



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B, 31 JULY & 1 AUGUST 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

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Deacon George B.P.Meat

MASS TIMES

Good News, Good News!

Dear Parishioners,
With gratitude to our God, we can have 100 people in our Church to celebrate the Eucharist until further notice.

English Masses:

◆ Weekday Masses: 9am

Tuesday to Friday

(Do not need to book in advance. Please use QR code at the Church's door to check in)

◆ Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

Please contact the Parish Office to let us know that you would like to attend.

Phone: 9366 1310

Office Hours: 9am - 3.30pm from Tuesday to Friday.

May God bless us and protect us always

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, 27 July 2021:

⇒ **All people must carry a face covering when leaving home** unless they have a lawful reason not to

⇒ It is **mandatory to wear fitted face coverings in all indoor public spaces** unless you have a lawful reason not to do so, or are a child under 12 years of age

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

⇒ 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

WELCOMING NEW NOVICES

Our Parish motto, We Welcome the Stranger, is addressed to all those who, being 'strangers', have come to call Holy Eucharist Parish their 'home'. On this **Sunday the 1st August, the feast of St Alphonsus**, the founder of the Congregation of the most holy Redeemer, (Redemptorists) we are welcoming some special new parishioners.

Redemptorists belong to a world-wide Congregation with members in all the five Continents. Young people continue to join our 'family' and today we are welcoming three new members who begin a special year of discernment, known as a **'Novitiate'**. It is a special year devoted to solitude, prayer and understanding what is involved in making a life-long commitment to follow Jesus- **the most holy Redeemer**.

Over the coming months, they will cease to be 'strangers' and will, happily, join our parish community. The original plan was for them to join the Redemptorist Novitiate in the Philippines; however, Covid 19 had made such a journey impossible and the decision has been made for this novitiate year to happen in Australia and the St Albans community has been asked to host this special year.

Fr Patrick, has been asked to guide our three novices in this special year. **Fr Francis Tri**, a Redemptorist fluent in Mandarin, join him in this task. At our Saturday evening Mass, we will welcome two novices from China, **Shaopei** and **Xuechuan** and **Minh Do**. Our first Australian novice for many years and is of Vietnamese descent.

While Holy Eucharist will be their parish, they will be living in what was the former convent of the Sisters of St Joseph in the parish of Holy Family in nearby Footscray. Please join us in welcoming our new 'novices' and please keep them in your prayers.

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The Lord sends manna from heaven

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

the glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second reading Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Put aside your old self and put on the new

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:24-35

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The question of the crowds "Rabbi, when did you come here?" has to do with time and place. They address Jesus as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. His response to their question introduces a discussion about bread. This opens up for readers through the ages a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking.

We have become so familiar with many of the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements or the constructed environment in the text and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread

turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. In these troubled times of pandemic, those hungering for life sustaining bread can rightly expect to find their hunger satisfied by the disciples of the one who claims to be the "bread of life".

By Veronica M. Lawson RSM

FEAST OF ST ALPHONSUS

On this **Sunday the 1st August**, the **feast of St Alphonsus**, the founder of the Congregation of the most holy Redeemer (Redemptorists).

St. Alphonsus Liguori was born in Naples, Italy, in 1696. This beloved Italian saint led a fascinating life and had many talents. He was a gifted lawyer before reaching age 20.



He composed music and painted. His preaching consistently drew large crowds. He was a prolific writer, producing more than 100 books.

He was a brilliant theologian, yet he had a special gift for teaching the faith in a way even the simplest people could understand.

But the life of St. Alphonsus was far from easy. He had serious health problems, including painful arthritis that left him confined to a wheelchair late in life. His father was vehemently opposed to his becoming a priest. When he set about forming the Redemptorists, he faced resistance and hostility—including accusations that he was mad, deluded, or filled with pride. A number of his own friends and relatives turned against him.

And in the early days of the congregation, some of his first confreres abandoned him. But no one can argue with the fruits of his work: a congregation of 5,300 priests and brothers who serve God's people—especially the poor and most abandoned—in 78 countries worldwide.

Today Redemptorist priests and brothers continue their ministry to the poor and most spiritually abandoned, in inner cities, hospitals, and prisons and on military bases.

Our priests preach parish missions, promote devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and participate in many evangelization activities through traditional and new media.

Redemptorists are known for their special devotion to the crib of Bethlehem; the cross of Calvary; Mary, the Mother of God; and the Eucharist.

May St Alphonsus pray for us!

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Training

Please note, due to COVID restrictions, the Training planned for 28th July 2021 was cancelled.

Fr Lovin will arrange another date and you shall be notified.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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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POSITIONS VACANT AT CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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

- ◆ **Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore**
- ◆ **Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington**
- ◆ **Parish Secretary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren**
- ◆ **Marketing Coordinator, St Benedict's Church, Burwood**
- ◆ **Graphic Designer, St Benedict's Church, Burwood**

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

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 3-08-21

Reader : Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 4-08-21

Reader: Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 5-08-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 6-08-21

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00PM, 7-08-21

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Anita Foese
Junior Tufuga
Eucharistic Min. Reno Attard,
Alaistair Surrao & Violeta Montoro

Sun 9.00 AM, 8-08-21

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
Readers: Wilma Marmur
Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic
Helen Maddela & Monica Lome

Sun 10:30AM, 8-08-21

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano
Commentator Rita Martin
Readers Faaati Ierome
Christina Afano
Eucharistic Min. Cristina Pedroso
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 8-08-21

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator Rachel Rodrigoe
Reader Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Rachel Rodrigoe
Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 7th August 2021

* 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 8th August 2021

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am - Osana Choir

* 6pm - Youth for Christ Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 4 August 2021,
Group 11: Ed & Joh Cablaos &
Family, Jinky Monteros & Family.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Fr. Russel Morison CSsR, Jose B. Medalle, Cleophas Braganza, Rosa Bataona (Fr Timo's mother) Rozelio Lalunio.

Anniversaries

Lucky Ellawala, Mary, Charlie, Ally Peter Spiteri, Ignatius Borg, 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

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very self in the Eucharist! Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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