



# HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

14 & 15 MAY 2022

### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

#### Mission Leader

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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 14:21-27

*They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps. 144 (145):8-13a

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

#### Second reading Apocalypse 21:1-5

*A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

#### Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

#### Gospel John 13:31-33,34-35

*In the Son of Man, God has been glorified*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been

glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

### 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 disappointed 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 disciplesh-

ship. 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*

### AMID CRISES AND WAR, GRANDPARENTS' PRAYERS CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD

In Pope Francis' Message for the 2nd World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly, Pope Francis encourages the elderly to persevere in hope and reminds them of their great power to transform the world through prayer and tenderness.

Pope Francis says aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing, and that even if society or your own frailties may tempt you to think otherwise, you are invaluable and God wants you to persevere in hope!

This encouragement was at the heart of the Message released Tuesday for the 2nd World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, which falls this year on 24 July.

The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Pope Francis instituted this World Day in 2021 since grandparents are often forgotten, but yet "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."



In this year's message, the Pope drew largely upon his catecheses on old age, the family and St. Joseph.

### Society implies the elderly are useless

The Pope recalled the Psalmist's words that "In their old age they still bring forth fruit" (Ps 92:14). These words, the Pope said, are glad tidings and "a true "gospel" that we can proclaim, and which "run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life..."

Many people are afraid of old age, the Pope said, recognizing they consider it "a sort of disease" with which any contact is best avoided. "The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems," he lamented. "This is the mindset of the 'throw-away culture.'"

Even by those "of us" who are already experiencing old age, the 85-year-old Pope acknowledged, it is not a time of life easily understood. On one hand, the Pope said, we are tempted to ward off old age and preserve our youth, "while on the other, we imagine that the only

thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot 'still bring forth fruit.'"

He notes that retirement and grown children make many things that used to occupy the elderly's time and energy no longer so pressing, while diminishing strength and the onset of sickness leave us feeling uncertain.

"The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless," he said.

### **Must persevere in hope**

That same psalm, which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives, the Pope said, "urges us to persevere in hope."

*"Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise Him still. We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!"*

For this reason, the Pope said, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years, also from a spiritual standpoint.

### **Pope Francis' recommendations on how to stay active**

The Pope then offered some suggestions on how to do so.

*"We ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all, by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers."*

These things, the Pope said, "will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us." Instead, "we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord," the Holy Father said.

*"Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future."*

The Pope encouraged them to take an active role in the revolution of tenderness.

### **Grandparents' prayers can transform a world in crises**

Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying

out.

These great crises risk anaesthetizing us to the reality of other "epidemics" and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home. All this points to the need for a profound change, a conversion.

We grandparents and elderly people, the Pope stated, have a great responsibility: "to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren." Since the elderly have grown in humanity by caring for others, "now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need," he said.

We have a responsibility to protect the world, the Pope insisted.

"Our grandparents," he reminded, "held us in their arms and carried us on their knees; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects," he said.

*"Let us hold in our hearts – like Saint Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father – the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of South Sudan..."*

### **Enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary**

Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization of what our world very much needs: the recognition that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is bread we break together.

*"Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer."*

The Pope encouraged the elderly to be "poets of prayer," stressing, "Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts."

Pope Francis invited them to join him in being "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life."

### **Living the World Day concretely**

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, the Pope said, "is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has 'filled with days.'"

"Let us celebrate it together!" he said.

*"I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no*

one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"

The Pope concluded his message for World Day with an invitation to pray to the Blessed Mother.

"Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the 'revolution of tenderness,' so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war."

The Holy Father gave his blessing, reassured his closeness and affection, and reminded them not to forget to pray for him.

*By Deborah Castellano Lubov*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SACRAMENT PREPARATION: TERM 2

- Confirmation Presentation Mass (Church) Sunday 15th May 2022 at the 10.30am Mass
- **SACRAMENT: Year 6 (also including Year 6 2020 candidates), Confirmation (Church)** Saturday 28th May at 2.00pm
- Communion Family Faith and Information Evening (School Hall) - **COMPULSORY** Monday 30th May at 6.30pm
- Communion Presentation Mass (Church) Sunday 5th June at the 10.30am Mass
- **SACRAMENT: Year 4, First Holy Communion (Church)** Sunday 19th June at the 10.30am Mass.

### ENROLMENTS 2023

Enrolments are now open for 2023 We have already had a number of enquiries at the office from new families who wish to enrol their child for Grade Prep in 2023. It is really important that our current parents register their child/ren at the office if they wish to enrol them Grade Prep in 2023. We will begin interviewing our new enrolment applicants next month.

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 17-05-22**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 18-05-22**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

**Thur 9:00 AM, 19-05-22**

Readers Shirley Krizmanic  
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

**Fri: 9:00 AM, 20-07-22**

Reader: Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 5.00 PM, 21-05-22**

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard  
Commentator: Miriam Vella  
Readers: Alastair Surrao  
Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu,  
Violeta Montoro, Reno Attard

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

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

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

Lit. Coordinator: Cristina Pedroso  
Commentator Rita Martin  
Reader: Ed Cablao  
Susan Hallorina  
Eucharistic Min. Saua Tufuga  
Rita Martin & Cristina Pedroso

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

Lit. Coordinator Xuan Duong  
Commentator Lani Laririt  
Reader HEP Youth  
HEP Youth  
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio  
Lani Laririt & Xuan Duong

## CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 21st May 2022**

\* **5pm** – St Francis Choir

**Sunday 22nd May 2022**

- \* **9am** - Charlie Schembri
- \* **10.30am** - Fernandez Family
- \* **6pm** - HE Parish Youth

## CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 18 May 2022 - Group  
13 - South Sudanese Community -  
David.

## MASS COUNT

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

## 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 Passed

Joe Vassallo, George Gatt, Celia Mata

### Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Ivan Krajina, 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 Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship.*

## VOCATION VIEW

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

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