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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

20 & 21 MARCH 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations To all children from our Parish School **Meril Ayshoa, Vy Dang, Lucas Garlito Sally Kim Ayuot Mahommed, Afnan Maqdas, Selena Nguyen, Sasha Santos, Kelvin Vo, Ngoc Vo, Angelo Adhar, Kevin Dang, Ayen Kulang, Emerly Nguyen, Tra My Nguyen, Tommy Pham, Erica Shaw, Rijuta Shrestha, Simon Tat, Tolotea Afano, Joshua Bernal, Alexa Celestial, Lucas Howard, Cecilia Koesasi, Jessica Le, Sharlene Li, Kyle Nguyen, Susan Nuualitiia, Jacky Pham, Aiden Plummer, Kaitlyn Dinh, An Doan, Jade Ho, Selena Hoang, Angel Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Mya Pham, Tam Phan, Michael Angelo Tuano, Kim Thien Vo, Peter Vu,** who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on the 16th March 2021.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Your Thanksgiving Envelopes are now ready. Please collect your box of envelopes from the Church Foyer; they are sorted in alphabetical order by your street address. Thank you.

PARISH WORKING BEE

WORKING BEE: calling for hands on the **27th March 2021 starts at 10am** to help make crosses from palm leaves for Palm Sunday, and make candle holders ready for Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

LENT & EASTER 2021 AT HOLY EUCHARIST CHURCH

Stations of the Cross for Adults every Friday at 8.30am

Station of the Cross for Children Friday 26th March at 7.00pm

Masses & Blessing of Palms

- ⇒ 27 March:
 - English Mass: 6.00pm
 - Vietnamese Mass: 7.30pm
- ⇒ 28 March:
 - English Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
 - Vietnamese Mass: 12:30pm, Filipino Mass: 3.00pm

Holy Thursday 1st April - Mass of The Lord's Supper

- English Mass: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 8.00pm

Good Friday 2nd April

- Stations of the Cross 10.00am
- Passion of the Lord
 - * English: 3.00pm
 - * Vietnamese: 7.00pm

Easter Vigil 3rd April - Resurrection of the Lord

- English: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese: 8.00pm
- Blessing of the food 11.00am & 5.00pm

Easter Sunday 4th April

- English Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am, & 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 12.00pm
- Sudanese Mass: 3.00pm

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

- ⇒ English
 - Wednesday 24th March 7.00pm
- ⇒ Vietnamese
 - Thursday 25th March 7.00pm

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 50(51):3-4,12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

REFLECTION ON SUNDAY GOSPEL

When we know something good or bad is about to happen, we like to be prepared. We may even sacrifice something to make way for what’s to come.

Today’s gospel tells us the time has come, and that time leads us as Christ’s disciples closer to our destination. Jesus himself proclaims that “*Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified.*” Jesus, the Lord, was about to be arrested, punished and killed, yet he spoke about His glory. He gave His own life so that we can follow Him to eternal life, our destination.

Jesus teaches: “*Unless a grain of wheat dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.*” He offered His life in order to restore our broken relationship with God and with one another. His suffering, death and resurrection would restore life to all creation. He promised that he leads all who believe in Him to eternal life.

The proclamation “*the hour has come ...*” reaches out to everyone. The presence of some Greeks in today’s gospel who want to meet Jesus shows us that the glorification of Jesus Christ – through His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension – is available to the whole world, to everyone.

Unfortunately, not everyone wants to listen to Jesus' proclamation and to follow Him. But Jesus never stops inviting us to take this journey. He wants us to be where He is. He asks us to be ready to endure as he did. We too must be ready to suffer and to die, just as a grain of wheat dies in order to yield a rich harvest.

Being true disciples of Jesus, we are invited to "die or sacrifice or let things go" for the sake of justice, and truth and what is right and good; to say no to exploitation and abuse; to be open and transparent in our dealings with each other; welcoming and loving others as they are; and caring for our "common home".

This "daily death of a grain" might weaken us physically, but it strengthens us spiritually. As we continue our journey with Christ in this Lenten season, Jesus' suffering and death must be ours too. Lent is a time to prepare to celebrate the Glory of God manifest in the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. It reminds us of His promise of eternal life for which we hope.

Like the Greeks in today's gospel, may our desire to meet the Lord keep burning in our hearts, no matter what our life situation. As we continue on the journey to seek God's Glory and eternal life, let us allow the Lord to empower us with the Holy Spirit, mindful that only in Jesus can we find the fulness of life and true joy.

God bless us and our world.

By Redempt Jawa CSsR

CHRISTIANS CALLED TO SAFEGUARD GOD'S PRESENCE

Pope Francis concludes his catechesis on "prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity," focusing at Wednesday's General Audience on the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis continued his reflections on prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity, part of an ongoing series of catechetical lessons on prayer in general.

At Wednesday's General Audience, the Holy Father focused in particular on the role of the Holy Spirit. "The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit," he said. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to Christ, and allows us to invoke God as "Abba," that is, "Father."

Making Jesus present

Citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis noted that it is the Holy Spirit, "by His prevenient grace," that draws us to pray to Jesus. At the same time, the Church reminds us that we must pray to the Holy Spirit as well, encouraging us to address our prayer to Him "every day, especially at the beginning and end of every important action."

The work of the Holy Spirit, the Pope continued, is to "remind us" of Jesus, to make Him present in the lives

of Christians of every time and place. Because of the Spirit, Jesus is not distant, but with us always: "He still educates His disciples by transforming their hearts."

Keeping the flame alive

This, said Pope Francis, "is the experience of so many who pray, men and women whom the Holy Spirit has formed according to the 'measure' of Christ, in mercy, service, prayer." It is the experience not only of monks and hermits, but of ordinary people who "have woven a long history of dialogue with God." Seeking God, the Pope said, "they safeguard His presence" – in the Gospel, in the Eucharist, and in the faces of those in need – "like a secret flame."

Pope Francis said that keeping this flame of God's presence alive is "the first task of Christians," a task symbolized by the lighted lamps that burn night and day before the Eucharist present in the tabernacles of Catholic churches.

The Master of Christian prayer

Finally, and again quoting the Catechism, Pope Francis said the Holy Spirit is the "interior Master of Christian prayer... the artisan of the living tradition of prayer." It is the Spirit Who inspires "the many paths of prayer," which are as unique and varied as the individual people who pray.

"In the endless field of holiness," Pope Francis said in conclusion, "the one God, the Trinity of Love, allows the variety of witnesses to flourish: all are equal in dignity, but also unique in the beauty that the Spirit has willed to be expressed in each of those whom God's mercy has made His children."

By Christopher Wells

OPEN YOURSELF TO THE GREAT ENCOUNTER

I am not saying there is an easy solution to our ambivalent relationship with God. Solitude is not a solution. It is a direction. The direction is pointed to by the prophet Elijah, who did not find Yahweh in the mighty wind, the earthquake, the fire, but in the still, small voice; this direction, too, is indicated by Jesus, who chose solitude as the place to be with his Father. Every time we enter into solitude we withdraw from our windy, earthshaking, fiery lives and open ourselves to the great encounter. The first thing we often discover in solitude is our own restlessness, our drivenness, and compulsiveness, our urge to act quickly, to make an impact, and to have influence; and often we find it very hard to withstand the temptation to return as quickly as possible to the world of "relevance." But when we persevere with the help of a gentle discipline, we slowly come to hear the still, small voice and to feel the gentle breeze, and so come to know the Lord of our heart, soul, and mind, the Lord who makes us see who we really are.

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES of the SACRAMENTS - Church

- ◆ Grade 3, 2021 The Sacrament of Reconciliation - 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

- ◆ The Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion Tuesday 18 May 7pm-8.30pm
- ◆ Confirmation Tuesday 25 May 7pm - 8.30pm

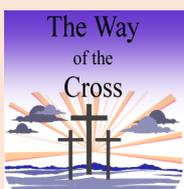
REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY, MELBOURNE:

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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.



In collaboration between Holy Eucharist Parish and Preca Community we are inviting you and your families to join us for reflecting and meditating about the Passion of Jesus Christ and his last few days in this world.

Place: Holy Eucharist Parish

Date: 26th march 2021,

Time: 7:00pm

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 27th March 2021

6pm – Osana Choir

Sunday, 28th March 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am–Fenandez Choir

6.00pm – Parish Youth Choir

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 23-03-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 24-03-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 25-03-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00AM, 26-03-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 27-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Alaistair Surrao
Reader : Carmen Camilleri
Violeta Montoro

Passion Readers:

Narrator - Miriam Vella, Other - Anthony Naidu, Crowd - Osana choir

Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 28-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Wilma Marmur
Readers: Mini Eddy
Helen Maddela

Passion Readers:

Narrator - Shirley Krizmanic, Other - Wilma Marmur, Crowd - Charlie & the congregation

Eucharistic Min. Helen Madella
Pam Norris

Sun 10:30AM, 28-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano
Commentator Cristina Pedroso
Reader Jinky Monteros
Susan Hallorina

Passion Readers:

Narrator - Joh Cablao, Other - Ed Cablao, Crowd - Fenandez choir

Eucharistic Min. Taoete Afano
Cristina Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 28-03-21

Lit. Coordinator Xuan Duong
Commentator HE Youth
Reader HE Youth
HE Youth

Passion Readers:

Narrator - Larnie Mendoza, Other - Charles Laririt, Crowd - Parish Youth choir

Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning March 24th 2021,
Group 5: Xuan Dung Huynh,
Ngocan Truong, Delia Ryan, Margaret Bajada, Tran Thi Kim Hao,
Hong Thuy Tran.

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

Anthony Biggerstaff, Jinny (Jane) Everest, Anna Nguyen Thi Rau, Vincent Duong Dai Nguyen.

Anniversaries

Ellawala, Lucky, Nihal, Rohan, Herman, Mary & Josephine, Mike Fernando, Peter Disco, Frank Kreuger, 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

“Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will lay down their lives for their friends.”

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