



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B,

13 & 14 NOVEMBER 2021

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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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

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Dear Parishioners,

We just came out of the time of the lockdown. We felt what was look like.

Our Parish Church is reopening up and it is wonderful to see people starting to come back to worship together. At Mass I was moved to hear people praying the Lord's Prayer together. How wonderful is getting back together!

There are two things I would like to draw your attention:

1. **Thanksgiving Mass and Christmas Carols.** December will be busy for many of us. To make it easy for the organizers and to have more people to attend and enjoy these events I am thinking to combine two important events into one: **Thanksgiving Mass for all the staff - volunteers will be held on Friday 17th December 2021 at 6pm in the Church and Christmas Carols will be held outdoors at 7pm on the same day.**

2. To prepare in **celebrating 50 years of our parish**, I did invite the archbishop Peter Comensoli to be the main celebrant and he did accept it. Please mark this date in your calendar: **Sunday 20 March 2022 at 10:30am.** I have chosen this Sunday because it marks the harmony week and our community parish is a diverse but inclusive multi-cultural community.

May our LORD continue to bless us and bless our missionary activities.

Vincent Long Pham CSsR
Parish Priest.

SACRAMENT – NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Darby Frost who receives the **Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** You are welcome to be a part of our community faith. May the **Light of the Lord** guide you in all your ways.



THE LIVING WORD

First reading Daniel 12:1-3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 15 (16):5,8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah read like an unravelling of God's work in

creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.

The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give comfort and hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the modern and scientifically sophisticated reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what happens. This reading may remind some of us that the unravelling of God's work is more than a poetic image in our times. The freak storms, the cyclones, and other signs of global warming we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways.

Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever realised.

By Veronica M. Lawson RSM

FIVE EASY STEPS TO START SEEING JESUS AS YOUR LORD & FRIEND

Good Shepherd; Bread of Life; Lamb of God; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Light of the world; Alpha and Omega; Principle and Foundation; Christ, Son of the Living God; Redeemer and Savior; Faithful Friend; Son of the Father; Son of the Virgin Mary—all of these are Christological titles. Each of these titles reflect a single but glorious aspect of Jesus. He is Lord, God, and Savior and so ardently yearns to be our friend in time and for eternity.

Therefore, we would like to offer some concrete steps that we can immediately take towards building a strong, dynamic, and permanent Friendship with Jesus who indeed is the Friend who never fails us, and who longs to be our Friend in Heaven for all eternity.

Common sense teaches us that it is utterly impossible to love a person if that person is totally unknown to us. For that reason, in the composition of the Spiritual Exercises, the full month Retreat, Saint Ignatius encourages the Retreatant to spend 11 to 12, or even 13 days with the sole purpose of contemplating the life of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thus, the Retreatant may spend from four to five hours per day contemplating the Public Life of Jesus for close to two weeks. The grace that Saint Ignatius insists the Retreatants beg for is the following: *“Intimate Knowledge of Jesus, that we may love Him more ardently, and follow Him more closely.”*

Imagine spending 50 to 60 hours over two weeks contemplating the Public Life of the Lord Jesus in silence with an open heart. What would be the fruits of such a Spiritual Exercise? No doubt, it would be a personal, dynamic, and friendship with Jesus.

This being said let us drop the nets in the infinite abyss of the Person of Jesus the Lord, Jesus our God, Jesus our Savior, Jesus our Redeemer, Jesus the Son of Mary, and Jesus who desires to be and indeed will be our Best Friend in time and for all eternity!

1. Get to Know the Gospels

The starting point for getting to know the Lord Jesus must be with the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Saint John. They should not be read like literature, poetry, or as a mere pagan or secular pursuit of knowledge. Quite the contrary, the Gospels should be read, or better yet, meditated and prayed over to get to know, love, and follow Jesus.

2. A Prayer Method?

Yes, there are many prayer-methods, but we would like to suggest a short, simple, and practical method to open the door to knowledge and friendship with Jesus through pondering the Word of God in our hearts—like the Virgin Mary.

- a) **PRAY FIRST.** Before even opening the Gospel, pray to the Holy Spirit for light and love in your Bible meditation.
- b) **READ.** Read slowly with the docility of Samuel in the Temple: *“Speak, O Lord, for your servant is listening.”*
- c) **THINK.** Like the Blessed Virgin Mary think, ponder, ruminate over the Word of God. In other words, accept the struggle that it takes to understand the Word of God.
- d) **OPEN YOUR HEART: TALK.** Then open your heart and talk to the Lord Jesus. Let the sentiments of your heart flow freely as you talk to the Lord.
- e) **FRIENDS.** St. Teresa of Avila compares prayer to friendship. Talk to Jesus about what is on your mind and in your heart related to the Word of God that you are reading.

f) **NOTES:** After you have finished your prayer time, then for a few minutes write down in your prayer journal the lights, thoughts, insights, inspirations, consolations that God gave you.

g) **ACTION.** Then try to put into practice what God has given to you. In other words, go from the heart and mind to the feet—put the Word into practice!

3. Bible Commentaries

Another very useful tool to get to know Jesus better and to love Him with great passion is to get hold of a good Bible commentary. There are many, but I would like to offer simply one source—PATRISTICS!!! By this is meant, delve into what some of the Fathers of the Church have preached and written on the Life of Christ. Who are the Fathers of the Church? There are both the Western (Latin) Fathers, as well as the Eastern Fathers of the Church. Some important names among the Western Fathers: St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Gregory the Great. Some important names among the Eastern Fathers: St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil, Saint Gregory of Nicaea, St. Athanasius. You are on solid and safe ground with the Fathers of the Church—both from the West and the East.

4. A Modern Classic

In Sinu Jesu—When Heart Speaks to Heart: The Journal of a Priest at Prayer, a Benedictine Monk. This modern classic can ignite a fire in your heart for love of Jesus the Lord as your Best Friend.

Listen and meditate upon one short passage from this most inspiring text:

“Listen to me. Open to Me the ear of your heart and I will speak to you as I promised. My Heart has so much to tell you. I will instruct you. I will teach you. I will show you the way in which you are to go. My heart yearns for you. I so desire your company.” (*In Sinu Jesu: page 21*).

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, a slow, prayerful meditation of this text will help you to get to know Jesus as an intimate Friend, and you will truly start to fall in love with the Lord Jesus.

5. Mary: The Shortcut to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus is happy when we get to know and love the ones that He knows and loves best. The first of Jesus’ friends and lovers is His own Mother—the Blessed Virgin Mary. By getting to know Mary, pondering her words and exemplary life, we will be motivated to turn to Jesus. Our Lady never blocks union with Jesus; rather, she fosters deep union with Jesus. In fact, the last words recorded of Mary in the Bible are in the context of the Wedding Feast of Cana. Mary’s last words in fact were: *“Do whatever He tells you.”* (Jn. 2:5) The best advice in the world.

In sum, grow in knowledge and love of Mary, and she will place you in the Sacred Heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in time and for all eternity!

By Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

As of 6:00pm Friday 29 October 2021, the following measures will be applied across Victoria.

⇒ **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.

⇒ Holy Communion will only be given in the hand.

⇒ 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

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 16-11-21

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CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 20 November 2021

* **6pm** – Tavallo Family Choir

Sunday 21 November 2021

* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

* **10.30am** - Holy Eucharist Family Choir

* **6.00pm** - HEP Youth choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 17 November 2021: Sudanese Community.

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

Joseph Ferosa, Tulsu Randeniya, Rex De Mel, Chandrishan Perera, Giuseppe Giuffrida, Cecilia Vo Thi Ngoc Hoa.

Anniversaries

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, Maryse Ranasinghe nee Kroon, Vernon De Mel, Soma, Emile & Anthony Ranasinghe, Norberto Larrit, 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

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