



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 & 27 FEBRUARY 2022

### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

#### Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

#### Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

#### Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

#### Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

#### Parish School Principal

Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

#### 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

#### Holy Eucharist Parish is Celebrating its 50th Anniversary

Please join us for Mass,  
celebrated by

#### The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli,

Archbishop of Melbourne,  
Sunday March 20, 2022 at  
10.30am.

Holy Eucharist Parish,  
1A Oleander Dr. St Albans VIC  
3021

Food & Entertainment  
following Mass.

No Masses at 9am, 12pm  
(Vietnamese) & 2pm(Samoan)

### THE LIVING WORD

#### First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

*The test of a man is in his conversation*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps. 91(92):2-3,13-16

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

#### Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

*Death is swallowed up in victory*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

#### Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Luke 6:39-45

*Can the blind lead the blind?*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splin-

ter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

### TRAVELLING THE ROAD OF UNCERTAINTY

Driving on country roads is different from driving in the city. Many country roads only have one lane for each direction of traffic and the speed limit can be as high as 110 km/h. So, if you get stuck behind a long road train or semi-trailer on a busy country road, it can be a frustrating experience, as many will attest.

Firstly, you can't see the road too far in front, so drivers need to maintain a safe distance from each other and the semi-trailer, in case the semi-trailer brakes suddenly. Because the road in front is often hard to see clearly, opportunities to safely overtake can be few and far between.

Fortunately, there is an unwritten code in the country that the truck driver will signal with his right indicator that the opposite lane is clear for a reasonable distance. You then know that it's safe to overtake. But some drivers are impatient and take risks. They don't wait for this signal from the truck driver and decide to barge on ahead which can lead to serious road accidents.

This predicament on our roads is also true of our own lives. Sometimes it can be difficult to see a clear path in front of us because of the situation immediately before us, such as a difficult financial situation, a health concern, relationship issues with family members, worries surrounding immigration, and so on. Immense frustration and even despair can result. We can then make poor and dangerous decisions. Like a semi-trailer in front of our car, the difficulty before us obscures our vision of the way ahead and can affect our decisions about what to do.

Is there a way through to overcome these difficulties in our lives and to make good decisions?

As people of faith, we understand that, while we may not be able to see what lies ahead of us, God is with us and never deserts us. We are invited to place our trust in God and to be open to God to guide us and to give the signal at the right time to let us know when it's safe to overtake and to overcome the difficulty before us.

But, as people of faith, we also know that the road is not only ours to navigate. God also asks us to support one another as we journey through life. By travelling together, accompanying each other and sharing the journey, we

can support, assist and comfort one another as we go. As for drivers on the road, we should not focus on selfishly speeding ahead and getting on with our own lives at the expense of others. Rather, we should be patient, considerate of others, and supportive of the community of fellow travellers, God's family. While none of us can see what the future holds for us as individuals or for the world, we can trust that the future lies in God's loving hands.

*By Mark Chia CSsR*

### THE REAL PRESENCE & OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

If someone were to ask me what I think is the biggest single problem facing the Catholic Church today, I would answer that it is the widespread loss of faith in Our Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

When you receive Holy Communion, the priest presents the sacred Host and says, "The Body of Christ," and you say, "Amen." That word "amen" is not just a ritualistic response but an affirmation of the truth of the priest's declaration. When you say "amen," you are acknowledging before God that you believe that what you are receiving is, in fact, of the Body and Blood of Christ hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. You are affirming that in the Holy Eucharist you receive Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest of the seven sacraments because in it we are receiving not just the grace of Jesus Christ, but Jesus Christ *Himself*. The Eucharist is "the source and summit of Christian life." As Archbishop Sheen was fond of saying, without Christ's Eucharistic Presence, the Catholic Church is just another Christian denomination among thousands.

#### **Presence**

We must make an extremely important theological distinction in regard to the ways in which God is present. Obviously, God is present everywhere; He is omnipresent. There is no place in the heavens or on the earth where God is not.

But, in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word made flesh, true God and true man, is uniquely present. He is not only spiritually present: He is also substantially present and bodily present. In the Most Blessed Sacrament, He is present in His divinity and His humanity! By the Will of God the Father, the sacred humanity of Christ is the greatest source of graces, blessings, strength, divine assistance, and consolation given for our lives — for those who believe!

#### **The Power of the Mass**

"This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

When Our Lord said those words, He instituted the priesthood of the New and Everlasting Covenant. By the sheer power of His word, Jesus Christ changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood and commanded the Apostles to do the same thing — the only

thing He would ever command them to do in memory of Him. And down through the centuries God continues to command His faithful people - His New Covenant People - to eat the Flesh of the Lamb.

Christ's Eucharistic Body and Blood are the sacrificial meal by which God frees His new chosen people from a far more insidious form of slavery than even that imposed by the Egyptians - slavery to sin. The Old Testament Passover became the New Testament Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. The Mass, therefore, is the sacrifice of the New and Everlasting Covenant. That is why the Mass is the greatest act of worship the world has ever known or ever will know.

The Mass is the one, supreme, eternal act of worship of the Son of God. The Mass is the mystical renewal and re-presentation of Our Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. It is Calvary made present again, where the merits of His Passion and death are applied to our lives. This means that all the graces and all the blessings and all the power that flow from His Sacrifice — His perfect obedience to the Father's Will, the shedding of His Precious Blood, His atrocious agony at Calvary — are all applied to our lives and for our needs, the needs of the entire Church, and the needs of the whole world.

*That is the power of the Mass.* The Mass is the miracle in which Jesus calls Christians of every age and every time and every nation to be present at the Last Supper and, in a mystical way, to come to Calvary to stand at the foot of the cross, to relive the hour of His Passion, and to be fed with the Bread from Heaven that becomes His Sacred Body by the power of God's Word — the same Divine Word that brought this world into creation out of nothing. We're saved by the Blood of the Lamb and nourished by eating the Flesh of the Lamb as we continue on our spiritual journey to the True Promised Land, which is God's Heavenly Kingdom. This is the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, the center and the source of true Christian worship for all time.

### ***Spirit and Life***

The Mass is Spirit and Life. If we claim that we don't get anything out of it, it can only be because we don't put anything into it. I always pray that God would give every Christian the grace to be able to see the Mass for what He intended it to be — a personal encounter with the Living Jesus Christ. One of the great tragedies of our time is that, in so many of our churches and even seminaries, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is surrounded by so much indifferent and ingratitude and even neglect. It is devastating to think of all the graces that are lost due to this nonchalance about Christ's Eucharistic Presence, and how so many souls are suffering because so many Catholics ignore His Real Presence every day of their lives.

I can't tell you how disappointing it is to see that, in so many of our churches, the faithful don't bother to genuflect or to make any gesture of reverence toward Our

Lord in the tabernacle. It's as if they don't have any idea Who is present in the tabernacle, as if they have no idea about the truth of the Real Presence. When I see all the chitchat and laughing and carrying on before Mass — it's as if Our Lord were not even there.

When I see all this irreverence, I can't help but think: Is it any wonder we have a vocations crisis? Is it any wonder that so many of our seminaries are empty or shut down? Do we honestly believe that God is going to reward us by sending good and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life when His Son is surrounded every day by sacrilegious disrespect in His own House? It's not going to happen unless *we* change, unless *we* restore reverence in our churches and to the worship of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10–11).

As Catholic men and women, we are supposed to be filled with the love of Christ, and what could be more natural than to want to be with the one you love? If you really love someone, you always want to be present to that person; when a man and a woman are truly in love with each other, they always want to be together. And here's the beautiful thing: Jesus is always present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. He is here, an extension of His glorified life in Heaven.

We have the Living Risen Lord Jesus Christ truly and substantially present. In His glorified state He is not subject to the limitations of space and time, so He can be and is present in all the tabernacles of the world.

Seven centuries before Christ, the prophet Isaiah foretold His coming: "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (Isa. 7:14, Douay-Rheims). "Emmanuel" means "God with us." The Holy Eucharist is God with us and among us; He is the Source of all graces. The Eucharist is Jesus Christ waiting for us to come to Him day and night, waiting to share the treasures of His grace with us and with the people we love.

### ***A Personal Relationship***

When we come before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and trust in the power of prayer, we draw strength from *His* inexhaustible strength. We draw power from *His* inexhaustible power. We draw peace from *His* inexhaustible peace. He is the one who makes all our prayers and all our efforts bear fruit. Many times throughout his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II directed the faithful to make the Eucharist the source of our strength. And St. Maximilian Kolbe is said to have remarked that "if Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

At the Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy

Eucharist, He said to the Apostles, "Apart from me you can do nothing. . . . If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:5, 7). Without Him, we can do nothing. Without Him, we are nothing. But thanks be to God, *He is the one* who makes something out of nothing.

It has always been true to say that every one of us needs to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It's a constant theme in Evangelical Protestantism: the need to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. But whenever I hear that, my response is *to thank God that I'm a Catholic*, to thank God for the Apostolic Church, and to thank God for the Holy Eucharist because the summit of that personal relationship with Christ is when we are united with Him spiritually and physically in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, where Jesus is present to us in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Remember this, and never forget it: It just can't get any more personal than that.

*By Fr. William Casey*

## LENTEN SEASON



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Mass Times:**

*2nd March 2022*

- ◆ 9.00am & 6.00pm English
- ◆ 7.30pm Vietnamese

Commencing **Friday 4th March at 8.30am** in the Church until the 8th April. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.



## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 1-03-22**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 2-03-22**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

**Thur 9:00 AM, 3-03-22**

Reader Shirley Krizmanic  
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

**Fri 9:00 AM, 4-03-22**

Reader Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 6.00 PM, 5-03-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace  
Reno Attard

Commentator: Miriam Vella  
Reader: Ed Cablao & Joh Cablao  
Eucharistic Min. Alaistar Surao

Miriam Vella & Reno Attard

**Sun 9.00 AM, 6-03-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen  
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic  
Readers: Helen Maddela  
Kelechi Kelechi

Eucharistic Min. Helen Maddela  
Shirley Krizmanic & Monica Lomen

**Sun 10:30AM, 6-03-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga  
Commentator Cristina Pedroso  
Reader Katalina Poe  
Junior Tufuga

Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt  
Br. Noel & Cristina Pedroso

**Sun 6.00PM, 6-03-22**

Lit. Coordinator Rod Lalunio  
Commentator Lani Laririt  
Reader Rod Lalunio  
Xuan Duong

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio  
Lani Laririt & Xuan Duong

## CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 5th March 2022**

\* **6pm** – Fernandez Family Choir

**Sunday 6th March 2022**

\* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

\* **10.30am** - St Francis Choir

\* **6pm** - EXZEMOZ family & friends Choir

## CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 2nd March 2022

Group 2 - Louise, Jeff & Jenny Colquhoun, Cherrie Surao & Delia

## SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

- \* Tues 1st Mar -Shrove Tuesday-School Advisory Council Meeting (NEW DATE)
- \* Wed 2nd Mar -Ash Wednesday (Mass at 9:10am TBC)
- \* Fri 4th Mar -Round 5 Meadows v HE (AWAY Summer Interschool Sports)
- \* Sun 6th Mar -First Sunday of Lent
- \* Mon 7th Mar -School Photos (Students wear full summer uniform)
- \* Wed 9th Mar -Parent/Teacher Chats - Students go home at 12pm

## LET US PRAY FOR

### The Sick

Ash Dominic Marguerite, Nithy Chellapa, Rachel Piskon, Toni Antonowicz, Linda Ratbone, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott

### Recently Deceased

Mary Busuttill, Saviour "Sam" Tabone, Toeava Fialelei Atonio.

### Anniversaries

Ellawala Family, Joseph & Carmen Bajona, David & Adran Camilleri, Joseph & Rita Micallef-Grimaud, John, Joseph & Christine Montebello, Joseph & Rose Sammut, Bajona Family, Joseph & Nina Borg, Antonio N. Yelo, Mercia Canicula, Angela Chircop, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Peter Disco, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Vincent Duong Kham Su, 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

Since each person speaks from his heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life. Follow Him willingly.

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