



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B,

6 & 7 NOVEMBER 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

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MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
- ◆ **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 & Tammy Le
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Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

BAPTISM- NOVEMBER

Congratulations to: **Felicity Joan Tumabang & Timothy 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.



During the week, the Holy Eucharist Primary School Grades 4, & 5 received the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Grade 6 with their Sacrament of Confirmation.

We Congratulate our 1st Holy Communion Candidates: Meril Ayshoa, Vy Dang, Lucas Garlito, Sally Kim, Ayuot Mahomed, Afnan Maqdas, Caitlyn Nguyen, Selena Nguyen, Sasha Santos, Ivan To, Kelvin Vo, Ngoc Vo, Tolotea Afano, Joshua Bernal, Emy Pan Bui, Alexa Celestial, Lucas Howard, Cecilia Koesasi, Jessica Le, Sharlene Li, Kyle Nguyen, Susan Nuualiitia, Jacky Pham, Aiden Plummer, Kaitlyn Dinh, An Doan, Jade Ho, Selena Hoang, Angel Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Mya Pham, Tam Phan, Michael Angelo Tuano, Kim Thien Vo, Peter Vu, Antonio Afano, Athel Makuac Akaec, Motusi Brown, Gloria Bui, Hoang Cao, Kevin Dang, Ayen Kulang, Marley Hallorina, Ajaknei Makol, Bao Ngo,

Emerly Nguyen, Christoff Reyes, Rijuta Shrestha, Simon Tat, Anthony Tran, Francisco Vu, Loula Akot, Tra My Nguyen, Pio Marcellin Atonio, Esther Ly, Jayden Truong, Nouvel Whetton, Adam Santino, David Akot Aineteek, Bahnam Ayshoa, Kim Dang, Rachel Nguyen, Tommy Pham Elizabeth Tran, Christina Vo. **Confirmation Candidates:** Aeak Aweteek, Tien Thuy Bui, Longar Jet Dominic Chierdit, Minh Triet Dau, Richard Thawn Lian Thang Kio, William Le, Alex Mai, Loan Chau Nguyen Mai, Aguer Adel Makol, Tina Nguyen, Yuki Nguyen, Maria Nuualiitia, Nathan Pham, Amou Akot Aineteek, Andy Dinh, Dante Adarius Donal, Amelia Peony Hua, Charlotte Anne Jansen, Andy Lam, Hy Quoc Nguyen, Truc Mi Nguyen, Kevin Tran, Mary Maria Victoria Brown, Martin Chu, Joseph Farrugia, Travis Pham, Huynh Kham Phuong, Riny Thiek, Jennifer To, Francisco Vu. May the Light of the Lord guide you in all your ways.

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

First reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

'Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied'

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ, our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men

only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:41-44

This poor widow has put in more than all

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury; and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today's liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1).

It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the

plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular “destitute” widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations. It is clear that this woman’s action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

By Veronica M. Lawson RSM

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

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites everyone to pray for and be near those who suffer from exhaustion, burn-out, and depression.

“Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion —mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion.” Pope Francis opened the video accompanying his prayer intention for November with those words with which most people can probably identify. His intention was released in this month’s The Pope Video, prepared by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. It comes as people living in the Northern Hemisphere enter the Autumn and Winter seasons, during which cooler weather is often accompanied by rainy days and more time spent indoors.

Silent listening

The Pope took note of that seasonal situation in his timely prayer intention. “Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people’s lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today,” he said.

Pope Francis thus encouraged everyone to reach out to those around us who are depressed, desperate, or without hope. And he advised against comforting others with too many words. “Often,” he said, “we should just simply listen in silence, because we cannot go and tell someone, ‘No, life’s not like that. Listen to me, I’ll give you the solution.’” “There is no solution,” remarked the Pope.

Jesus' offer of comfort

However, he continued, besides "indispensable psychological counseling", Jesus' words can help us and others to find solace: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

With that advice in mind, Pope Francis wrapped up his prayer intention video message with a renewed invitation to assist those around us.

"Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life," he prayed.

Choosing life amid depression

The November edition of The Pope Video was created in conjunction with the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, which offers spiritual support for people suffering various forms of mental illness.

According to a press release accompanying the video, around 1 in 10 people worldwide lives with a mental health disorder, amounting to 792 million people or 11 percent of the population.

Depression and anxiety account for around 3 and 4 percent, respectively, of those illnesses.

They can sometimes lead to suicide when left untreated or are severe and recurrent. Some 700,000 people commit suicide each year, making it the fourth leading cause of death in people aged 15 to 29.

Covid-related difficulties

As has been well-noted, the Covid-19 pandemic, and its associated restrictions on daily life, has led severely tested the mental and emotional resilience of many people.

Pope Francis' call for us to pray and assist those who suffer from depression is therefore an important and timely invitation.

By Devin Watkins

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 10 November 2021: Vietnamese Women's League. Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan & Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 9-11-21

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 10-11-21

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Elizabeth Delacruz

Thur 9:00 AM, 11-11-21

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 12-11-21

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Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 13 November 2021

* 6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 14 November 2021

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am - Osana Choir

* 6.00pm - Youth For Christ

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.

Tulsi Randeniya, Rex De Mel, Chandrیشان Perera, Giuseppe Giuffrida, Cecilia Vo Thi Ngoc Hoa, Maria Trần Thi. Loan & Giuse Đăng Thành Trong

Anniversaries

Marko & Milan Milinkovic, David & Adrian Camilleri, Joseph & Carmen Bajona,, Joseph John Christine Montebello, Joseph & Rita Micallef-Grimaud, Joseph & Rose Sammut, Marlene Farrugia, Inge Micallef-Grimaud, Arthur Pitcher, Mary & Charlie Bonnici, Melita Pollicano, Dominic Kinh & Anne Mairie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Dominic Khat, Dominic Phuc, Maria Tuan, Maria Kien, Maria Moc, Maximus M. Wea, Ellawala Family, Ranasinghe Family, Jan & Jovan Vala, Jan & Elizabeth Danicek, Maria Lojdova, Stefan Kolek, Maryse Ranasinghe nee Kroon, Vernon De Mel, 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, 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

Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before [us]" According to St. Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

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