



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH
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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B 5 & 6 JUNE 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the Current Covid19 situation, the Church and Parish Office will be closed, therefore:

♦ **Tues-Sat: No Community Masses until further notice**

Only Online Mass

Sunday: 10:30am English

12:00pm Vietnamese

Live streaming on:

1. **Parish Facebook Page:**
<https://www.facebook.com/HolyEucharistChurch>
2. **Parish Youtube Channel:**
bit.ly/HolyEucharistYoutube
3. **Parish Website: you can join the live mass or join at any time convenient to you.**
http://www.holyeuchariststalban.org/mass_stream.html
4. <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansOfficials>

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 12th June

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

As the majority of the 6pm Mass attendees agreed with our changes, we will begin to change our Mass times on the second week of June, 12th, 2021.

Sunday Masses will still stay as normal for the time being until further consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. May God bless us and our family always.

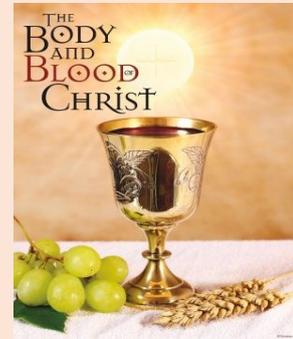
Vincent Long Pham CSsR
 Parish Priest

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

Due to Lockdown the Training scheduled for the **9th June 2021 7pm** in the Church is now postponed. We will notify you when another date is set.

Dear Parishioners,

In the shadow of the recent lockdown, we are unable to celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of



Christ together in our church. This feast is our Parish Feast. The name of our parish "EUCHARIST" tells us of who we are and what we are doing by each initial letter:

- EVANGELIZATION
- UNITY
- COMPASSION
- HOSPITALITY
- ACTION
- RESPECT
- INCLUSIVITY
- SERVICE
- TRUST

Indeed, this is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as Emmanuel – God with us – in order to give thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. No matter what happens Jesus is with us always. Let us appreciate the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and let us be Christ-bearers to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

Happy Feast everyone.

Stay safe and God bless.

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR
 Parish Priest

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 115(116):12-13,15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the
name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the
name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the
name of the Lord.

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Second reading Hebrews 9:11-15

The blood of Christ can purify our inner self

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from

dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 14:12-16,22-26

This is my body; this is my blood

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The Gospel for today's feast reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is presently on loan from the Ballarat Art Gallery to the Eureka Centre and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning.

Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist have likewise come to signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman "breaks" an alabaster jar and "pours" the healing perfume on his head, thus anointing his body "for burial" by means of a "eucharistic" action; Jesus declares that what she has done will be told "in remembrance of her"; a close friend seeks to betray him. Betrayal and rejection are ever present possibilities even in Eucharistic communities. We are all too aware of this as we endeavour to address the consequences of child sexual abuse. We need to learn from the other possibility presented to us in this context, namely that of pouring out the healing perfume of compassion and love. Our "pouring out" at this time might include sharing vaccines with countries that cannot afford to buy them.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

LET THE EUCHARIST LEAD YOU TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist consists in two essential facts: love and atonement.

Love is the first and foremost of these duties. Love is the Lord's first and greatest commandment, the bond of perfection. God asks for our love because He wishes to be the God and Master of our hearts through love. Sacrifice is but a means to prove our love and loyalty. Our Lord has loved us with an infinite love, even unto death, and still loves us without limit. He wants to be loved by us. He appeals to our hearts and bids us love Him in return.

St. Margaret Mary writes, "He made me see that it was the great desire He had of being loved by men, and of withdrawing them from the road of perdition, that induced Him to conceive this plan of making His Heart known to men, with all the treasures of love, of mercy, of grace, of sanctification, and of salvation, in order that those who wish to render and procure Him all the honor, glory, and love of which they are capable, might be abundantly and profusely enriched with the treasures of the Heart of God."

In another letter, she writes, "Let us, then, love this, the only love of our souls, since He has loved us first and loves us still so ardently that He continually burns with love for us in the Blessed Sacrament. To become saints it suffices to love this Holy of Holies. What shall hinder us? We have hearts to love and a body to suffer. . . . Only His holy love can make us do His pleasure; only this perfect love can make us do it in His own way; and only this perfect love can make us do it in His own acceptable time."

This act of love is highly sanctifying. By uniting you intimately to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, love will make you share in His virtues and give you the strength to practice them in spite of all obstacles. To know and love Jesus Christ is your highest gain both for time and eternity. No sacrifice can be too great to attain it. You have true wisdom, holiness, and happiness insofar as you know and love Jesus Christ. . . .

Receive Holy Communion often, especially on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months; spend some time before the Blessed

Sacrament; perform little penances to prove by your actions that you want to make reparation. Make a holy hour some day or evening before the Sacred Heart in the tabernacle. Your love will be reparation for all human forgetfulness of His love. The Sacred Heart will never be outdone in love and generosity to you. . . .

Holy Mass and Communion are the greatest spiritual weapons God has placed at our disposal to help bring about peace. They are far more powerful than all atom and hydrogen bombs, guided mis-siles, guns, planes, tanks, and ships combined. Many times during his pontificate, Pope Pius XII urged frequent reception of Holy Communion, stating, "Men will always find the best remedy against serious evils in the Eucharist. . . . Only through frequent reception of our Divine Lord will they have the strength to help a world darkened by ignorance and gripped in the ice of indifference."

By Fr. Lawrence G. Lovasik

#34 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: 2 June 2021, 5.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria, where a State of Emergency remains in place until **16 December 2021**.

As of **11.59pm Thursday 3 June 2021**, the following measures will apply across Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria (note the categories for this below) and will be in place until at least **11.59pm Thursday, 10 June 2021**.

- ♦ **Face Coverings** - Must be carried at all times • Must be worn indoors and outdoors at all times.
- ♦ **Ceremonies and Religious - Religious gatherings and ceremonies:** No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted with a total of **5 people per venue** including Celebrant and technicians
- ♦ **Funerals (indoors and outdoors):** • Permitted with no more than **10 people** (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). • Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.
- ♦ **WEDDINGS: (indoor and outdoor):** Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).
- ♦ **Social gatherings, visitors and leaving home : Stay home unless:** • shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required) • caregiving or compassionate reasons • authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate • exercise (up to two hours, with one other person or members of your household) • receive a COVID-19 vaccination • other specified reason (specific exemptions apply) **Intrastate travel: Travel limit of 10km from place of primary residence, except:** • to access necessary goods and services where those goods and services cannot be accessed closer than 10km from

home • to visit an intimate partner • to visit a person in your “single bubble” • allowed to travel for authorised work and permitted education • work at • work at an interstate location (where permitted by another state) • care and compassionate reasons (specific exemptions apply).

- ◆ **Private Gatherings in the home** Not permitted Only single bubble permitted.
- ◆ **Public Gatherings (park, beach etc)** Not permitted
- ◆ **Care Facility Visitors** Visitors permitted into aged care or other care facility setting for end-of-life reasons and permitted purposes only
- ◆ **Hospital Visitors** •Visitors permitted into aged care or other care facility setting for end-of-life reasons and permitted purposes only s, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child
- ◆ **Work** Work from home unless authorised
- ◆ **QR Contact tracing** 15-min threshold removed All venue attendees must register
- ◆ **Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings** - In Metropolitan Melbourne (indoors or outdoors): No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Message: (27 May 2021)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The State Government has announced today that **LOCK DOWN BEGINS TONIGHT at 11:59pm until Thursday 3rd June 2021**. These restrictions are in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

As a result Holy Eucharist School will not be open from Friday 28th May 2021 to Thursday 3rd June 2021 **inclusive**. However, we will continue to provide on-site supervision from **8:55am to 3:15pm** for students in the following categories:

- ◆ Children whose parents are considered essential workers as listed,

cannot work from home and where **no other supervision arrangements can be made.**

- ◆ Vulnerable children, including children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm and children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service).

(NB: These students will need to enter/leave the school via the Administration Gate only).

If your circumstances fit the above categories and you require your children to be at school on any day from Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June 2021, please send a message via ClassDojo or an email to principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au.

Please include your phone number so that we can call you to make the arrangements for school at supervision. Alternatively, you can call the school office during business hours on 83120900.

The teachers have prepared work for your child to complete during the lockdown. **Electronic devices at this stage, will not be sent home.**

Your child can also do some of the following:

- Practise their reading,
- Work on a piece of writing,
- Draw about an experience and write about it
- Exercise outdoors and play family games.

Please re-assure your children that they are safe and that we will soon be back at school doing all the things we love.

I will continue to communicate further details with you throughout the week via ClassDojo and the School Website. Please keep checking these for any updates.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. Please stay safe and take care.

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 9th June 2021,
Group 3

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Grace Cassa, Corazon Nicdao, Maria Kusli.

Anniversaries

Maria & Steven Perkovic, Joseph Xiberras, Carmen Vella, David Cassar, Oreana Keys(2yrs), Nina Desira, 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

“Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like ... purified ... ready to serve. Pray for Vocations.”

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