



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

8 & 9 MAY 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

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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.

Dear Mothers, Grandmothers, and Carers,

May your day be filled with happiness, joy and love. You are such a blessing for your children! Thank you for all the love, support, and encouragement that you have given and are giving to your children in this way or another. Have a wonderful and blessed Mother's Day!



On this special occasion, I would like to invite you to pray for:

- ◇ *All mothers around the world as we celebrate Mothers' Day, that in these anxious times they may enjoy the respect of their families and be able to be a source of calm and hope for others.*
- ◇ *Every mother will be filled with joy, wisdom, patience, and endurance and enable them to rely on our Heavenly Father for all their needs.*

Together we give thanks to those who have nurtured and cared for us, remembering especially, birth mothers, adoptive mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and all women who have shared their time and love with us.

Almighty God, grant them your everlasting love and peace.

May our heavenly mother – our Lady of Perpetual Help bless and intercede for our earthly mothers.

*Vincent Long Pham CSsR
Parish Priest*

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS



Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

MASS COUNTS 2021



The Archdiocese of Melbourne conducts Mass count during the month of May.

This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. Collectors/Volunteers and Community Leaders are conducting the count for four (4) consecutive Sundays from 1 & 2 May to 22 & 23 May. Thank you.

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 97(98):1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second reading 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

What constitutes a Christian community? What makes it authentic? St John's gospel tries to answer these questions. Jesus uses a simple agricultural image – a vine and its branches – to illustrate his teaching on community.

Just as branches on a vine derive their life and fruitfulness by being attached to the vine, so do Christians live by being in union with God and produce godly fruit. God's inner life in the trinity is one of union in mutual love. This union spills over to creation. We and all of creation are the fruit of this love.

Jesus, in today's gospel passage develops the practical consequences of being branches attached to the vine. Jesus insists that his followers are to imitate this loving inner life of the Trinity. We are to love one another as fully and freely as God loves us. Moreover, we are instructed to use this love to benefit society. It is by performing acts of love that distinguishes us as true disciples of Jesus.

Many years ago, I heard a priest tell a story that has stuck in my memory. He spoke of a pumpkin farmer who was inspecting his harvest in the early stages of the crop's growth. Near the edge of the crop, he found a large glass jar that had been abandoned by a passer-by. On a whim, he placed a small pumpkin inside the jar while being careful not to damage its attachment to the vine.

Months later, the crop was ready to harvest. The farmer rediscovered the plant he had placed in the jar. The pumpkin filled all the space in the jar but it was miniature compared to the rest of the pumpkins in the crop. It was

unable to grow beyond the confines of its glass prison. In the gospel, Jesus reminds us that his love for us is a love that is unfettered. He gives himself totally to us. He loves us to death. He regards each of his disciples as his intimate friend. He regards this friendship as reciprocal. He expects us to love him in return and to love one another in the same unfettered way he loves us. Regrettably, we often behave like the pumpkin in the glass jar. We remain connected to the vine, but we allow external circumstances and the cares of life to constrict our growth in love.

Jesus' generous love for us both inspires and calls us to allow love to grow to full maturity in us. It asks us to put aside any obstacle that chokes the expression of God's love. It tells us that Christian community is the place where unrestrained love is given, received and put into practice. We are his chosen friends but only if we do what he commands us: to love one another without reserve.

By Michael Gilbert CSsR

OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES OF 'AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY' YEAR

The "*Amoris Laetitia* Family" Year (March 19, 2021- June 26, 2022) has five objectives, pointed out the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family, and Life on December 27, 2020. "To spread the Document's content," "to proclaim that the Sacrament of Marriage is a gift," "to render families actors of the family pastoral," "to make young people conscious of the importance of formation to the truth of love and of the gift of oneself," "to broaden the gaze and action of the family pastoral . . . so as to include spouses, children, young people, the elderly and situations of family fragility."

Among the "initiatives" already planned, is a "day for grandparents and elderly people," but also a Forum in June 2021, and ten videos of Pope Francis on the Document, testimonies of handicapped people, pastoral proposals, preparatory catecheses for Rome's 10th World Meeting of Families in June 2022.

The Dicastery quotes first of all the Post-Synodal Document: "The Christian proclamation concerning the family is truly good news" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 1).

Opening and Closing

Pope Francis will open the "*Amoris Laetitia* Family" Year on March 19, 2021. On that day the Church will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* "on the beauty and the joy of family love." He will close it on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome.

This is how the organizing Dicastery explains the "project." The "*Amoris Laetitia*" Year is an initiative of Pope Francis, which intends to touch the world's families through different proposals of a spiritual, pastoral and cultural nature, able to be implemented in parishes, dioceses, Universities, Ecclesial Movements, and family Associations."

"The pandemic experience has made evident the central role of the family as domestic Church and the importance of community links between families, which make the Church a "family of families" (*AL* 87)," underscores the Dicastery.

This is why the family "merits a year of celebrations because it is placed at the center of the engagement and care of the whole pastoral and ecclesial reality."

There are five objectives:

"1. **To spread the content of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*,**" to have people experience that the Gospel of the family is a joy that fills the heart and our whole life" (*AL* 200). A family that discovers and experiences the joy of having a gift and of being a gift to the Church and the society, "can become a light in the darkness of the world" (*AL* 66). And today the world is in need of that light!

"2. **To proclaim that the Sacrament of Marriage is a gift** and that it has in itself a transforming power of human love. To this end, it is necessary that Pastors and families walk together in pastoral co-responsibility and complementarity between the different vocations in the Church (cf. *AL* 203).

"3. **To make families protagonists in the Family Pastoral.** To this end, "an effort of evangelization and of catechesis directed to the heart of the family" (*AL* 200) is necessary because a disciple family also becomes a missionary family.

"4. **To sensitize young people** to the importance of being formed in the truth of love and in the gift of oneself with initiatives dedicated to them.

"5. **To broaden the gaze and action of the family pastoral** so that it becomes transversal to the family, to include the spouses, the children, the young people, the elderly and situations of family fragility."

Initiatives and Resources

"1. **Forum "Where are we with *Amoris Laetitia*? Strategies for the implementation of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation,"** from June 9 to 12, 2021, with leaders of the family pastoral of Episcopal Conferences, and international family Movements and Associations.

"2. Project "**10 *Amoris Laetitia* Videos**": The Holy Father will recount the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation, with families that will give witness of certain aspects of their daily life. Every month a video will be diffused to awaken the pastoral interest of the family in the dioceses and parishes of the whole world.

"3. **#IamChurch: diffusion of some video testimonies** on ecclesial leadership and the faith of handicapped people.

"4. **To walk as a family**": **12 concrete pastoral proposals** to walk as a family inspired by *Amoris Laetitia*.

"5. In view of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome in 2022, the dioceses and families of the whole world are invited to spread and reflect further on the **catecheses** that will be made available by the diocese of Rome and to engage in ad hoc pastoral initiatives.

"6. Celebration of a day for **grandparents and elderly people.**" "Tools of family spirituality, of formation and pastoral action in preparation for marriage, education to affection of young people, on the sanctity of spouses and families that live the grace of the Sacrament in their daily life, will be diffused," adds the same source.

In addition, the Dicastery announces that international "University symposiums will be organized to explore the content and the implications of the Apostolic Exhortation in relation to the topical questions that affect families of the whole world"

Translation by Virginia M. Forrester

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 - Church

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

AN INVITATION TO SHARE THE JOURNEY

The discernment of a vocation is a wonderful journey. God desires that you will be happy in your choices. In this sense, Redemptorists would love to meet you, hear your views, and be inspired by your passion to give yourselves in service of others. If you wish to talk with someone about your thoughts of vocation, please contact with one of the Redemptorist priests or write to: vocations@cssr.org.au

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



invite you to join



RETREAT DAYS WITH MARY IN MAY

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Model of Faith

ALL TUESDAYS IN MAY 2021
(May 04, 11, 18 & 25)
@7:30PM-9:00PM (AEST)

To Join pls Register to this link:
<https://forms.gle/UwY8tBVAYmNduVuu6>
For Details: Fr. Asis - 0404 261 228
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READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 11-05-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 12-05-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 13-05-21

Reader HE School
Eucharistic Min. HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 14-05-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

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Larnie Mendoza
Lani Laririt

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 15 May 2021

- * 6pm – Tavallo Choir

Sunday 16 May 2021

- * 9am - Charlie Schembri
- * 10.30am - Holy Eucharist Family Choir
- * 6pm - Volunteer choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 12th May 2021, Group 12: Vietnamese Women's League: Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan & Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Gelsomina Petrone, Mary Bonnici, Rosa Di Sante.

Anniversaries

Mary Attard, Carmen Zammit, Anne Marie & Dominic Kinh Bui, Vincent Chuc, Anthony Ranasinghe, Soma & Emile Ranasinghe, Olga & George Kroon, Maryse Ranasinghe (nee Kroon), Rose Pace, Doris Borg, Jane & family Xerri, Maria & family Mizzi, Borg family Joe Mizzi, Family Galea, Attard, Hilda Galea, Jane Attard, Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & family, Ignatius, Esther, Joseph Borg & family, Joseph & Connie Agius, Georgina Grima, Saviour & Madlene Stagno, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, 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

"God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?"

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