



# HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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## EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

3 & 4 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, 6:00pm  
12:00pm Vietnamese

#### Other Masses

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

#### SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le  
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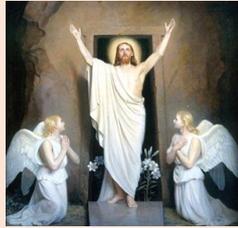
Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

**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.

### HE IS RISEN



May the Risen Lord be a living experience to each one of us: pervading every area of our life, blessing us, strengthening us, inspiring us, guiding us and supporting us in our daily lives. Happy Easter to all.

### THE LIVING WORD

#### First reading Acts 10:34,37-43

*'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

#### Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

#### Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel John 20:1-9

*He must rise from the dead*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### THERE ARE STRANGER THINGS

You've heard the line: "Kids say the strangest things ..." But have you heard it said: "God does the strangest things"? Take the resurrection of Jesus: surely the strangest of God's strangest things.

It is the center of the Catholic faith, at any rate. No resurrection, no Catholicism. The pope would shutter the Vatican tomorrow if Easter were proven a fraud. Christianity is indeed strange. The strangeness comes not from belief in the supernatural (pagans have always believed in unseen beings and invisible worlds), nor does it come from belief in the one God (Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Rastafarians, some Hindus, and even some Buddhists are monotheists), nor does it come from our sacramental practices, though these are surely a little strange.

We've got saints that say and do strange things (Padre Pio: enough said!), our monotheism breaks all the rules (Trinity!), and the center of our ritual practice is communion (Body and Blood!). The question is not whether Christianity is stranger than other religions ("Oh yeah? Well we've got tons of incorrupt bodies of our holy people!") or whether Catholicism is strange in comparison to other forms of the worldwide Jesus movement ("We've got "papal infallibility." What about you, huh?"). We don't believe it because it's crazy. But there are plenty today that think our belief is crazy, strange, or at least unintelligible.

What's so crazy about the 'Religion of Resurrection'? The ancient Greeks believed in gods and even heroic humans going to the place of the dead and returning to tell the tale. Many think that shamanism—a widespread form of religious practice, in which a healer takes ecstatic journeys to the 'other side', gaining wisdom and power from ancestral, divine spirits—is the prehistoric origin of modern religions. The resemblances are, of course, a little ambiguous. Jesus died; the shaman or

Still, the problem of death—our own deaths, and our access, or not, to the 'other side'—is universal: whatever else we are as humans, we have to deal with death, not least in order to understand a little of the meaning of our life.

Strange to say it but we do: Jesus 'conquered' or 'overcame' death. We even say that he 'reigns over' death. He is 'Lord of life and death', we say, 'holding the keys of death and Hades' (Revelation 1:18). It's also strange that 'belief in him' grants 'forgiveness of sins' (Acts 10:43): from the mouth of St Peter that is. "All the prophets bear witness," he says, to this connection between *our* belief and *his* forgiveness. Strange, no? Perplexing, yes? This lordship of Jesus over 'the living and the dead' illumines the connection, thinks the first pope: 'belief' means accepting, *living in accord with* this lordship. Connecting with his lordship through belief communicates his Easter life to us, 'eternal life', *a new beginning* for God's creation project, *humans*—strange to say it—at the centre.

*By W Chris Hackett*

### 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, Sri Lankan, 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.

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.

Among the more urgent are the following:

#### **Church Roof**

The Church roof has been leaking for years during rain. Efforts to fix the problem have not been successful. It appears major work is now 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**

## **APRIL BAPTISM**

**Baptism for the Month of April will be on the 10th of April, because first Saturday fall on Holy Week. For more details on enrolment for Baptism please contact the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday 9am –3.30pm.**

**Thank you**

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **DATES of the SACRAMENTS - Church**

- ◆ 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

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **APRIL**

- ◇ Mon 19th April -Term 2 begins
- ◇ Thurs 22nd April -International Earth Day
- ◇ Fri 23rd - School Closure Day (Staff PL: Seven Steps to Writing) - No School

## 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](mailto:t.nguyen@cssr.org.au)

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 06-04-21**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 07-04-21**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

**Thur 9:00 AM, 08-04-21**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Fri 9:00 AM, 09-04-21**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

**Sat 6.00 PM, 10-04-21**

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard  
Charlie Pace  
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera  
Reader: Anita Foase  
Junior Tufuga  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri  
Anthony Naidu  
Alaistair Surrao

**Sun 9.00 AM, 11-04-21**

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

**Sun 10:30AM, 11-04-21**

Lit. Coordinator: Saa Tufuga  
Commentator Cristina Pedroso  
Reader Ed Cablao  
Rita Martin  
Eucharistic Min. Joh Cablao  
Saa Tufuga  
Rita Martin

**Sun 6.00PM, 11-04-21**

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

## CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 10th April 2021**

\* 6pm – Samoan Choir

**Sunday 11th April 2021**

\* 9am - Charlie Schembri

\* 10.30am - Osana Choir

\* 6.00pm - Youth For Christ Choir

## CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning April 7th 2021,  
Group 7: Sudanese 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

Angelo Zahra(in Malta), Anthony Biggerstaff.

### Anniversaries

Ellawala Family, Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & Family, Ignatius, Esther & Joseph Borg & Family, Laurance & Elizabeth Zarrafa & Family, Aliso & Antonia Spiteri & Family, Jan & Jovan Vala, Jan & Elizabeth Danicek, Maria Lojdova, Stefan Kolek, Charlie & Rose Schembri, Joseph & Connie Aguis, Saviour & Madlene Stagno, 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

“Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world - Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!”

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