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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TIME YEAR C**

**19 & 20 MARCH 2022**

**REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY**

**Mission Leader**

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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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

**Day Light Saving ends**

**Sunday, April 3, 2022,  
 2:00:00 am local standard  
 time instead.**

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Apr 3, 2022 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

**Saturday Masses will be moved to 1 hour earlier commencing Saturday 2nd April - 1st October 2022 at 5:00pm instead of 6:00pm  
 Thank you!**

**You are invited!**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**  
 Please join us for Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne  
 MARCH  
 SUNDAY 20 AT 10:30 AM  
 2022  
 Holy Eucharist Parish  
 1A Oleander Drive, St Albans VIC  
 FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING MASS

**Fr Anthony Guelen** First Parish Priest 1974 - 1983  
**Fr Neville Burke** Parish Priest 1983-1992  
**Fr Peter Carucan** Parish Priest 1992 - 2010  
**Fr Minh Tran SJ** Parish Priest 2010 - 2016  
**Fr Tuan Anh Do CSsR** Parish Priest 2016 - 2020  
**Fr Vincent Pham CSsR** Parish Priest 2020 -

**Sisters of Mercy**  
**Sr Eileen Greenan** Principal 1975 - 1979  
**Sr Tess Veenker MSC** REC 1980 - 1982  
**Sr Elizabeth Scheer (MSC)** REC 1983 - 1984  
**Sr Carmel Mattery (MSC)** REC 1985  
**Sr Rae-Anne Williams** REC 1986 - 1992



**THE LIVING WORD**

**First reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**

*'I AM has sent me to you'*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and

see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you."' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps. 102(103):1-4,6-8,11**

#### **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

#### **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion,

#### **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

#### **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

#### **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

*The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses lit-

tered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### **Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

*'Leave the fig tree one more year'*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

## **ST. JOSEPH: OUR SUBLIME MODEL FOR SAINTLY FATHERHOOD**

If we want to look to the saints as models then we should raise our eyes, mind and heart to the greatest of all saints and that is, of course St. Joseph!

The Church celebrates liturgically Glorious Saint Joseph twice a year. March 19th and May 1st. In March he is celebrated under the title *Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary*. In May his title is *Saint Joseph the Worker*.

In this short essay we would like to focus on Glorious Saint Joseph as patron of families and patron of fathers. As we all know, in the world in which we live the family is definitely in crisis, as well as fatherhood. For these two reasons we would like to raise our minds and hearts to Saint Joseph to pray for families, as well as to serve as a splendid and shining model for fathers to follow.

One of the titles given to Saint Joseph in the beautiful prayer that we call the *Litany of Saint Joseph* is the poetic expression: *Saint Joseph, Ornament of the Domestic Life, pray for us*. What do we mean by the word *ornament*? Very simply, an ornament has as its nature and purpose to adorn, to beautify, to dignify, to make noble. If Saint Joseph is given a more prominent role in the family, then families indeed will become more beautiful, more noble, more loving, more pure — in a word, more holy!

Therefore, we encourage all families to invite the Glorious Saint Joseph to be a living member of your family, of course in union with Mary, the spouse of Saint Joseph, and Jesus, our Lord. Two

suggestions on how to invite Saint Joseph to have a more prominent presence and role in the sanctification of your family. First, purchase either an attractive statue of Saint Joseph and place it in a prominent place, or you might prefer to purchase an attractive painting of this great saint. Next, on a daily basis, have the family pray together a prayer to Saint Joseph; it might even be the *Litany of Saint Joseph*. Do not be surprised to experience real changes improving your family life in a short time if this is done. The great Saint Teresa of Avila, woman Doctor of the Church, who loved and promoted devotion to Glorious Saint Joseph commented that sometimes saints delay in their intercession. But not so with Saint Joseph, he works quick! She said that he is the saint to beg graces from in all circumstances and situations.

Now let us move on to another dimension of the personality of the Great and Glorious Saint Joseph and that is with respect to his Paternity - or if you like, Saint Joseph in his role as Father.

The Church actually gives Saint Joseph a theological category that places him in the apex or zenith of all of the saints and this is called *Protodulia*. By this title, we mean that Saint Joseph as saint is the first to be venerated among all the saints. Saint Bernardine of Siena and other saints give the reason and it is because of the dignity of his office or the dignity of his sublime vocation. For, according to the vocation that God gives to any individual, He will always give corresponding graces commensurate with that vocation. The Sacrament of Marriage enables a husband and wife to be faithful to each other, and to be responsible and holy parents. Holy Orders enables the priest to carry out his priestly duties with grace, order, love, and perfection.

Likewise, God called the great Saint Joseph to be both spouse of Mary, the Mother of God, as well as to be the earthly father to Jesus, the Savior of the world. Therefore, it stands to reason, that due to these two sublime duties, Saint Joseph would be endowed with a super abundance of graces. For this reason, we want to love Saint Joseph, pray to Saint Joseph, and trust in the power of his intercession.

### ***Saint Joseph as Father***

One of the most astounding and mind-boggling works of the Eternal Father was to send His Only Son Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and to allow His Son to become a little Baby — vulnerable, weak and totally dependent upon a human mother and a human father — Mary and Saint Joseph. Indeed, Saint Joseph was and always will be the earthly father of Jesus! This was the will of the eternal Father for all eternity. And of course, Saint Joseph was the best of all earthly fathers.

We would like to highlight only a few sublime qualities of Saint Joseph as father so that it will serve as a springboard for many fathers to imitate. We all desperately need good role-models to imitate, and now, more than ever, fathers need a role model, and Saint Joseph is by far the best!

The following are five specific qualities that Saint Joseph lived as father to Jesus and as a model of all present and future fathers. May Glorious Saint Joseph intercede for fathers that they will faithfully carry out the sublime role that God has entrusted to them.

#### **1. First, Saint Joseph was a faithful son of the Eternal Father.**

What is meant by this is simply the following: to be a good father, one must first and foremost be a noble, loving, and obedient son to the heavenly Father. All fathers must pray with utmost sincerity the prayer of the Lord: “*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...*” A true father must have God as his guide, source, life,

and inspiration. May fathers, in imitation of Saint Joseph, cultivate a deep relationship with the heavenly Father, and learn the true meaning of the Lord’s prayer, *The Our Father...*

#### **2. Second, Saint Joseph was a faithful and loving spouse.**

The Liturgy highlights how Saint Joseph *cherished* his wife, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The word *cherish* means that he really loved her. It is true that both Saint Joseph and Mary decided upon and lived faithfully a virginal marriage, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, on a human level there existed a most profound and dynamic love that bound them together, a love imbued with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, to be true and genuine fathers, husbands must love God, but then they must really love their wives. For when they love their wives, this love overflows and descends upon their children, like rainfall that falls and moistens the parched ground. A gesture of kindness and love given to his wife, is a gesture of kindness and love given to their children!

#### **3. Third, good Saint Joseph was a teacher.**

He taught Jesus, on a human level, many important practices. He taught Jesus how to speak and say *Abba — Daddy!* He taught Jesus how to walk. He taught Jesus the art of being a craftsman as a carpenter. Now listen to this: Saint Joseph even taught Jesus how to pray! Take the words of the Psalms, such as “*The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...*” (Psalm 23:1), Saint Joseph prayed these words and taught the Child Jesus to pray them. How sublime! The great Saint Joseph taught the *Logos, the Eternal Word of God the Father*, how to pray using human words!

The documents of Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church insist on the fact that the parents—both father and mother—are the primary teachers of their children, most especially in that which refers to the faith. May good Saint Joseph be a model for parents to truly be the first and best teachers of their children in all areas: academic, social, human, emotional, but especially as teachers of morality, spirituality, and all that refers to the good of the soul of the child and his eternal salvation.

#### **4. Saint Joseph was present to his child and to his wife.**

What we mean by *present* refers to the all-pervasive sad fact that so many fathers today actually become what we might term *Drop-out Dads!* This term *Drop-out Dad* has a multiplicity of interpretations, all nefarious and noxious to the well-being of the child and the family at large. Here are a few: divorcees, those involved in adultery, those hooked to vices (drinking, porn, drugs, casino gambling or the horses), those who are physically present but emotionally disengaged or disconnected.

This indeed becomes a vicious cycle passed on from one generation to the next. Contrariwise, good Saint Joseph was always, and we emphasize *always*, available to the needs of his family - both wife and Son! Saint Joseph prayed with the family, worked with the family, ate with the family, went to the Synagogue and Temple with the family, laughed with the family, relaxed with the family, and finally died in the arms of those he loved most - Jesus and Mary!

#### **5. St. Joseph was willing to sacrifice for his family**

A very important final note on the noble, sublime, and holy presence and person of the great Saint Joseph was his willingness to sacrifice himself and suffer for Jesus and Mary. Not in one isolated case but many times, and intense sufferings!

Saint Joseph suffered due to the Virginal Conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary, until the angel cleared his doubt, and Saint Joseph took Mary to be his wife. Saint Joseph made the long and gruelling

trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, in total obedience to the governing authorities, accompanying his pregnant wife on a donkey those many miles. Upon arriving, Saint Joseph received nothing but rejection: “*There was no place for them in the Inn.*”

Then Saint Joseph had a dream that the wicked King Herod wanted to kill his Son. In the bitter cold and darkness of night, faithful, strong, and obedient husband and father, good Saint Joseph, fled with his family to Egypt, thereby saving Jesus from being slaughtered. The strong, valiant, courageous, and trusting Saint Joseph experienced all these episodes and more, motivated by a most profound love for his family — his wife and his Child!

True and authentic fathers have a compelling need to look up to the valiant and courageous Saint Joseph as model and guide. In other words, true fathers must be willing to work hard for their children, sacrifice for their children, and even be willing to suffer for their children, and sometimes suffer painfully for their children to bring them to safety from the many wiles of the modern Herods! Our human nature shirks and recoils from the prospect of suffering. However, it is part and parcel of human existence.

### ***Love of St. Joseph***

Saint Joseph sacrificed himself and suffered intensely for one reason: *love*. This great saint loved God; he loved his wife Mary, and he had an all-encompassing love for his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. May our modern fathers, our modern Dads, lift up their eyes to good Saint Joseph and beg for his heavenly intercession, especially in moments of trial when pain and sacrifice are demanded. No doubt, good Saint Joseph will be present, powerful and providential in his assistance!

The first devotees (those truly devoted to) this great and glorious Saint Joseph were both Our Lady and Jesus, the Lord. For all of us to have an integral, well-balanced and complete relationship with Jesus and Mary, then we must also have a great love for glorious Saint Joseph.

So we would like to end with a prayer to Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph:

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul; Jesus, Mary and Joseph, make my heart like unto yours; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony; Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I breathe forth my soul unto thee. O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.*

***By Fr. Ed Broom, OMV***

## **READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

### **Wed 9:00 AM, 23-03-22**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

### **Thur 9:00 AM, 24-03-22**

Reader Shirley Krizmanic  
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

### **Fri 9:00 AM, 25-03-22**

Reader Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

### **Sat 6:00 PM, 26-03-22**

Lit Coordinator: Charlie Pace  
Reno Attard  
Commentator: Alastair Surao  
Reader: St Francis rep.  
Eucharistic Min. Antony Naidu  
Catherine Bartolo & Reno Attard

### **Sun 9:00 AM, 27-03-22**

Lit Coordinator Monica Lomen  
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### **Sun 10:30AM, 27-03-22**

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Lit Coordinator Rod Lalunio  
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Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio  
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## **CHOIR GROUPS**

### **Saturday 26th March 2022**

\* **6pm** – St Francis Choir

### **Sunday 27th March 2022**

\* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

\* **10.30am** - Parish Choirs

\* **6pm** - Youth & DeSouza's

## **CLEANING ROSTER**

### **Week Beginning 23rd March 2022**

Group 5 - Xuan Dung Huynh,  
Ngocan Truong, Margaret Bajada,  
Tran Thi Kim Hao, Hong Thuy  
Tran.

## **LENTEN SEASON**

### **STATION OF THE CROSS**

on **Fridays @ 8.30am** in the Church until the 8th April. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

#### \* **Individual Confession**

◆ **Tuesday-Friday 9.30am**

#### \* **Communal Reconciliation**

*English*

◆ **Wednesday 30th March 7.00pm**

◆ **Wednesday 6th April 7.00pm**

*Vietnamese*

◆ **Thursday 31st March 7.00pm**

◆ **Thursday 7th April 7.00pm**

## **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**

Tofaeono Felise Poe, Grazio (Horace) Camilleri, John Mercieca, Mary Busuttill, Saviour “Sam” Tabone, Norbi Rahaman & Shirley D.

### **Anniversaries**

Maria Galea, Bettie McGraph, Emile-Soma-Tony & Andrew Ranasinghe, Lesey & Lanka Joseph, Michael, Sweeney, Marcela Fernando, Heather, Ananda Weckremasuriya, Richard Cummi, Iro & Jessie Vella, Angela Chircop, Peter Disco, Wayne Camilleri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphonsus Schiller, Peter Do Van Tri, Inne Maria Le Thi Bien, Mollie Rise(Marie), 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**

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

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