



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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### PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

22 & 23 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

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

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.

#### IMPORTANT CHANGES

Dear Parishioners,

At the meeting about the future of our parish held on Tuesday evening, 27 April 2021, ninety two (92) of our Parishioners were present and offered their ideas for our Parish mission and ministry activities. Their suggestions were for both short term and long term goals.

In short time goals, many requested that **we change our Mass Times.**

After further consultation a decision has been taken **To change our Mass times beginning on the second weekend June, 2021.**

**Saturday Vigil Mass Starting on 12<sup>th</sup> June**

That in **Daylight Saving Time**, because of coldness and darkness, the **6.00pm Vigil Mass** be moved an hour earlier to the **Vigil Mass at 5.00pm.**

**The Vietnamese Vigil Mass will be 7.30pm or 6.30pm**

**Sunday Masses** (because of carpark issue and parishioners need to have time to socialize)

**The 9.00 am English Mass, will be an hour earlier at 8.00am**

**The second English Mass will be at 10am,**

**The third English Mass will be 6.00pm**

12 pm in Vietnamese,  
2pm in Samoan (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday),  
3pm in Sudanese (1 & 2 Sunday),  
3pm in Filipino (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday),

If you agree with our parishioners' suggestions, we will begin to change our Mass times on the second week of June, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions.

May God bless us and our family always.

Vincent Long Pham CSsR  
Parish Priest

#### READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

Kindly inviting parishioners who are wanting to volunteer in our weekend Masses as well as existing Volunteers to attend the Training on the **9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 7pm** in the Church. Please note training will be given for new and existing Volunteers by Fr Lovin, to improve our volunteering work in the Parish. The Roster will be organised after the training. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### DATES of the SACRAMENTS - Church

- ◆ Grades 4 & 5, 2021 First Holy Communion - Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm or Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am
- ◆ Grade 6 2020 & Grade 6 2021 Confirmation - Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> June @ 2pm FAMILY

#### FAITH EVENING - Church

- ◆ Confirmation Tuesday 25 May 7pm - 8.30pm

#### CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

Chaplaincy Appeal 2021 Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have donated to this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about Chaplaincy services, please visit [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513

## THE LIVING WORD

### First reading Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps. 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

### Second reading Galatians 5:16-25

*If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel John 15:26-27,16:12-15

*The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning "fiftieth") was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. In the decades following the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal

with the perpetrators of violence and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. With much of our world still in the grip of pandemic and our entire planet threatened by the climate crisis, we must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and destruction and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us gather into our hearts all the distressed members of our Earth community and pray with greater urgency than ever: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

*By Veronica Lawson RSM*

### **FOLLOW CHRIST'S PATH TO FAITHFUL WITNESS**

The disciples were sky-gazing as Christ was ascending into heaven. Two mysterious men interrupted them with these words, "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11) How Jesus Christ ascended into heaven tells us something about the mode of His return to judge us at the end of time.

**Since Jesus Christ ascended into heaven as a faithful witness to the Father's love, He will also return to judge us based on how faithfully we also witness to the Father's love.** This is made clearer to us when we reflect on His earlier words, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all men to myself." (Jn 12:32) The ascended Christ is drawing us to Himself along the same path He Himself entered heaven. Thus, our pathway to heaven cannot differ from Christ's own path of faithful witnessing to the Father's love for us all.

This is why Jesus does not answer questions about the time of His final triumph but reminds us that we have received the Spirit to be His faithful witnesses in all times and places, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) **It is only through this Spirit-inspired witnessing to divine love that we can allow God to draw us to His heavenly kingdom.**

What does it mean to be faithful witness to the Father's love? Such witness implies four things.

**Firstly, we love others enough to tell them the whole truth about life with God.** We do not shrink from telling others of the "hope that belongs to this (heavenly) call," the "riches of glory in His inheritance," and the "surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe." (Eph 1:18,19) We neither hide the immense joys and beauty of this life nor conceal the great sacrifices and pains involved. We neither denigrate the grace that God offers us nor reduce the demands of authentic Christian living.

**Secondly, we love others enough to show them the whole truth in action by the good examples of our own lives.** Our words must be backed by our own good examples of faithful living. We become counter witnesses to God's love when we hypocritically live in stark contrast to what we profess and teach.

**Thirdly, we love them enough to help them to live this life of loving relationship with God.** This means that we strive to provide others what they need to grow in their life with God. We give them the forgiveness and mercy that sets them free to love God as they should. We also strive to remove the obstacles that hinder them from fully living this relationship with God.

**Lastly, we love them enough to pray for them.** Our intercessory prayers obtain graces that move and sustain others in their own journey to the Lord. We pray for them even if they reject us and our witnessing.

I was struck by the theme for the recently concluded 55<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day: "Come and See: Communicating by Encountering People Where and As They Are." If we all agree as we should that Jesus Christ is the perfect communicator, did He communicate by simply encountering us where we were and as we are? Didn't also communicate truth and grace that made us God's children, "To those who accepted Him He gave power to become children of God." (Jn 1:12)

**The truth is that Jesus Christ is the perfect communicator because He is the perfect witness to the Father's love.** He humbled Himself to encounter us and lovingly reveal to us truths that we could never fathom, "I have called you friends because I have revealed to you all that I heard from my Father." (Jn 15:15) He Himself is the perfect embodiment and example of all that He preached, "For the works which my Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear witness that the Father has sent me." (Jn 5:36) He merited for us all the graces that we need and removed the sins that kill our love for God. He prayed for us then, and He even now "lives to make intercession for us." (Heb 7:25)

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we cannot be good communicators while remaining pathetic witnesses to the love of the Father.** All the evils in the world and in the Church are due to horrible communication from our own counter-witnessing to divine love. What are we really communicating to the world when Catholic clergy defiantly "bless" "same-sex" couples without any consequences from the Church? Is there now a particular breed of individuals dispensed from the precept of living chaste lives? How is such a tolerance of scandal helping faithful Catholic married couples who follow God's unchanging plan for heterosexual and monogamous marriage, strive to raise children, and bring them up well in the faith?

Are we telling the whole truth about life with God in the Church when the hierarchy now refer to child-slaughter as simply being pro-choice? How are we helping others to advance in the spiritual life when we close our Churches because of Covid-19 and deny them the badly needed sacraments? What type of examples are we to others when we persistently hide and cover up our scandalous behaviors behind the façade of our beautiful liturgies and rich Church teachings? Are we really striving to bridge the gap between what we profess and what we actually do in our different states of life?

*By FR. NNAMDI MONEME, OMV*

## REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY, MELBOURNE

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](mailto:vocations@cssr.org.au)

### AN INVITATION TO SHARE THE JOURNEY

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)**

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### POSITIONS VACANT

Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- ◆ **Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Assumption Parish & St Agnes Parish, Cheltenham**
- ◆ **Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood**
- ◆ **Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park**
- ◆ **IT Support Analyst (Ultras & Windows Desktop)**
- ◆ **Finance Officer, St Jude's Parish, Scoresby**
- ◆ **Parish Secretary, Catholic parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary & Saint Mary Magdalen's, Kyneton & Trentham**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 25-05-21**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 26-05-21**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

**Thur 9:00 AM, 27-05-21**

Reader HE School  
Eucharistic Min. HE School

**Fri 9:00 AM, 28-05-21**

Reader Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 6.00 PM, 29-05-21**

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard  
Charlie Pace  
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri  
Reader: Wendy Forbes-Ferera  
Alaistar Surao  
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella  
Anthony Naidu  
Reno Attard

**Sun 9.00 AM, 30-05-21**

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen  
Commentator Helen Maddela  
Readers: Mini Eddy  
Wilma Marmur  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen  
Helen Maddela  
Mini Eddy

**Sun 10:30AM, 30-05-21**

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano  
Commentator Cristina Pedroso  
Reader Faaati Ierome  
Rita Martin  
Eucharistic Min. Ed Cablao  
Suaa Tufuga  
Rita Martin

**Sun 6.00PM, 30-05-21**

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

### CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 29 May 2021**

\* **6pm** – Osana Choir

**Sunday 30 May 2021**

\* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

\* **10.30am** - Osana Choir

\* **6pm** - HE Youth Choir

## CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 26th May 2021,  
Group 1: 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 Kusli.

#### Anniversaries

Nina Desira, Joseph Xiberras, Carmen Vella, David Cassar, Sylvio Hoshun, Gisele Rolfo, Family Silarsah, Gina Soucourt, Guy & Maud, Joseph & Connie Agius, Anthony & Maria Bartolo, 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

“Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.”

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