



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

15 & 16 MAY 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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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

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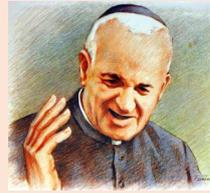
Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

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.

FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA 9TH MAY



The Society of Christian Doctrine also known as Preca Community was founded by Saint George Preca in 1907. It is formed of a community of lay brothers where they live under a rule and a constitution written by George Preca himself. It was canonically approved by the Archbishop of Malta in 1932.

Fr Preca was born in 1880 in Valletta, the capital city of Malta. He was ordained a priest in 1906. By that time he was already deeply inspired to find an effective way to deepen the Catholic faith of the Maltese people. His charismatic personality was from an early age immersed in prayer and was constantly open to God's inspiration.

He gathered around him a small group of lay men, and later lay women to instruct them thoroughly in the Catholic faith so that they will be able to teach others the Catholic faith. He based his inspiration on St Paul's words to Timothy; "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others". (2 Tim 2, 2)

Fr. Preca enthused this group with zeal to spread the word of God through good instruction throughout the Islands of Malta and Gozo. The acrostic M.U.S.E.U.M, Magister Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus, expresses St George

Preca's prayer, "Divine Teacher, may the whole world follow the Gospel". He sent the first six brothers in 1956 in Australia to continue his mission. Though sickly himself, he continued to teach by the spoken and written word. In fact, he wrote 140 books and booklets, which some are translated in various languages even in English.

His humility and right intention were his eminent virtues throughout his long apostolic life. Fr Preca died on the 26th of July 1962 just when the Church at the Second Vatican Council was going to approve his vision of the lay apostolate in the Catholic Church. The feast day of Saint George Preca is on the 9th of May when he was beatified by the St John Paul II.

Few inspirations from Fr Preca:

- ⇒ Thank you, Lord God, and forgive me Lord God
- ⇒ Be friends of the Gospels.
- ⇒ In this world everything passes, joy and grief, honours, insults, strength, and Illness.
- ⇒ We live in God, like a fish lives in water.

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.

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 **26th May 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.

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Rponsorial Psalm Ps. 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-13

We are all to come to unity, fully mature in the knowledge of the Son of God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve

the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: *When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of loss, the loss of a loved one or of something precious to us, and to face this experience in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, time to ponder the implications of this great Mystery for us and for our planetary home.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding

passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (ktisis)." It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables believers to stop "looking up to the heavens" (Acts 1:11) and to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".

By Veronica Lawson RSM

TO LOVE LIKE CHRIST MEANS SAYING 'NO' TO LOVE OF MONEY, VANITY, POWER

Pope Francis said Sunday that loving like Christ requires a rejection of the worldly loves of money, success, vanity, and power.

"To love like Christ means saying 'no' to other 'loves' that the world offers us: love of money – those who love money do not love as Jesus loves -- love of success, vanity, of power," the pope said from the window of the Apostolic Palace on May 9.

"These deceptive paths of 'love' distance us from the Lord's love and lead us to become more and more selfish, narcissistic, overbearing. And being overbearing leads to a degeneration of love, to the abuse of others, to making our loved ones suffer."

In his Regina Caeli address, the pope told pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square that "Jesus asks us to abide in his love," not in "our own self-worship."

"Those who dwell in self-worship, live in the mirror, always looking at themselves," he said.

The pope said that Jesus desires "us to overcome the pretense of controlling and managing others," and wants to open hearts to self-giving love for others.

"To love as Jesus means to offer yourself in service, at the service of your brothers and sisters, as he did in washing the feet of the disciples," he said.

"It also means going outside of ourselves, detaching ourselves from our own human certainties, from earthly comforts, in order to open ourselves up to others, especially those in greater need. It means making ourselves available, as we are and with what we have."

After reciting the Regina caeli, a Marian prayer said during the Easter season, the pope asked people to pray for the victims of a terrorist attack in Afghanistan.

At least 50 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a bombing on May 8 outside of a school in Kabul, according to the BBC. Many of the victims were young girls who attended the school.

Pope Francis called the attack "an inhumane act" and asked people to pray for each of the victims and their families. "And may God give peace to Afghanistan," he added.

The pope also expressed concern about "violent clashes" in Colombia and in Jerusalem. He prayed for peace in both places, urging that the Holy Land should be "a place of prayer and peace."

Pope Francis commended the May 9 beatification of Blessed Rosario Livatino, a Catholic judge brutally killed by the mafia in Sicily in 1990, calling him a "martyr of justice and faith."

"And we cannot forget mothers!" the pope added, acknowledging Mother's Day and extending a greeting to "all mothers around the world."

"The Lord wants the joy he possesses ... to be in us insofar as we are united to Him," Pope Francis said.

"The joy of knowing we are loved by God despite our infidelities enables us to face the trials of life confidently, makes us live through crises so as to emerge from them better."

"Our being true witnesses consists in living this joy, because joy is the distinctive sign of a true Christian. True Christians are not sad; they always have that joy inside, even in difficult moments."

By Courtney Mares

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

Chaplaincy Appeal 2021 This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. 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/UseY8R3VYmNduVuus>
 For Details: Fr. Aislin - 0404 261 228
 Eldred & Celine Rivera: 0433 132 041

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 18-05-21

Reader Xuan Duong
 Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 19-05-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
 Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 20-05-21

Reader HE School
 Eucharistic Min. HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 21-05-21

Reader Helen Maddela
 Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 22-05-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
 Charlie Pace
 Commentator: Anthony Naidu
 Reader: Christina Afano
 Francois Jerome
 Eucharistic Min. Alaistar Surao
 Edith Gauci
 Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 23-05-21

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

Sun 10:30AM, 23-05-21

Lit. Coordinator: Cristina Pedroso
 Commentator Rita Martin
 Reader Ed Cablaio
 Susan Hallorina
 Eucharistic Min. Saux Tufuga
 Rita Martin
 Cristina Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 23-05-21

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 22 May 2021

* 6pm – Osana Choir

Sunday 23 May 2021

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am - Fernandez Family

* 6pm - HE Youth

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 19th May 2021,
 Group 13: South Sudanese Community—David Bakvai

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

Anna-Maria, Carmen & Joseph Bajona, Joseph & Rita Micallef-Grimaud, David & Adrian Camilleri, John, Joseph Christine Montebello, Mary Attard, Carmen Zammit, Ignatius Borg(17yrs. Anniv.) 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

“Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'”

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