



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B,

30 & 31 OCTOBER 2021

### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

#### Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

#### Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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,  
6:00pm  
12:00pm Vietnamese

#### Other Masses

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

#### Special Masses:

##### All Saints

- Monday, 1st November 2021  
⇒ English 9.00am,  
⇒ Vietnamese 7.00pm

##### All Souls Day

- Tuesday, 2nd November 2021  
⇒ English 9.00am & 6pm  
⇒ Vietnamese 10.30am &  
7.00pm

Please also note the Parish Office will be closed Monday & Tuesday (1st & 2nd Nov.) and will re-opened Wednesday - Friday 9.00am until 3.30pm.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### THE LIVING WORD

#### First reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart*

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Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps. 17(18):2-4,47,51

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,

my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes.

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,

He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

#### Second reading Hebrews 7:23-28

*Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Mark 12:28-34

*'You are not far from the kingdom of God'*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death.

Goodness and fitness for the "kin-dom" or "empire of God" are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices. For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the

Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire. Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the human community, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then these words of Jesus might truly find a home in our hearts: "You are not far from the kin-dom of God".

*By Veronica M. Lawson RSM*

### LOVE ALONE ATTRACTS AND CHANGES THE HUMAN HEART

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis reflects on the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Paul reminds the Galatians – and us – that the centre of salvation and faith is the death and resurrection of the Lord, Pope Francis said at Wednesday's General Audience.

The Pope warned that there are many people today "who still seek religious security rather than the living and true God, focusing on rituals and precepts instead of embracing God's love with their whole being."

#### Return to what is essential

So, he said, St Paul asks the Galatians "to return to what is essential, to the God who gives us life in Christ crucified." Pope Francis encourages us to "place ourselves in front of Christ crucified," in-

cluding in Adoration of the Eucharist, when we feel we are losing the thread in our spiritual life.

This leads to a further step, he continued: When we meet Christ crucified, Jesus changes our hearts, which leads us to understand that “the Gospel is meant for everyone, not just for a privileged few.” Thus, the Pope said, “the life of the community is regenerated” and through the Spirit, our lives as Christians are renewed, and we are able to continue “to engage in our spiritual battle.”

### Works of the flesh v. fruit of the Spirit

Here Saint Paul presents a dichotomy between the



“works of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit.” Pope Francis explained that the works of the flesh are “behaviours that are contrary to the Spirit of God. St Paul does not intend to say that the flesh is evil in itself, but uses the term to indicate

the condition of being turned in on oneself, “closing the door to the spirit” and reminding us that the things of the world grow old and pass away, “while the Spirit gives life.”

Christians are called to live out our baptismal calling, which leads to the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Pope Francis invited Christians to read Saint Paul and reflect on our own behaviour to see if we are bearing those fruits.

### A challenge for our communities

“The Apostle’s teaching poses quite a challenge for our communities, too,” Pope Francis said. He explained, “the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ cannot be grasped on the basis of so many commandments or of a moral vision developed in many layers which can make us forget the original fruitfulness of love nourished by prayer from which peace and joyful witness flow.”

Nor, he said, can “the life of the Spirit ... be suffocated by a bureaucracy that prevents access to the

grace of the Spirit, the initiator of conversion of the heart.”

### Proclaiming Christ crucified

Therefore, Pope Francis said in conclusion, “we have the huge responsibility of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, enlivened by the breath of the Spirit of love. For it is this Love alone that possesses the power to attract and change the human heart.”

*By Christopher Wells*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING:

All students will be returning to school on Wednesday next week.

Please remember that:

- Monday 1st November is a School Closure Day - Staff will use this day for Planning/Report Writing
- Tuesday 2nd November is a Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup.
- Wednesday 3rd November - All students will return to onsite learning at school.

### DESIGNATED GATES:

Students in Grades Prep, 1 and 2 are school from 8:55am to 3:10pm.

Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are school from 8:55am to 3:15pm.

Each grade level will continue to use the designated gates to enter/leave the school. The gates are as follows:

- Gate 1 (Next to the hall) – Grade Prep and Grade 3
- Gate 2 (Next to the church) – Grade 1 and Grade 4
- Gate 3 (Admin gate) – Grade 6
- Gate 4 (O’Brien Drive) - Grade 2 and Grade 5

Please remember:

Gates will be open from 8:30am until 9am. (Please remember the 1.5 metre physical distancing rule and masks must be worn)

At this stage, parents/carers are not permitted on the school grounds.

- All classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning at 8:45am.
- The classroom teacher will take the students to the gate at home time and will wait for students to be picked up. The gates will be open from 3:10pm until 3:45pm.
- If you have more than one child at school, you can drop off and pick up your children from a preferred gate, so long as you have one child who belongs to the year level specified at the gate. Please note that the same gate must be used at pick up time to avoid confusion.

## OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

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 6:00pm Friday 29 October 2021, the following measures will be applied across Victoria. Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne will unite in the Roadmap and share the same restrictions. These will be in place until otherwise advised, and except where particular LGAs might be placed under different restrictions for limited periods of time.**

⇒ **Face Coverings required indoors only by Victorians age 12 years or over except if at home.**

⇒ 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.

⇒ Vaccinations - A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the purposes of

attending a Place of Worship if they: • have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, or • have a valid medical exemption to COVID-19 vaccination issued by an authorised medical practitioner, or • are aged under 16.

If a person can show evidence of any of the above, they can enter as fully vaccinated. If they can't show evidence of any of the above, they are not considered as fully vaccinated and may only participate in groups allowing for 'unknown vaccination status.'

⇒ Record keeping remains an important and critical tool for keeping all in the community safe.

⇒ **Please use a QR code at the Church's door to check in. Proof of vaccination status to be sighted via the Victoria Services App or present hard copy.**

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



### FOOD AND EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE

This project is supported by the Victoria Government through the Priority Response to Multicultural Communities during Coronavirus (PRMC) program.



Application:  
<https://bit.ly/EmergencyFoodRelief3021>

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## LET US PRAY FOR

### The Sick

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

### Recently Deceased.

Rex de Mel, Giuseppe Giuffrida, Cecilia Vo Thi Ngoc Hoa, Maria Trần Thi. Loan & Giuse Đăng Thành Trong

### Anniversaries

Maximus M. Wea, Ellawala Family, Ranasinghe Family, Jan & Jovan Vala, Jan & Elizabet Danicek, Maria Lojdo-va, Stefan Kolek, Maryse Ranasinghe nee Kroon, Rex Bernon DeMel, Chamdrishan Perera, Soma, Emile & Anthony Ranasinghe, 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

We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

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