



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT TIME YEAR C

2 & 3 APRIL 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

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Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

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

- 1st & 2nd Sun Sudanese Mass - 3.00pm
- 3rd Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4th 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!**

LENT & EASTER 2022 AT HOLY EUCHARIST CHURCH

Stations of the Cross for Adults

every Friday at 8.30am

Station of the Cross for Children

Friday 8th April at 7.00pm

Masses & Blessing of Palms

⇒ 9th April:

- English Mass: 5:00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 6:30pm

⇒ 10th April:

- English Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 12:30pm,
- Sudanese Mass: 3.00pm

Holy Thursday 14th April - Mass of The Lord's Supper

- English Mass: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 8.00pm

Good Friday 15th April

- Stations of the Cross 10.00am
- Passion of the Lord
 - * English: 3.00pm
 - * Vietnamese: 7.00pm

Easter Vigil 16th April - Resurrection of the Lord

- English: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese: 8.00pm
- Blessing of the food 11.00am & 4.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April

- English Masses: 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 12:00pm
- Samoan Mass: 2:00pm

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

⇒ **English**

- Wednesday 6th April 7.00pm

⇒ **Vietnamese**

- Thursday 7th April 7.00pm

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

- Tuesday-Friday 9:30am

BAPTISM— APRIL

Congratulations to: **Aaisha Deborah Cutajar, Carter Van Caunca, Catherine Ariana Nguyen, Cecilia Ella Nguyen, Chloe Truong, Diana Romeo Valentino, Harper Kiara Bray, Isla Penelope Hope Caunca, Jace Miguel Segovia-Theuma, Jasmine Pham, Luke Sonny Howard, Maria Helen Nguyen, Maria Yuna Nguyen, Peter Asher Vo, Peter Joe Huynh, Rattakit Anankitphanit, Rattakon Anankitphanit, Terexa Hoan An Ngoc Phan, Vincent De Paul Ryan Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Wesley Truong** who were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to be a part of our community faith.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPS

Your Thanksgiving Envelopes are now ready. Please collect your box of envelopes from the Church Foyer; they are sorted in alphabetical order by your street address. Thank you.

PARISH WORKING BEE

WORKING BEE: calling for hands on Saturday the 9th April 2022 starts at 9:30am to help make crosses from palm leaves for Palm Sunday, and make candle holders ready for Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE HOLY WEEK RETREAT

Join the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy of Melbourne with Praying with Jesus at the Last Supper & Gethsemane. **Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday April 11 & 12, 2022 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm (AEST)**

Zoom Mtg ID: 896 6504 1233

Contact: Fr. Asis - 0404 261 228 or Eldred & Celine Rivera - 0433 132 041

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 125(126)

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second reading Philippians 3:8-14

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'



MERCY AND COMPASSION ABOVE ALL

If you were asked to name ten famous figures in the Bible, you would probably list a series of well-known male identities, for example, Abraham, Moses, Job, Jesus, Peter, or Paul. Of the 1426 names of people mentioned in the Bible, 1315 are male. Only 111 women's names appear in the Sacred Scriptures.

Given these statistics, one might rightly assume that both women and the issues specific to women were largely ignored by the Biblical writers.

Today's Gospel, however, presents us with an anomaly — a nameless, adulterous woman whose story proved so powerful that it survived three centuries to be later included in the Fourth Gospel. What is even more remarkable is that it involved a woman who was far from exemplary in her behaviour.

Women play an important role in the Fourth Gospel. Jesus' mother is offered as an example of the perfect disciple (Jn 2:3-4); the woman at the well in Samaria (Jn 4) is presented as a prototype of the Christian missionary (Jn 4:4-42); and, the first witness of the resurrection is Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:11-18), a detail that grants apostolic status to a woman.

The story of the woman condemned by a mob for her extramarital affairs is very different. On the one hand, it appears to be a stray tradition about Jesus that was added to the Gospel in the third century. On the other, the subject of the story is not held up as an example of anything other than as a recipient of Jesus' mercy and compassion.

Some early manuscripts have this story in Luke's Gospel; and it is a worthy sequel to last week's story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32). Just as the Lukan Jesus told that story of the shameless father who sought to reconcile his two sons, so too here this tale serves to highlight that the call to be a Christian is a call to be different, even shameful, in the eyes of wider society.

Jesus was not one to conform to the mob mentality. He saw through the hypocrisy of the crowd demanding the woman's

death. He knew that their appeal to the authorities, both religious and civil, was but an attempt to hide from the real demands of God's covenantal love.

In a society that saw women as property, Jesus held to a broader, more equalitarian perspective, despite the risk of being seen as different and dangerous. For Jesus, mercy and compassion trump all other demands, even the legal customs of society. He chose to identify with someone shamed by wider society and condemned by the mob.

Like the dysfunctional family of last week's Gospel, the story of the adulterous woman suggests that Christians too must be shameless in their compassion for the poor and lowly, especially those whose behaviours are deemed shameful. To publicly declare one's allegiance to the crucified Christ is to identify oneself with all those marginalised by the cultural expectations of society - be they refugees, drug addicts, prostitutes, adulterers, or criminals.

By Ian J Elmer

CULTURE OF CARE AND HOSPITALITY CENTRAL TO POPE'S MALTA VISIT

Pope Francis' imminent visit to the Mediterranean island nation of Malta, after having been postponed in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, is set to take place this weekend.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, on Tuesday, presented the 2-3 April 2022 Apostolic Trip to the archipelago. The visit marks the Holy Father's 36th trip abroad, to the small nation, 90 percent of whose population according to a 2018 survey, professes to be Catholic.

Pope in Malta to pray, meet authorities and migrants



The Journey's theme is 'They Showed Us Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28:2) and highlights the plight of migrants crossing the Mediterranean toward Europe as well as promotes evangelization in the country. The visit's

logo shows open hands from a ship reaching out toward a Cross.

The theme also recalls the hospitable and warm welcome St. Paul received in 60 A.D., when his boat was shipwrecked and washed upon the shores of Malta. Matteo Bruni recalled that Pope Francis dedicated the January 2020 General Audience catecheses to the welcome of St. Paul by the Maltese.

While in Malta, the Holy Father will travel to the cities of Valletta, Rabat, Floriana and the island of Gozo. He will give five discourses during the course of the visit in Italian. The entire visit, other than private encounters, can be watched on Vatican Media, through the Vatican News website, YouTube, Facebook and on Vatican Media live feed, with English-language commentary.

As Pope Francis usually does during his Apostolic Journeys, he is also scheduled to have a private meeting with fellow Jesuits. The text of that conversation will be released at a later time.

Commemorating St. Paul

A major highlight of the trip will include Pope Francis' visit to the Grotto of St Paul at the Basilica in Rabat, where - through a moment of prayer that will see him going down and entering the Grotto - he will commemorate the 'Apostle of the Peoples' shipwreck on the island nearly 2,000 years ago. Another important moment will be the Pope's meeting with refugees at the Giovanni XXIII Peace Lab Center for Migrants in Hal Far.

During his first day, after meeting with civil authorities, the Holy Father will board a catamaran to the island of Gozo from the capital, La Valletta, where he will preside over a prayer meeting at the National Shrine of 'Ta' Pinu and give a homily. He will return by ferry to the island of Malta before transferring to the Apostolic Nunciature, where he will reside during his overnight visit.

Pope Benedict XVI visited Malta in 2010, while St. John Paul II visited in both 1990 and 2001. Malta's first saint, George Preca, was canonized on 3 June 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office also told the press that Cardinal Mario Grech, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, who is Maltese and was bishop of Gozo, from 2005 to 2019, will be part of the Pope's entourage for this Apostolic Journey.

Remembering refugees amid war

As far as whether the Holy Father will speak on war, in light of the ongoing war in Ukraine, the Director of the Holy See Press Office suggested that "it would be difficult to not take the war into account in this moment."

Matteo Bruni noted how the trips' focus on welcome and hospitality takes on heightened meaning as countless refugees are fleeing from devastated Ukraine as the war wages into its second month.

The Holy Father is expected to hold a brief press conference while on the plane returning to Rome, despite the brevity of the return flight.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

FAITH AND REASON ARE GREAT, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MORE

According to National Geographic, scientists have identified more than 1.2 million species of animal and plant life. What makes this statistic remarkable is not what we know, but what we don't know - according to the same source, some 7.5 million species (or 86% of all life) are still unknown to us (source).

When I discovered this fun fact, I thought to myself, "How can they possibly know what we don't know? I mean, if there are 7.5 million other species that we don't know about, how can we assume that they exist all together?"

The answer: imagination bound with logic.

The earth is a massive planet. Science is a relatively new thing for humanity. Given the short amount of time we've been assigning species to living things, the sheer magnitude of the earth's surface and sea, along with our inability to travel to the more remote places on the planet, reason leads us to believe that there's more life on this rock than we know. When combined with the imagination, the concept takes on an added layer of amazing - what do these lives look like? How do they survive? How can we get to them?

The same process is one that I am currently exploring in my Catholic faith. For more than a decade, I've been studying Theology and Philosophy from the viewpoint of reason (almost) exclusively. A logical interpretation of faith via deductive reasoning, logical reflection, and a lot of Aquinas has made me a really, really boring person to talk to when it comes to God (ask my wife!). But no matter how much I understand, I find myself falling into the existential abyss that some of my favorite scholarly Saints fell into too. I've discovered that the more I know, the more I realize I don't know about God.

And that's not a bad thing.

Something truly remarkable happens when you hit this level of spiritual obscurity; you see things differently.

For me, it started with the fiction of Lewis and Tolkien. Their world-building and fantastical treatment of the faith led me to think about just how little my theological understandings of Catholicism (and religion in general) amount to. If my scientific generation can only identify 14% of all known species on this physical earth, then surely we are just as behind, if not more, in understanding an omnipotent, omniscient, and infinite God?

Initially, this realization led me into spiritual panic. All I had worked so hard for academically seemed useless when it came to sanctity: I could explain what I believed, but I could never ascend to the fullness of truth. At least, not completely.

In fact, this reality was one that Lewis himself passed through during his conversion to Christianity. He struggled to identify the source of his holy longings as something (or someone) purely based on reason and faith. It wasn't until Tolkien influenced the young Lewis through the imaginative completion of his reasonable faith:

“For Tolkien, grasping Christianity’s meaningfulness took precedence over its truth. It provided the total picture, unifying and transcending these fragmentary and imperfect insights... Tolkien thus helped Lewis to realize that a ‘rational’ faith was not necessarily imaginatively and emotionally barren. When rightly understood, the Christian faith could integrate reason, longing, and imagination.” McGrath, C. S. Lewis – A Life: Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet

We have been reminded by the Thomists on nearly every occasion with which we have the good fortune to hear them preach that faith and reason are intimately bound. But for today’s Catholic (and for the C. S. Lewis’ of the world), a singular element is missing, one that might be the most important of all: imagination.

The knowledge that can be mined in the caves of the Catholic doctrine are second to the infinite mysteries that can be found in the skies. Faith and reason are solid first steps toward those celestial clouds, but until we can shape-shift our faith into the wings of a dragon through a proper Christian imagination, we will never live lives holy enough to soar to such heights.

By T.J. BURDICK

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 5-04-22

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 6-04-22

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Thur 9:00 AM, 7-04-22

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Volunteers

Fri 9:00 AM, 8-04-22

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 9-04-22

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri
Reader: Samoan choir

Passion of the Lord Readers:

Narrator - Miriam Vella
Other - Anthony Naidu
Crowd - choir & the congregation
Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surao
Wendy Forbes-Perera & Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 10-04-22

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator Wilma Marmur
Readers: Helen Maddela & Mini Eddy

Passion of the Lord Readers:

Narrator - Mini Eddy
Other - Wilma Marmur
Crowd - choir & the congregation
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen
Helen Maddela & Mini Eddy

Sun 10:30AM, 10-04-22

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cabla
Commentator Rita Martin
Reader: St Francis choir

Passion of the Lord Readers:

Narrator - Christine Pedroso
Other - Rita Martin
Crowd - choir & the congregation
Eucharistic Min. Ed Cabla,
Br. Tony & Br. Noel

Sun 6.00PM, 10-04-22

Lit. Coordinator Xuan Duong
Commentator Lani Laririt
Reader Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong

Passion of the Lord Readers:

Narrator - Rod Lalunio,
Other - Lani Laririt
Crowd - choir & the congregation
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lani Laririt, Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 10th April 2022

* 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 3rd April 2022

* 9am - Charlie Schembri
* 10.30am - St Francis Choirs
* 6pm - Youth for Christ Choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week Beginning 6 April 2022
Group 7 - South Sudanese Community - Peter Adiang & David.

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

Francis Micallef

Anniversaries

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

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

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