



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

6 & 7 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.

BAPTISM- MARCH

Congratulations to: **Ayen Kulang, Jack Azzopardi, Josephine Onyeka Osimobi, Joseph Benedict Morales, Maria Annabella**



Nguyen, Martino Anson Nguyen, Kevin Dang, Tra My Nguyen, Hai -My Nguyen, Emerly Nguyen, Bet Tat, Simon Tat, Brian Nguyen, Tran Minh, Maria Catherine Vo, Joseph Kieran Dang, Andrew Ngo, Augustine Kaiden Ngoc An Nguyen, Maria Chloe Duyen Nguyen, Amelia Nguyen, Tyson Nguyen, Peter Lukas Le, Maria Teresa Alison Dinh Gray, Anthony Ngo, Catarina Anvi Nguyen, Ayvah Maria Le, Louis Anton Nguyen, Michael Nguyen, Chole 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

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

- ◆ 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

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: 7.00pm
- 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 Exodus 20:1-17

The Law given at Sinai

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 18(19):8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

UNDERSTANDING THE JESUS STORY

If there is one incident in Jesus' life that leads us to question his judgment, the story of him taking a whip and angrily driving people out of the temple must rank as a strong contender. We have heard in recent weeks that Jesus can be forthright in challenging people – even calling pharisees 'hypocrites' to their faces! But our major image is of a patient and forgiving Jesus rather than someone striking out at people with a raging temper.

So, how are we to understand this story? A good place to start is another story of Jesus visiting the Jerusalem temple with his mother and father when he was a twelve-year old boy. On that occasion, Jesus becomes

so caught up by the temple experience, he misses the caravan taking his family back to Nazareth. When his parents realise Jesus is missing, they hasten back to find him among the temple priests and elders, engaging with them about the meaning of the Scriptures.

Now, for traditional Israelites the temple was the holiest of all places on earth, enabling people to experience the presence of the living God in their lives in an unsurpassed way. This must have been Jesus' boyhood experience, as is evident in his response to his confused parents: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49).

So, when Jesus returns to the temple some twenty years later and finds it filled with hawkers, merchants and other traders, he is incensed that greed and money-lust have turned his 'Father's house' into a marketplace. However, rather than directing his anger to the little people who are simply trying to make a living, surely Jesus should have confronted the temple priests who no doubt benefited financially from this defilement of God's house.

Jesus has this opportunity to respond to the chief priests when they challenge him over his table-turning, whip-lashing behaviour. In answer to their question: "On what authority do you do this?" Jesus' strange response confounds everyone: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up again in three days." Somehow, this is a moment of insight for Jesus. He begins to realise his mission of communicating God's love and forgiveness will result in the destruction of the other temple – his own body – on a cross. Yet, God's glory will always shine through and triumph beyond suffering, cruelty and death itself. This is the paradox St Paul writes about in his letter to the Corinthians. He realises how preaching a crucified Christ is folly to Jews and Greeks alike. Yet Paul also knows we must acknowledge our own sinfulness and stupidity if we are to experience God's power and wisdom.

Too often, we are like the temple traders, busy with our own pursuits rather than seekers of the living God. Too often, we ignore God's covenant because we are afraid to witness to a crucified-and-risen Christ who heals our weakness and failures with divine love and mercy.

By Gerard Hall SM

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

Continued from last week

2. *Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.*

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would "be raised on the third day" (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father's mercy. Hoping with him and

because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (*ibid.*, 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

3. *Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.*

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

"Social love' makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1



Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. *Mk 6:30-44*). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (*Is 43:1*). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November 2020, the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours

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**

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 9-03-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 10-03-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 11-03-21

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Fri 9:00AM, 12-03-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 13-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Reader: Anita Foae
Junior Tufuga
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 14-03-21

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

Sun 10:30AM, 14-03-21

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
Commentator Joh Cablao
Reader Tom Pham
Keyara D'Souza
Eucharistic Min. Rita Martin
Ed Cablao

Sun 6.00PM, 14-03-21

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 13th March 2021

6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday, 14th March 2021:

9am - Charlie Schembri

10.30am - Osana Choir

6.00pm – Youth for Christ

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning March 10th 2021,
Group 3: Kelechi Ekwebelem, Lily Disco, Margaret Bajada, Cathy Bartolo & Wendy Forbes-Perera

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

Vincent Duong Dai Nguyen.

Anniversaries

Anthony, Mary & Frank Attard, Family Zammit, Family Grech, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Francis Pace, Gregory Borg, 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

"Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation."

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