



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

3 & 4 JULY 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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Deacon George B.P.Meat

MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm in Winter
(will move back to 6:00pm in Daylight saving time - October 3rd 2021)
- ◆ **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

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

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734 between 7-8pm or Br Tony on 0419 115 692

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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 Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them."

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 122 (123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation of Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. Mark presents such rejection as the experience of Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21), we find that Jesus is misunderstood by his family who consider him to be out of his mind. Members of his family try to take responsibility for him, to take hold of him and to save him from himself.

When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach those gathered around him about a new sort of kinship, kinship that is based on doing God's will.

In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), we find that the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something does not add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman".

Jesus' hometown people do not simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter. Touch is once more the agent of healing.

At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider what is happening in our world, presently beset by pandemic. It invites us to affirm the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

WITNESSES DO NOT LOSE THEMSELVES IN WORDS, BUT RATHER BEAR FRUIT

During the Angelus on Tuesday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel of the day (Mt 16: 13 – 19) focusing his attention on the question that the Lord asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mt 16: 15).

Who do you say that I am?

Inviting the faithful to give the Lord an answer that comes from the heart today, Pope Francis underlined the importance of the question that Jesus repeats to us:

“Who am I to you, who have accepted faith but are still afraid to set sail on my Word? Who am I to you, who have been a Christian for such a long time but, worn out by habit, have lost your first love? Who am I to you, who are going through a difficult time and need to rouse yourself in order to begin again?”

Who do people say that I am?

Prior to this question, Pope Francis noted that Jesus asked the disciples another: “Who do people say that I am?”

This question was a test, noted the Pope, to find out opinions about Jesus and the fame He enjoyed, even though notoriety did not interest Jesus.

He highlighted that Jesus asked the question to “underline a difference” which is the fundamental difference of Christian life – the difference between those who stop at the first question and at opinions and talking about Jesus, and those who, instead, “talk to Jesus, bringing their life to Him, entering into a relationship with Him, making the decisive step.”

This, the Pope said, “is what interests the Lord: to be at the centre of our thoughts, to become the reference point of our affections; to be, in short, the love of our lives.”

The witness of Saints Peter and Paul

Turning his attention to Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis noted that they took that step and became witnesses - imitators not admirers, protagonists of the Gospel and not spectators - “they believed not in words but in deeds.”

In this regard, Peter did not speak about mission but he was a fisher of men. Paul, for his part, did not write learned books but letters about how he

lived as he traveled and bore witness. Both men, the Pope explained, “spent their lives for the Lord and for their brothers.”

The Holy Father then held up the example of Sts. Peter and Paul to provoke us from stalling at the first question, giving views, opinions and saying beautiful words but never putting them into practice. He lamented that “it is sad to see that many speak, comment and debate, but few bear witness.”

“Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit,” the Pope said. “They do not complain about others and the world, but they start with themselves. They remind us that *God is not to be demonstrated, but shown*; not announced with proclamations but shown by example.”

Witnesses are not always exemplary

Pope Francis went on to point out that an objection may arise from looking at the lives of Sts Peter and Paul because “they were witnesses but they were not always exemplary” – Peter denied Jesus and Paul persecuted Christians.

However, “they also bore witness to their failures,” the Pope noted, adding that St. Peter’s story comes out “naked and raw” in the Gospels, with all its miseries, and St. Paul recounted his mistakes and weaknesses in his letters.

This is where witness begins, with the “truth about himself, with the fight against his own duplicity and falsehood,” Pope Francis underlined, adding that “the Lord can do great things through us when we are not careful to defend our image, but are transparent with Him and with others.”

In conclusion, the Holy Father pointed out that the Lord, through his witnesses Peter and Paul, urges us to “take off our masks, to renounce half measures and the excuses that make us lukewarm and mediocre.” He prayed that Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, may kindle in us the desire to bear witness to Jesus.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

BAPTISM—JULY

Congratulations to: **Damon Nguyen, Thiago Saher Al-Najjar, Aidan Ho & Charlotte Minh Anh Nguyen** who were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.



SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 3



Monday 12th July 2021

- Mon 12th July - Assessment Portfolios go home
- Thurs 15th July - Parent/Teacher Interviews – Student finish at 12pm

REDEMPTORIST YOUTH MINISTRY, MELBOURNE

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

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FOODBANK open Fridays 10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

This Sunday 4 July 2021 is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and is a significant celebration on our Church's calendar. Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are united as one in God's love and care.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



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READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 06-07-21

Reader : Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 07-07-21

Reader: Camen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 08-07-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 09-07-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00PM, 10-07-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Anita Foese
Junior Tufuga
Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao
Carmen Camilleri

Sun 9.00 AM, 11-07-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
Readers: Kelechi Kelechi
Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:30AM, 11-07-21

Lit. Coordinator: Cristina Pedroso
Commentator Rita Martin
Readers Christina Afano
Francois Ierome
Eucharistic Min. Cristina Pedroso
Ed Cablaio

Sun 6.00PM, 11-07-21

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 10th July 2021

* **5pm** – Samoan Choir

Sunday 11th July 2021

* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

* **10.30am** - Osana Choir

* **6pm** - Youth for Christ Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 7 July 2021,
Group 7: Sudanese 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

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

Anniversaries

Mary, Norman, Ranjith, Nivanga, Rohan, Srilal, Lucky & Nihai Ellawala, Gregoria & Winifredo Delariarte, Norberto Laririt, Criselda Fernandez, Angela Chircop, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Peter Disco, Frank Kreuger, Richard Curmi, Iro & Jessie 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 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

“There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.”

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