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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

13 & 14 MARCH 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Joselito Asis

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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
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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.

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**

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPS

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 28th 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 SEASON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Continues on **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.

Preca Community & School will organise Station of the Cross for the children on the 27th March 7pm.

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 17th March 7.00pm
- Wednesday 24th March 7.00pm

⇒ **Vietnamese**

- Thursday 18th March 7.00pm
- Thursday 25th March

THE LIVING WORD

First reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 136(137):1-6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.

'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second reading Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

THE INESTIMABLE SIZE OF GOD

In today's gospel, Jesus uses one of the well-known biblical incidents from the Old Testament to make just one point, with something of a 'Gospel in a nutshell' approach: "*God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*"

So, a boy asks his father: "What's the size of God?"

The father looks up to the sky and seeing an airplane asks his son: "What's the size of that airplane?"

The boy answers: "It's very small. I can barely see it."

The father then takes him to the airport and as they approach an airplane he asks: "And now, what is the size of this one?"

The boy answers: "Wow, daddy, this is huge!"

Then the father tells him: "God is like this. The size depends on the distance between you and God. The closer you are, the greater will God be in your life!"

Lent is a special season for contemplating the love of God. The drama of Jesus suffering and death on the cross is the drama of God's ultimate closeness to us; it shows us how compassionate and loving the Father is.

As we heard in the first reading today, it was not only the people alone, but the heads of the priesthood who added their infidelity to infidelity. Time and again the messengers sent by God were ridiculed, and prophets were killed. The Temple was built to remind people of God's love and that their God is still living in their midst.

St Paul in the second reading then makes it very clear that we are saved by faith, not because of our works, not by anything we have done or deserved, but through Jesus' death on the cross. Contemplation of Jesus' death of the Cross surely enlightens us on the true meaning of the Love of God.

In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis says, "By acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration of fraternity." The pope reminds us of God's plan in sending His only Son into the world, to bring humanity out of its experience of sin. The cross restores human dignity and repairs the broken relationship between God and the people of God. It is an invitation to reconciliation.

Jesus in today's gospel invites us, as he invited Nicodemus, to faith in Him. He was sent to us so that we might all live through Him.

A quote from an unknown writer, displayed in my house, inspires me, especially when it is hard for me to forgive someone: "I asked Jesus, 'How much do you love me?' And Jesus said, 'This much.' Then He stretched out His arms and died." May it inspire you too.

Jesus' love did not cease with his death on the cross. It continues every day, every moment, especially at every Eucharist.

By Manoj Kunnath CSsR

POPE'S IRAQ VISIT AN IMPETUS FOR DIALOGUE AND HOPE

The Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley, reflects on Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to Iraq, saying it will give impetus to dialogue in Iraq and beyond.



"It has been a truly remarkable and extremely important Apostolic Visit." Those were the words of the Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham in England, as he described

Pope Francis' journey to Iraq, which concluded on Monday with the Pope bidding farewell to the nation at Baghdad's International Airport.

The path of dialogue

During his visit, the Pope met privately with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, one of the leading figures in Shia Islam.

He also travelled to Ur of the Chaldeans where he held a meeting with representatives of the three Abrahamic religions—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

The Archbishop, who is Assistant General Secretary of Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales with responsibilities for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, said these meetings had their own "intrinsic value, but also I think they have a hugely symbolic significance."

He went on to say that Pope Francis and those whom he met in Iraq have demonstrated that there "is a way of dialogue that is possible and it is the way that we choose."

As the curtain comes down on this historic journey, Archbishop Longley said that it would give "enormous encouragement, not only to the Christian communities in Iraq and those who have connections with them... but I think also in our local settings too, it will also give an impetus to our own dialogues; our own interreligious faith work locally."

The Christian community

Years of conflict has taken its toll on Iraq's Christian community, which has fallen to about 300,000 from about 1.5 million in less than twenty years. Speaking about their plight, the Archbishop said that this visit has firmly put the spotlight on this issue. "The message that came through so clearly was that the Christian communities are important in the countries of the Middle East."

Signs of hope

Over the course of the four days, the Papal journey produced many powerful images. One in particular was the Pope's visit to Mosul on Sunday morning, where he prayed amid the ruins of four Churches destroyed by war.

Archbishop Longley described the scene as "extraordinary" and a "tremendous sign of hope" for those who have seen their country wracked by conflict.

Asked if he thought the fruits of this visit would be felt for a long time to come, the Archbishop said that "with any symbolic gesture it's something that lasts but the impact is immediate."

He added that the Pope went to this country despite all the challenges, not least those of security and the Covid-19 pandemic. By doing so, noted the Archbishop, Pope Francis "has emphasized the priorities to be one in solidarity with the Christians of these regions."

Archbishop Longley said that in making this visit, the Pope was also recalling the long history of faith in this part of the world.

By Lydia O'Kane

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES of the SACRAMENTS - Church

- ◆ Grade 4, 2021 The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tues. 16th Mar. @ 7pm
- ◆ 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

THIS IS HEY VOICE

Come along and witness our young people on the first round of the Completion. Below are more details.

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).

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Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 20th March 2021

6pm – Tavallo Choir

Sunday, 21st March 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am - Carreon Choir

6.00pm – Volunteers

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning March 17th 2021,
Group 4: Otilia Tufuga & family

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

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

“When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.”

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