



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

26 & 27 JUNE 2021

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Deacon George B.P.Meat

MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm in Winter
6:00pm Daylight saving time
- ◆ **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

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

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria. As of 11:59pm, 24 June 2021:

⇒ **All people must carry a face covering at all times. Must be worn indoors except if at home, or unless an exception applies, recommended to be worn where 1.5 meters physical distancing cannot be maintained.**

⇒ Please use the hand sanitizer provided and keep social distancing at all time.

⇒ Density quotient of 1 person per 4 square meter applies.

⇒ Rite of Peace, please avoid shaking hands but instead say “Peace be with you” and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.

⇒ Please observe social distancing at Holy Communion, which will only be given in the hand.

⇒ If you feel unwell, please do not attend the Mass you are registered for and advise the Parish Office, so as to allow someone else on the waiting list to attend.

⇒ 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. Thanks for your collaboration.

God bless and protect us always

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living

Death was not God’s doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world’s created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil’s envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,

restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 5:21-24,35-43

Little girl, I tell you to get up

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When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In Mark's gospel, we often find a story within a story. Some scholars refer to this technique as the making of a Markan sandwich, others as a framing device. In Mark 5:21-43, the frame consists of the two-part story of the desperately ill twelve year old daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official. Jairus falls at the feet of Jesus in a surprising attitude of reverence from a Jewish official. Jairus pleads with Jesus the itinerant preacher to come and lay hands on his daughter. Jesus is clearly known as a healer, one who can "save" life. The passage closes with the young woman's seeming death and restoration to life. In between the two parts of this story, we hear of the plight of an older woman, also seriously ill, possibly with a gynaecological problem. She has been haemorrhaging for twelve years and has spent all her money on doctors to no avail.

The stories are linked in many ways, first by the repetition of the number twelve, a symbolic number in a Jewish context. Both the young Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman are in need of the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. Later in the Markan story (7:24-30), a Gentile mother and daughter will beg for and receive that same saving power of God. Jairus' daughter does not speak for herself. Like all young women of that culture, ill or not, she is dependent on the voice of her father. The older woman comes tentatively "from behind". She speaks, but only to herself, as she touches Jesus' cloak and, through this touch, experiences healing in her body. Does the healing power of God suffuse even the fabric of Jesus' cloak? The woman is finally shamed into telling all. Like Jairus, she falls in desperation at the feet of Jesus. Jairus refers to his little girl on the brink of adulthood as "my daughter". Jesus addresses the older woman as "my daughter". Both women, the younger and the older, are daughters of Israel. Both are restored to health, one on account of the faith of her parents (the unnamed mother and the named father), the other because of her own faith. Jesus the healer has embraced and responded to the pain of a woman alone on the one hand and of a family (mother, father, and daughter) on the other.

Towards the end of the gospel (14:3-9), this Jesus who has brought healing to little children, to older women and younger women, to older men and younger men, to Jews and to Gentiles, will himself become the recipient of the healing ministry of an insightful woman who draws on Earth elements and pours out healing ointment. He will recognise this action as a beautiful thing that she has done "in him"

For now, the stories recount "the beautiful thing" he does in the lives of suffering humanity, irrespective of age or gender or status or ethnicity.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

Treasure Hunt

Everyone loves a treasure hunt, especially when it is about a precious Icon stolen many hundreds of years ago from a holy shrine in the island of Crete.

This is the story behind the beautiful Icon we now know as the Icon of the Passion in which Mary hold her tiny

child who has been frightened by a vision of angels. If he turns to the right there is the angel St Michael holding an urn filled with the gall that the soldiers offered to Jesus on the cross, the lance that pierced his side and the reed with the sponge; and, if he turns to the left, he sees the Angel Gabriel with the cross and the four nails the instruments of the passion. No wonder as he turns from side to side, he loses one of his sandals and clings in fear the hand of his mother.

We are blessed in this parish of Holy Eucharist to have in our midst a copy of this precious Icon and, until it had to stop because of the Coronavirus, we gathered to pray the Novena to our mother of Perpetual Help.

The treasure Hunt: Who stole the Icon from its home in Crete is, today, not known. We do know that it was lost again in 1812 after Napoleon destroyed the Church of St Matthew where it had been venerated for many years.

We do know that it was a Redemptorist who helped find the Icon some forty years later in 1866 and it was to the Redemptorists that Pope Pius IX entrusted this Icon with the instruction:

Make her know throughout the world.

Archbishop Vaughan, the archbishop of Sydney visited Rome in 1867 just a year after the Icon was given to the Redemptorist. He brought the first copy of the Icon to Australia and entrusted it to the care of Benedictine nuns in Pennant Hills. That icon is now in the Redemptorist chapel in Kogarah in Sydney.

Make her known throughout the world. Wherever Redemptorist have gone in the world, and today we are in 82 countries, we have brought with us the Icon of our mother of Perpetual Help.

We have a shrine in our church, with our own beautiful image of Mary and parishioners visit this shrine and light a candle. I'm sure Mary will look happily on the introduction of this her own special Icon to have a place in our church and to be a place of prayer especially during the time when her Novena is celebrated.

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, bless our parish and hear and answer the prayers of all who all who seek your aid.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Fr Pat Corbett CSsR

Pope Francis reassures the elderly that God is always with them in his message for the first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He also reminds them of their vocation to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger ones.

The vocation of the elderly

The Holy Father went to recall the words of Jesus to the disciples when he asked them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20)

Addressing these words to the elderly, he highlighted that this helps them better understand that they have the vocation “to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones” irrespective of their age, if they are alone or have a family, if they work or not or if they are grandparents or not. The Pope underlined that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

Further encouraging the elderly to “set out and undertake something new” in spite of the doubts and questions they might have, he reminded them that Jesus himself heard a similar question when Nicodemus asked him “how can a man be born when he is old” (Jn 3:4)

It can happen, “if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever he wills,” the Pope said

Emerging from the crisis

Reflecting on collective efforts to put an end to the pandemic, Pope Francis stressed that we will not emerge from the present crises as we were before, but either better and worse. He noted that “no one is saved alone” and we are all indebted to one another because “we are all brothers and sisters.”

In this regard, he went on to insist that the elderly “are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow” where, together with their children and grandchildren, “will live once the storm has subsided.”

The Pope insisted that all of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” and the elderly, better than anyone else, can help to set up three of the pillars that support “this new edifice,” which include dreams, memory and prayer.

Dreams, memory and prayer

Recalling the words of Prophet Joel, “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions” (Joel 3:1), Pope Francis said that the future of the world depends on the covenant between young and old because “who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true?”

For this to happen, “it is necessary that we continue to dream,” said the Pope. “Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.”



Explaining further, the Pope said that “dreams are intertwined with memory.” The Pope then turned his thoughts to the painful memory of war and the importance of helping the young to learn the value of peace. He stressed that those among the elderly that experienced the suffering of war must pass on the message because keeping memory alive and sharing it with others is a true mission for every elderly person.

“Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory,” he said.

Finally, Pope Francis spoke on prayer, recalling Pope Benedict XVI's words: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.”

He reminded the elderly that their prayer is “a very precious resource; a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need” that “inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore” especially in these times “as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic.”

Concluding, the Holy Father held up the example of Blessed Charles de Foucauld to the elderly, explaining that the story of his life “shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.” He, therefore, asked the Lord that through his example, “all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs.”

“May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: ‘I am with you always’! keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing,” the Pope said.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

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CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 3rd July 2021

* 5pm – Fenandez Family Choir

Sunday 4th July 2021

* 9am - Charlie Schembri
* 10.30am - Samoan Choir
* 6pm - Exximoz family & friend Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 30 June 2021,
Group 6: Legion of Mary-
Vietnamese.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Ivan Sporcic, Joseph Dang Van
Binh, Fr Anton Wickremasingher,
Mrs Barbara Chapman, Asuncion
Madella.

Anniversaries

Lucky Ellawala, Heather Wickre-
ma, Angela Chircop, Maria Vu Thi
Yeu Thuong, Peter Disco, Frank
Kreuger, Richard Curmi, Iro & Jes-
sie Vella, Anthony Gatt, Nazareno
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 Xer-
ri, Charlie Xerri, Lewis Spiteri, Ray-
mond Abela and All Souls.

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is com-
mitted 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

“She fell at His feet and told Him the
whole truth. Jesus restores health and
wholeness to an ‘untouchable’ woman.
She is remarkable to show as much
courage as for her faith. How can we
show the courage to ask for forgiveness
from the Lord?”

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