Catholic Bishops have already endorsed efforts to offer a vaccination as soon as possible to all who can safely receive one.

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

However, the Government has indicated that there is likely to be little, if any, choice as to which vaccine will be available to individuals in the shorter term.

This means that you can receive any one of the three vaccines to be made available, without moral complicity in the processes of its development. On balance, it is a good thing to do.

For anyone with health and safety concerns, please speak with your family doctor.

For anyone with ethical questions, please read the statement issued by the Vatican or speak with your Pastor.

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html

I encourage the Australian government to do all it can to make a vaccine choice available to all residents in Australia as soon as possible, and offer the same care to our poorer neighbouring countries.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by this pandemic, and to work in whatever way you can to support your neighbour in need. The God of mercy and compassion is present to us all, through the tender heads, hearts and hands we offer to one another.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the

washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

Unlike Matthew and Luke, who both give us detailed descriptions of the way Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Mark sums it up in a few sentences. There is an urgency about the whole of Mark's gospel. He was writing for the persecuted Christians in Rome, for whom their faith was truly a matter of life and death.

They might well be called upon to confront the wild beasts in the Colosseum and Mark wanted them to know that in essence the battle was already won for them. Likewise, Jesus had to confront the opposition of the evil one, Satan, but "the kingdom of God was close at hand". John the Baptist had done his job and had been arrested, but Jesus had then taken over and established the kingdom in himself. Therefore, no matter what befalls us, the Good News is there for us if we repent and believe.

The ancient scriptures had glimpsed the fulfilment of God's ultimate promise when, after the flood, there appeared a rainbow in the sky: a sign of the new covenant being established with Noah. In his first letter, Peter links the covenants by seeing the water of the flood as a sign of the waters of baptism, which do not just wash us clean, but unite us to Christ and his resurrection and all that will follow.

No matter that the body has to face death, "in the spirit Jesus was raised to life" and, of course, we can expect the same. Like Mark, Peter is trying to bolster the persecuted men and women of the early Church so they would stand firm.

LENT SEASON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Commencing **Friday 19th February at 8.30am** in the Church until the 27th March. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY

Holy Eucharist Parish Multicultural Day - **Sunday 21st March 2021**: This will be celebrated at the **10.30am Mass**, all other weekend Masses will also be celebrated at their usual times. We warmly invite all nationalities in our Parish Community to join this Parish Event. Kindly contact the Parish Office if you wish to participate or take part in this special celebration of the Eucharist uniting all Nationalities in our Parish. Yes we are many but we are all one in Christ. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

PRECA CENTRE

Children's Liturgy will start this Sunday, **21st of February 2021 during 10:30am Mass** every Sunday for children from Grade 1 and over. There is always helpers needed to make sure children are getting the attention needed. If anyone with catechist experiences or willing to become one please contact Br Noel: 0410923291 or noeldeb.debono@gmail.com

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 precastalbans@tpg.com.au

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 6:45pm 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.

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."

SENIORS SOCIAL 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!

The reality is that we too have to confront the demons in our lives. Sometimes we recognise these demons inside ourselves, tempting us to addictions or ways of life that we know are not healthy. Sometimes the demons are evident in the chaos that reign in our world, whether they originate in the natural order such as floods and bushfires or whether they arise from the oppressive behaviour of other human beings who disorder the world by their destructive abuse of power and their selfish and callous actions.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to take stock. During these weeks the Church encourages us to enter into the wilderness of the spiritual life and confront our demons. It is an invitation, not to be miserable or negative, but to continue to reorder our lives in the light of the Good News of Jesus.

Angels are God's messengers and they ministered to Jesus. Our aim during Lent is surely to become ministering angels to Christ in all those who continue to suffer the injustices and oppressions of a world, where so many still have a long way to go before they even begin to embrace the Good News.

By Timothy J Buckley CSsR



Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE JOB VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- ♦ Administration Assistant – Vicar General's Office, East Melbourne
- ♦ Pastoral Care Practitioner, St Catherine's Aged Care Residence – Balwyn (VMCH)
- ♦ Director, Mission and Pastoral Life, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, Bendigo
- ♦ Mission & Discipleship Coordinator, St Benedict's Parish, Burwood
- ♦ Business Manager, St John's Parish, Mitcham

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

THIS IS HEY VOICE

We would like to invite youth and young adults in our parish to join The HEY Voice 2021.

Age group: 13-25 yrs old. Under 13 years old is able to register in a choir group.

Criteria:

- ◆ Performing in pairs, in 3, small groups or choir (not individual performance).
- ◆ Organize music instruments/ bands on your own.
- ◆ Hill songs

Prizes: 1st Prize: \$500 voucher, 2nd Prize \$300 voucher and 3rd Prize \$200 plus Recognized Certificate and The Voice Trophies.

The Voice Calendar:

- ◇ Registration opens 13th Feb, closes 28th Feb
- ◇ Round 1: 6:30pm Fri. 19th March
- ◇ Round 2: 6:30pm Fri. 16th April
- ◇ Grand Final: Mother's Day 6:30pm 7th May

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/HEYVOICE>.

Any questions please

email: hey.stalbans@gmail.com or call 0467 517 202 (Fr. Lovin) and 0415 599 413 (Tammy).

"THIS IS HEY VOICE" JOURNEY will be published on our parish facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HolyEuchristChurch>

REGISTER NOW AND READY TO SHINE YOUR VOICE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR TEAM. GUESS WHO WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST AND JUDGERS?? STAY TUNED!!!

REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY, MELBOURNE:

Tammy Nguyen

Email: t.nguyen@cssr.org.au

Mob: 0415599413

Please call/email to make appointment. All Youths are welcome to make the most of this great opportunity available here at our Parish for Youth help and counseling.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 23-02-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 24-02-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 25-02-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00AM, 26-02-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 27-02-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Alaistair Surrao
Reader: Anthony Naidu
Wendy Forbes
Eucharistic Min. Violetta Montoro
Carmen Camilleri

Sun 9.00 AM, 28-02-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Pam Norris
Reader: Fred Storage
Wilma Marmur
Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy
Shirley Krizmanic

Sun 10:30AM, 28-02-21

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

Sun 6.00PM, 28-02-21

Lit. Coordinator Xuan Duong
Commentator HE Youth
Reader HE Youth
HE Youth
Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 27th February 2021

6pm – Osana Choir

Sunday, 28th February 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am–Fernandez Choir

6.00pm – HE Youth

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

Mike Fenando, Francesca Puglia, Alfred Micallef, Claudia Crean, Lambertus Lolo, Ian James Hermence.

Anniversaries

Yakobus Tue, David Du'a, Dominikus Degha, Rofinus Egho, Nikolaus Dando, Wilhemina Go'o, Andreas Danto, Alexander Soba, Tony Farrugia, Wigi & Sunta Briffa, Censu Grech, Leli Tonna, Maria Frendo, Adrian & David Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Bajona, Joseph & Rita Micallef-Grimaud, Rose & Joe Sammut, John Joseph & Christine Montebello, Anthony, Mary & Frank Attard, Family Zammit, Charlie Grech, Josephine Bonanno, Joseph & Connie Agius, Anthony & Maria Bartolo, Soma, Emile & Anthony Ranasinghe Lucky & Nihal Ellawala, Kenny Kanagaratnam, Rev. Fr. Kuriocose Catalano & Manatunga, Marika & Mio Salopek, 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

‘Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. Where is the Spirit leading you?’

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