



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

27 & 28 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.

LENT SEASON



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 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

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>

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES of the SACRAMENTS - Church

- ♦ Grade 4, 2021 The Sacrament of Penance - Tues. 16th Mar. @ 7pm
- ♦ Grade 3, 2021 The Sacrament of Penance - Tues. 23rd Mar - @ 7pm
- ♦ Grades 4 & 5, 2021 First Holy Communion - Sat. 5th June @ 6pm or Sun. 6th June 10.30am
- ♦ Grade 6 2020 & Grade 6 2021 Confirmation - Sat. 19th June @ 2pm

FAMILY FAITH EVENINGS

- ♦ Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) Tuesday 2nd March 7pm - 8:15pm.
- ♦ The Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion Tuesday 18 May 7pm - 8.30pm
- ♦ Confirmation Tuesday 25 May 7pm - 8.30pm

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

Fifth Sunday of Lent Caritas AUSTRALIA 21st March 2021 PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

Our Week 2 story this year, focusses on Margret, a 39 year old teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. Last year, Margret's school faced a triple threat – no access to clean water, devastation from Tropical Cyclone Harold and the Covid-19 pandemic. With Caritas's support, Margret's school and community now has access to water tanks on-site and has received much needed assistance to rebuild after the cyclone. With access to clean water, the community has been able to better manage the pandemic. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 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.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen?

When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

LISTENING TO JESUS

Abraham lived about a thousand years before Jesus. At that time it was not uncommon for people to sacrifice their children, especially their firstborn sons, to various gods as a sign of total devotion. Abraham perceived that sacrificing Isaac was something also required of him; to demonstrate his commitment to God. But the God of Israel is not like the pagan gods and never demands such a sacrifice. The God of Israel wants life, not death.

Yet, the willingness of Abraham to 'let go' of what was most precious to him – the son of his old age – was an inspiration to the people of Israel. It's faith in its extreme. Remember too, that Abraham had already shown a willingness to 'let go' of his family and his homeland to journey to an unknown land in response to God's invitation.

Will you listen to Jesus?

Luke 6.46-49

Listening to Jesus means
doing what He says



The early church saw the relationship between Abraham and Isaac as pointing to the relationship between God the Father and Jesus. Like Abraham, God was prepared to 'let go' of what was most precious to him – his divine Son – out of love for humanity. God was willing to let his Son 'become flesh', with all that it meant: rejection and ultimately crucifixion.

St Paul is in awe at God's generosity towards humanity. "God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all." With such a total gift of love, we have nothing to fear from anything or anyone.

Peter, James and John are taken up a high mountain by Jesus. The experience is amazing. It's an experience so precious that Peter *cannot* let it go. He wants to hold onto it forever. He says to Jesus, "Rabbi ... let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." The disciples glimpse the dazzling and eternal beauty of Christ and they don't want to let go. Yet, the disciples had to let go of this precious experience; it was only ever intended to be momentary. They will receive it again as a gift in the next life. For now, their task is to listen to Jesus, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

This is our task also. To live our lives listening to Jesus speak to us in the Good News and through the experiences of our daily lives. In listening, we'll discover things which we are called to 'let go' – selfishness, unforgiveness, envy, hatred, gossip, prejudice, dishonesty; to 'let go' of people, places, security, health, life.

Like Abraham, may we have the faith and trust to 'let go' and to be open and ready to receive the precious gifts that God wants to give us; as we prepare for the day when we'll meet God face to face in eternity and we can finally say, "It is wonderful to be here."

By David J Hore CSsR

THE TRUE VOICE OF LOVE

Fear is the great enemy of intimacy. Fear makes us run away from each other or cling to each other, but does not create true intimacy. When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples were overcome by fear and they all "deserted him and ran away" (Matthew 26:56). . . . Fear makes us move away from each other to a "safe" distance, or move toward each other to a "safe" closeness, but fear does not create the space where true intimacy can exist. . . .

To those who are tortured by inner or outer fear, and who desperately look for the house of love where they can find the intimacy their hearts desire, Jesus says: "You have a home . . . I am your home . . . claim me as your home . . . you will find it to be the intimate place where I have found my home . . . it is right where you are . . . in your innermost being . . . in your heart." The more attentive we are to such words the more we realize that we do not have to go far to find what we are searching for. The tragedy is that we are so possessed by fear that we do not trust our innermost self as an intimate place but anxiously wander around hoping to find it where we are not. We try to find that intimate place in knowledge, competence, notoriety, success, friends, sensations, pleasure, dreams, or artificially induced states of consciousness. Thus we become strangers to ourselves, people who have an address but are never home and hence cannot be addressed by the true voice of love.

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

Please add some paragraphs this week and the rest for next week

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfillment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.



In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illuminated by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.

In this Lenten season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God's gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfillment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

Continued in the next Bulletin

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/HolyEucharistChurch>

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

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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, 2-03-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 3-03-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 4-03-21

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Fri 9:00AM, 5-03-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 6-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Reader: Anita Foaease
Junior Tufuga
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 7-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Helen Madella
Reader: Wilma Marmur
Mini Eddy
Eucharistic Min. Helen Madella
Pam Norris

Sun 10:30AM, 7-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano
Commentator Cristina Pedroso
Reader Jonas Coe
Yoko Ah Kuoi
Eucharistic Min. Taoete Afano
Cristina Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 7-03-21

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 6th March 2021

6pm – Fernandez Choir

Sunday, 7th March 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am–Samoan Choir

6.00pm – Exximos Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning March 3rd 2021,
Group 2: Louise, Jeff & Jenny Colquhoun, Cherie Surrao & Visnja Milinkovic.

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

Fred Sammut, Francesca Puglia, Alfred Micallef, Claudia Crean, Lambertus Lolo, Ian James Hermence.

Anniversaries

Peter Disco, Frank Kreuger, Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & family, Ignatius, Esther, Joseph Borg & family, Alfred Sammut, Tony Vella, Jessie Pace, Elizabeth, Laurance Zaraffa, Aliso, Antonia Spiteri, 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

“If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham - called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.”

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