



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

30 APRIL & 1 MAY 2022

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Mission Leader

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MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm
- ◆ **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
Phone 9366 1310
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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 5:27-32,40-41

We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy Spirit

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation of Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-14

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past three years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt dis-

appointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

TEN SPIRITUAL FRUITS FROM READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

If there were ever an action book present in the Bible that moves quickly from one scene of action to the next, it would have to be *The Acts of the Apostles*. The Apostles arrested and thrown in jail, a young man persecuting Christians and throwing them in jail, his conversion through a powerful light and resonant voice, a building shook by a powerful wind and descent of tongues of fire, the downpour of stones crashing upon and crushing the skull of a young, eloquent, and courageous preacher—these dynamic and dramatic events issue forth in the *The Acts of the Apostles*. You almost feel as if you are on the edge of your chair or on the edge of a cliff once you finish one chapter and proceed to the next.

As an introduction to *The Acts of the Apostles*, we present ten basic truths to help us delve deeper into the immense treasure-house of riches that this book, inspired by the Holy Spirit, offers for our prayerful reading and spiritual enrichment.

1. Place in the Bible

The Book, *The Acts of the Apostles*, follows on the heels of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. After John Chapter 21, we enter into the gateway and threshold of *The Acts of the Apostles*. In a certain sense, the Acts will build upon our knowledge, love, and ardent desire to follow Jesus the Lord.

2. The Author

The Acts of the Apostles, its writing and composition, is attribut-

ed to Saint Luke. A man of many talents, Saint Luke was a physician, painter, Evangelist, writer, missionary, companion to Saint Paul, and most important saint, ending his life by shedding his blood as a martyr.

3. Starting Point: Two Mysteries of the Rosary

The actual starting point of *The Acts of the Apostles* - Chapter One and Two - are two of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary: The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven (Acts 1), and The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2), also known as Pentecost. Therefore, we invite the Blessed Virgin Mary to be with us as we meditate upon *The Acts of the Apostles*. Among Mary's many titles is that of *the Spouse of the Holy Spirit*.

4. Key Protagonist: The Holy Spirit

One of the key figures or protagonists in *The Acts of the Apostles* is the Person of the Holy Spirit. This action book can even be given the appropriate title, "*The Gospel of the Holy Spirit*." A suggestion: while carefully reading and meditating upon *The Acts of the Apostles*, note mentally, or in a notebook, the many times that the Holy Spirit appears in these action pages.

5. Number 28

By Number 28, we mean the number of Chapters in *The Acts of the Apostles*. A mini-month course can be given by delivering 4 to 5 talks and inviting the people to read and meditate upon one chapter per day for four weeks - perfect timing and synchronization!

6. Easter Season Reading

Once the Church moves from the Lenten Season into the Easter Season, the first reading in the daily Masses, as well as the Sunday Masses, offers for our listening and meditation *The Acts of the Apostles*.

7. Saints Peter & Paul

The title of the book is *The Acts of the Apostles*. However, not too many of the Apostles appear in the limelight, with the exception of two prominent ones: Saint Peter and Saint Paul. In chronological order, Peter appears in the first chapters, then disappears and gives way to Saul of Tarsus, who is converted into the fiery Apostle Paul. An interesting note: as you walk through the front doors of the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome, you walk in between two statues - Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Saint Peter holds the Keys of the Kingdom; Saint Paul, a sword!

8. Suffering & Martyrdom

A common theme in the Acts is the readiness and willingness of the early followers of Christ to suffer for their Master. The Protomartyr - meaning first martyr - was Saint Stephen. Under the guidance and approval of Saul of Tarsus, Saint Stephen was stoned to death. Like Jesus, Saint Stephen prayed for and forgave his persecutors. Mercy always triumphs over anger and revenge!

9. Missionary Book

Not only is the Acts of the Apostles an action book, as well as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, it is also a model program for missionary activity. Saul of Tarsus, converted into the

fiery Apostle Saint Paul, paves the way. We have outlined in the Acts of the Apostles missionary journeys, activities, sufferings, successes and failures, tactics and methods on how to evangelize as a missionary. No doubt, upon reading the missionary activities, especially carried out by Saint Paul, Saint Luke, Saint Barnabas and others, you will feel the urge and motivation to also become a modern missionary.

10. Mary and the Holy Spirit

The great Marian saint, Saint Louis de Montfort, who left us the spiritual classic *True Devotion* on how to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, speaks of the deep union between Mary and the Holy Spirit. Mary is intimately related to the Blessed Trinity because she is the Daughter of God the Father, the Mother of God the Son, but she is also the Mystical Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Louis goes on to say that those who love Mary, the Holy Spirit, flings Himself into that soul. Therefore, in the opening pages of the Acts of the Apostles, we find Mary making the first novena with the Apostles in the Upper Room. After fervent prayer, penance, and silence for nine days, the Holy Spirit descends on Mary and the Apostles in tongues of fire—the Church is born!

Let us turn to Mary as we read and meditate upon "The action book of the Bible", the Acts of the Apostles, and beg that through her most powerful intercession we might experience a renewed Pentecost experience in our own lives and become the saint that God has destined us to become for all eternity.

By Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

TRANSFORM MINDSETS OF WAR INTO PLANS FOR PEACE

In a video message to the US National Catholic Congress on Hispanic Ministry - taking place in Washington, DC - Pope Francis invites participants to reflect on the need to be Christians who can create bridges in all sectors of society.

Pope Francis has again seized the opportunity to call on humanity to change its mindset and to plan for peace.

Addressing participants in a Catholic National Congress on Hispanic Ministry, he notes that we are living an "absurd time in which, without having yet come out of a pandemic that has afflicted all humanity with great suffering and sorrow, we find ourselves in the midst of the suffering and tragedy of a war."

"Every war is born of injustice, every war, including those that at times we wage in our families and communities, which are fought in silence; they too are born of injustice."

The Congress, entitled *Raíces y Alas 2022* [Roots and Wings 2022], has been convened from 26 to 30 April on the theme "Prophetic Voices: Being bridges for a new era".

"You have chosen a good theme," the Pope says, inviting participants to be actors in transforming mindsets of war into "mindsets and plans of peace."



National Congress on Hispanic Ministry focuses on raising prophetic voices

“We all think with mindsets of war. It is existential Cainism. Brotherhood is for all, and it is made manifest in mindsets that change the life of families, communities, peoples, nations, and the world,” he says.

Building bridges

The Pope goes on to invite believers to reflect on the need to be “Christians who transform the structure and who can create bridges in all sectors of society, illuminating thought, so that it may lead to actions that can bring peace and unity at all levels, starting from our families and communities.”

“I need peace, you need peace, the world needs peace, breathing peace is healthy. We need tangible signs of peace. Christians must set the example.”

“I ask you to be bridges,” Pope Francis concludes before imparting his apostolic blessing, “to create bridges, to pray and work for peace, and not to forget to pray for me.”

By Linda Bordoni

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocese of Melbourne conducts Mass count during the month of May. Collectors/Volunteers and Community Leaders will help with the four week-ends in May have been selected for the count. It will commence on the 7-8 May 2022 Masses, and all Sunday in May. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

If you wish to volunteer to help out with the cleaning of the Church, please speak to Lily Disco or call the Parish Office on 9366 1310 during office hours. Thank You!



READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 03-05-22

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 04-05-22

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 05-05-22

Readers Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri: 9:00 AM, 06-07-22

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 07-05-22

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Violeta Montoro
Wendy Forbes-Perera

Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella,
Alaistair Surrao, Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 08-05-22

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

Sun 10:30AM, 08-05-22

Lit. Coordinator: Cristine Pedroso
Commentator Rita Martin
Reader: St Francis rep.
St Francis rep.
Eucharistic Min. Cristine Pedroso
Sua Tufuga
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 08-05-22

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 7th May 2022

* 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 8th May 2022

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am - St Francis Choir

* 6pm - Youth For Christ Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 4 May 2022
Group 11 - Ed & Joh Cablao & family, Jinky Monteros & family.

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.

Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Renee Tanner, Leon Josen, Augusta Josen, 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

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son. And tell the world what you hear!

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