



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

10 & 11 APRIL 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, 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— FEBRUARY

Congratulations to: **Cecilia Marie De Freitas, Zoe Schembri, Francis Xavier Martin Nguyen, Anthony Eiden Truong, Maria Sopia Nguyen, Maria Victoria Nguyen, & Rosa Elysia 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.



OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria.

- ◇ All people must carry a face covering when they leave home unless they have a lawful reason not to. Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors (apart from public transport, in rideshare vehicles and taxis, in sensitive settings such as aged care facilities – and in some larger retail settings including indoor shopping centres, supermarkets, department stores, indoor markets), it is strongly recommended that people wear a fitted face covering if the 1.5m personal distancing cannot be maintained.
- ◇ Weddings, funerals and religious gatherings can occur with no limits on the number of guests or attendees, working within density limits. To ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance the 'venue' must apply the two square metre rule. Anything conducted in a private home must apply the gathering limits for private homes of 15 people.
- ◇ Record keeping remains an important and critical tool for keeping all in the community safe.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

First reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117 (118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice **and** are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second reading 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays after Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays of Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between

Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our personal fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We are asked to do this right now as we ponder the wisdom of being vaccinated against COVID 19. Some are more fearful of the vaccine than of the virus. It may be helpful to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We are called to rise above our own fears and respond with love and generosity in times of crisis, to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time".

By Veronica Lawson RSM

Message from Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners, Visitors and Newcomers to our Parish, Our Holy Eucharist parish has a very proud history of being God's people in worship and service from one generation to another.

From the beginning our parish was blessed to be multicultural. The Maltese being the first to bring their rich culture and traditions to this young parish. We are still blessed today as our parish embraces many different communities such as the Samoan,

Filipino, Sudanese, Vietnamese, Indian, SriLankan, Polish, and Croatian ...

In addition, we have many institutions in the care of the parish: a parish school, hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. Even though we are many, we are "One in Christ."

Our parish life is grounded firmly in the values of the Gospel and care for those in need. In this area, Foodbank, St Vincent De Paul, the Social Office etc... are great outreach activities. Our parish motto is that "we welcome the Stranger." Indeed, Gospel values and our motto are reflected in our parish life of inclusiveness, hospitality, mission and service.

As one parish family you are invited to review our current ministry and missionary activities during and after the Coronavirus pandemic, to rediscover our strengths and to open our hearts in discovering new ways of witnessing to God's grace, in and through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this reason, in February 2021 I established a building committee to maintain and to improve our ministry so that we are able to meet the needs of the people. I am very grateful to the members of this committee who has been working so hard to make Our Parish Vision and Mission Statement ready for publication and implementation. It is a dynamic and living document, expressing the desire to renew and celebrate our faith daily in deeds and words.

Over the coming months and years, much work will be required to achieve our Mission Objectives. These objectives are an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of the word "EUCCHARIST" which tells who we are, what we are doing, and what we want to achieve. Here are our parish mission objectives for the next 10 years:

EVANGELIZATION: To strive constantly to live and proclaim the Word of God in our liturgies and daily lives.

UNITY: To acknowledge that, while we are many, we are one in Jesus Christ.

COMPASSION: To continue showing compassion to all and especially to the poor and disadvantaged.

HOSPITALITY: To be a welcoming community, we 'welcome the stranger'

ACTION: To be an 'outreaching' community with a special care for the family, the elderly and our youth.

RESPECT: To respect the Human Dignity of each person.

INCLUSIVITY: To involve the members of the parish in decisions effecting the life and ministry of the parish.

SERVICE: To be aware of the changing needs of those in our parish and explore new ways of meeting these needs.

TRUST: To promote a 'community-spirit' and provide a safe environment for all.

We need your help in making all this a reality. What can we, together, contribute to bring these ideas above to life?

Indeed, as we look to the future there are many areas needing attention. Some are more urgent and some will be part of a longer-term plan.

to fix the problem have not been successful. It appears major work is Among the more urgent are the following:

Church Roof

The Church roof has been leaking for years during rain. Efforts ow necessary.

Church Light

The light system is complicated and replacing bulbs a costly exercise. We need to look at an alternative model for lighting in the church. Hopefully it will be fixed soon.

Parish Pastoral Centre

♦ **The presbytery** (Parish Office) is old and in need of refurbishment. The parish priests are now residing elsewhere. It has become clear that the parish office and meeting room are too small and inadequate for our present needs.

♦ **Loaves & Fishes** (Foodbank) is using an old portable classroom for everything. It is not good for the workers and volunteers. It is also not good for those who come to collect the food, and needing to stand without cover in the rain and the hot sun and winter cold.

♦ Some groups and choirs are using this portable classroom for meeting, practicing or praying.

♦ **Parking:** The Carpark is a nightmare for many. The use of the school grounds for parking is very limited.

♦ The Task ahead is not easy:

⇒ To provide better for the needs of the people, the parish needs a **MASTER PLAN** that includes:

1. A Parish office, with conference room, meeting rooms, etc...
2. Better provision for the growing needs of the Loaves and Fishes (Foodbank).
 - Including storage rooms and adequate cover and protecting for clients.
3. And overall plan for parking.

I am conscious that our ministry cannot be done well without each one of you one way or another. As a parish family we are encouraged to share our gifts and talents in service to others. Therefore, I would like to invite you to have a meeting on **Tuesday 27 April 2021, at 7pm in the parish Hall**. We would like to hear your ideas, comments and suggestions so that we are able to make our mission objectives available for everyone.

Please pick up a mission and vision booklet in the Church foyer for more details.

In Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Parish Priest

March 2021

THE MANY RAYS OF HOPE

The Easter season is a time of hope. There still is fear, there still is a painful awareness of sinfulness, but there also is light breaking through. Something new is happening, something that goes beyond the changing moods of our life. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry, but the solid stream of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and hearts. Easter brings the awareness that God is present even when his presence is not directly noticed. Easter brings the good news that, although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil Onae has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way through life.

By Henri Nouwen

THIS IS HEY VOICE

Congratulations the following youth and young adults groups for entering the Semi Final Round: **Blue Team (Fr Oche Matutina & Mr. Bruce Quang Hien): St Mary MacKillop & Children of Cecilia.** **Green Team (Mrs. Faati Jerome & Mr. Margo Taguinod): St Mary Cecilia & St Francis.** **Red Team (Mr. Simon Landid, Mrs. Yoko AK & Mrs. Yanti Bria): St Mother of Teresa & St Dominic.**

The Semi Final- "The Power of Praise & Worship" will happen at 6:30pm on Friday 16th April 2021 and open to all contestants's families, friends and parishioners. Simply click "GOING" via our event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/259857789125919/> and we will see you there. Your presents will be a big support for the energetic contestants.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Feast Day at Resurrection Church
11 April 2021, 51 Gum Road,
Kings Park VIC 3021

- ◆ Confession 2:15pm - 3:00pm
- ◆ Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm
- ◆ Divine Mercy Rosary 3:00pm
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Holy Mass

REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY, MELBOURNE

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

Please call/email to make appointment.

Tammy Nguyen

Email: t.nguyen@cssr.org.au

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 13-04-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 14-04-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 15-04-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmani

Fri 9:00 AM, 16-04-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 17-04-21

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

Sun 9.00 AM, 18-04-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
Readers: Wilma Marmur
Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic
Monica Lomen
Helen Maddela

Sun 10:30AM, 19-04-21

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
Commentator Ed Cablao
Reader Rita Martin
Cristina Pedroso
Eucharistic Min. Susan Hallorina
Jinky Montero
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 19-04-21

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Xuan Duong
Reader Lani Laririt
Larnie Mendoza
Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 18th April 2021

* **6pm** – Tavallo Choir

Sunday 19th April 2021

* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

* **10.30am** - Carreon Choir

* **6.00pm** - Volunteers

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning April 14th 2021,
Group 8: Samoan Community.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Maria Huong, Angelo Zahra(in Malta), Anthony Biggerstaff.

Anniversaries

Maria Pham Thi Tuyet, Phaolo Nguyen Van Dong, Vyvy An Nguyen, Josee & Rene Tanner, Peter & Symon Taylor, Serge Bapaume, Leon & Augusta Joson, Leopold Capiron, Raymond Esther, 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

"Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..."

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