



# HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

23 & 24 APRIL 2022

### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

#### Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

#### Assistant Parish Priest

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Fr Oche Matutina CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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#### Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

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Deacon George B.P.Meat

### MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm
- ◆ **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

#### SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le

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Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

**FOODBANK** open Fridays  
10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

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

**St Vincent de Paul:** Call Centre is now open. Please contact 1800 305 330. Thank you.

### THE LIVING WORD

#### First reading Acts 5:12-16

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps. 117(118):2-4,22-27

#### Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

#### Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

#### Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

#### Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

#### Second reading Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

*I was dead, and now I am to live for ever and ever*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’

## Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel John 20:19-31

*Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Some of you would remember when we spoke of the Sundays "after" Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays "of" Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit.

The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves, and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while.

If we think, however, that those who hear in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust need a bit of time to take the gospel message on board.

*By Sister Veronica Lawson RSM*

### WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S EASTER PEOPLE

A religious sister who had just completed a few days of silent retreat in our community said to me, "Your place is so peaceful and convenient for prayer. What about you, are you a peaceful person?"

Her interesting question reminded me that it was possible for us to live in peaceful settings and still lack peace of heart. We can be in a place of plenty and abundance and still find ourselves fretting and worrying about tomorrow. We can live in a place of prayer and still not be prayerful. More tragically, we could enthusiastically proclaim and wish others "Happy Easter" without being Easter persons ourselves.

We are not Easter people because we tend to see Easter as only a past event that we somehow remember and celebrate yearly. How easily we thus reduce Easter to a memorial of Christ's rising from the grave

over two thousand years ago. **We fail to realize that, because of our baptism, Easter is not just a past event to be remembered and celebrated but also an ever-present reality that moves us and impacts our lives today.**

We become Easter people today by the faith of our Baptism, “We were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”(Rom 6:4) Through baptism, we are united with the risen Christ and God is with us always. **This is why our “newness of life” as Easter people must be a mirror reflection of the life of Christ from the moment of His baptism in the Jordan River.**

**St. Peter describes three aspects of the earthly life of Jesus Christ after His baptism that we must reflect as Easter people.**

**Firstly, while living in a sinful world, Jesus did all the good that the Father willed for Him for the liberation and healing of all humanity.** After the Father had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and power, He “went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” He did not succumb, get distracted, or become discouraged by the many forms of evil in the world.

By virtue of our own baptism, we too are to do good that God inspires in us always and everywhere, and not once in a while or when convenient and beneficial for us. We can no longer blame anyone or worldly influences for our inaction or sinful choices. As instruments of divine goodness, we are too are equipped to bring healing and hope to all by our words and actions. Easter people neither surrender in the battle against sin in any way nor do they become accomplices in the moral misconduct of others. Neither are they indifferent to sin in the world.

But doing all the good inspired by God was not enough for Jesus. **The second aspect is that Jesus freely endured suffering from others,** “They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree.” He experienced the murderous hatred and ingratitude of those whom He loved and died for.

Because of our incorporation into Christ by baptism, we too will suffer evil from others in this world, “You will be hated by all because of my name.”(Mt 10:22) We shall even face strong temptations in this life, “In this world, you will have tribulations.”(Jn 16:33) The grace of baptism is not intended to dispense us from the pains that come from our relationships with others, “We always carry in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of may also be mani-

festated in our bodies.”(2Cor 4:9) By this baptismal grace, we can endure all these out of love for God.

**Lastly, Jesus conquered evil by rising from the dead by the power of His Father,** “This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible.”(See Acts 10:37-43) Because the ultimate victory of Jesus was not an earthly victory, His Resurrection is a divine guarantee of our heavenly reward if we place all our trust in Him and remain His Easter people till our last breaths.

By the grace of baptism, we too know that God will surely reward us for the good that we do and the evil that we endure for Him. We also have that conviction that sin, death, and the devil will not ultimately prevail over us. We never lose hope because we know that we will be raised with Jesus one day even if we do not see the earthly rewards for our labors for Christ.

**The Resurrection proves that Jesus always fulfills His promise to us.** The disciples did not believe in His promise that He would rise from the grave after three days, “For they did not yet understand the Scriptures that He had to rise from the dead.”(Jn 20:9) His fidelity to His promises makes our own fidelity to Him possible. From now on, we have no valid reason to ever doubt His faithfulness to us.

We are the ones who need to renew our baptismal promises to Him because we are not always faithful to Him as His Easter people. How many of us have been faithful to our baptismal promises to renounce sin and Satan, believe in the Triune God, live fully in the communion of saints, and serve God in His Holy Catholic Church? This is why we renew our baptismal promises in the Easter Sunday Eucharist.

Let us also renew these baptismal promises at the many Easter moments that Jesus provides for us. Numerous Easter moments abound in our Catholic life – experiencing divine forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receiving and offering this same forgiveness to others, encountering Christ in the Eucharist at Mass or at Eucharistic adoration, connecting with others in loving service, spending silent time with God in prayer, reading, meditating, and communing with Him through the sacred scriptures, etc. No matter what our pasts have been, we can make use of such moments to begin again to be the truly Easter people that God is always calling us to be.

May the grace of our Eucharist today deepen our communion with the risen Christ and sustain us in being Easter people all the days of our lives. Amen.

Happy Easter to you all, God’s Easter People!

*By Fr. Nnamdi Moneme, OMV*

## JESUS HEALS OUR PAINS

How are we healed of our wounding memories? We are healed first of all by letting them be available, by leading them out of the corner of forgetfulness, and by remembering them as part of our life stories. What is forgotten is unavailable and what is unavailable cannot be healed. . . .

By lifting our painful forgotten memories out of the egocentric, individualistic, private sphere, Jesus Christ heals our pains. He connects them with the pain of all humanity, a pain he took upon himself and transformed. To heal, then, does not primarily mean to take pains away but to reveal that our pains are part of a great pain, that our sorrows are part of a great sorrow, that our experience is part of the great experience of him who said, "But was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into the Glory of God?" (Luke 24:26).

*By Henri Nouwen*

## SCHOOL NEWS

**BEGINNING OF TERM 2**  
Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

Please note that Monday 25th April is ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday.

**Welcome back Holy Eucharist Primary School Principal, Staff and students.** Hope you had a wonderful school holiday and a peaceful Easter. Have a blessed and safe Term 2.

## CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

If you wish to volunteer to help out with the cleaning of the Church, please speak Lily Disco or call the Parish Office on 9366 1310

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 26-04-22**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 27-04-22**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

**Thur 9:00 AM, 28-04-22**

**Readers** Shirley Krizmanic  
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

**Fri: 9:00 AM, 29-04-22**

Reader: Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 5.00 PM, 30-04-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard  
Commentator: Alastair Surrao  
Readers: Susan Hallorina  
Jinky Monteros  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri,  
Anthony Naidu, Reno Attard

**Sun 9.00 AM, 01-05-22**

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen  
Commentator Shirley Krizmanic  
Readers: Wilma Marmur  
Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min: Mini Eddy  
Monica Lomen & Shirley Krizmanic

**Sun 10:30AM, 01-05-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano  
Commentator Cristine Pedroso  
Reader: Yoko Ah Kuoi  
Junior Tufuga  
Eucharistic Min. Taoete Afano  
Mary Giuffrida  
Rita Martin

**Sun 6.00PM, 01-05-22**

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt  
Commentator Xuan Duong  
Reader Larnie Mendoza  
Rod Lalunio  
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio  
Lani Laririt  
Xuan Duong

## CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 30th April 2022**

\* **5pm** – Fernandez Family Choir

**Sunday 1st May 2022**

\* **9am** - Charlie Schembri

\* **10.30am** - Samoan Choir

\* **6pm** - Exzimos Family & Friends Choir

## CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning **27 April 2022**  
Group 10 - St Francis Choirs.

## LET US PRAY FOR

### The Sick

Arnord Fernandez, 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

Zachary Elias Cablao, Francis Micallef, Joyce Borg, Rita Buhagiar

### Anniversaries

Jan & Jovan Vala, Elizabet & Jan Danicek, Maria Lojdl, Stefan Kolek, Family Attard, Family Zammit, Family Grech, Michael Grech, Bruce Mc. Lean, Joseph Formosa, Renee Tanner, Leon Joson, Augusta Joson, Raymond Esther, Josee Tanner, Peter & Simon Taylor, Serge Bapaume, Richard Curmi, 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

You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

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