



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

28 & 29 MAY 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

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

Parish School Principal

Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Deacon George B.P. Meat

MASS TIMES

- ◆ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ◆ **Saturday:** 5:00pm
6.30pm Vietnamese
- ◆ **Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am,
6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

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

SOCIAL OFFICE

Contact: Son Nguyen & Tammy Le
Phone 9366 1310

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade, St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734

between 7-8pm

Email: precastalban@tpg.com.au

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 29th May 2022, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop to the Western Region. Special thanks to the Parish Priest Fr. Vincent Long Pham, Holy Eucharist Principal and staff, the RE Coordinator Vanessa Shaw and the Brothers of Preca Community not forgetting the parents in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit bless you all with wisdom and strength always to live God's holy way.

SCHOOL NEWS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Holy Eucharist School (the School) is seeking a proposal from suitably qualified applicants to provide an onsite canteen service to its students and staff from the premises at 1A Oleander Drive St Albans, which the applicant will lease for an approved rent.

The canteen proposal must:

- Be based on a 12-month agreement (Commencement in Term 3, 2022)
- Include the business name of the company utilising/managing the facility.
- Include the certificate registration as an approved Food Premises (Brimbank Council approval)
- Provide for approximately 600 people (530 students and 70 staff)
- Include counter service during lunch and recess breaks from Monday to Friday
- Cater for lunch orders from

Monday to Friday (orders online and in person)

Provision to service Vietnamese school on Saturdays (3 breaks between 1.00pm – 3.15pm)

- Nominate the Hire/Rental Fee (inclusive of the cost of services required to operate the Canteen)
- Indicate the number of Staff rostered/required to service the canteen on a daily basis
- List the menu options available for purchase (Must include: a number of healthy options, food allergy and intolerant options, vegetarian options)
- Provide Public Liability Insurance information
- Include processes for monitoring Vaccination and Working With Children Check requirements.

Written Expressions of Interest are to be delivered by 4.00pm on Friday, 3rd June 2022 to the Principal, Mr Michael Bonnici, 1A Oleander Drive St Albans, or by email to principal@hestalbansth.catholic.edu.au

THE LIVING WORD

First reading Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me

speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23

Christ entered into heaven itself

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are

waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. ‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today’s Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way.

In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today’s first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God’s realm from whence the Holy Spirit will “descend” upon God’s people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus’ family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the

Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus (“clothed with power from on high”), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God’s presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of “repentance and forgiveness”. In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is “all peoples”, while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus “in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”. In other words, the good news is not only for the earth’s human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is “among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor” (Laudato Si’ 2).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke’s gospel. They have permeated Luke’s story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

JOYFUL RENEWAL IN THE EASTER SACRAMENTS

“Sacraments Season” comes around each year in the Church. In most parishes, this season stretches from the celebration of the Holy Triduum all the way through First Holy Communions and Confirmations. Sometimes this season stretches all the way to Pentecost and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. We might also note that this season often includes a significant increase in the number of sacramental marriages being celebrated as well.

Without a doubt, these are the busiest, and often the most stressful, weeks of the entire year for those of us who work or volunteer in parish ministry. Still, no matter how hectic the season is, the Lord always manages to reveal Himself, obviously and powerfully, in these moments. Each year, at nearly every sacramental moment for children, teens, or adults, I have personally been filled with joy and zeal for the renewal of my own journey of discipleship. I have heard countless others express similar feelings about these celebrations, too.

Why is this? Why are we able to experience this joyful renewal so palpably during this season?

One personal experience might help to crystalize this the reason for such deep joy and renewal. Two years ago, my daughter received her First Holy Communion, just after the Covid pandemic had set in. While she was incredibly blessed to receive the Most Blessed Sacrament on schedule, our diocesan protocols prohibited

her from receiving the Precious Blood until just this past Holy Thursday. I was behind her as she took that blessing cup into her hands for the first time. I welled up with emotion as she finally got to participate fully in what Jesus had given. Along with that, my own devotion to the Eucharist deepened, as did my commitment to being a father in pursuit of holiness for my family.

Remember the early days of the Covid pandemic, when Masses were cancelled all across the world? Just as Covid took something precious away from us, we ought to see and practice something similar during Lent each year. The season of penitence and sacrifice is meant to allow us to live in a proverbial desert, waiting the full manifestation of God’s glory. We know that the desert eventually gives way to the Living Water. We know that the spiritual dryness of Lent gives way to a season of expressive joy in which we can feel the presence and power of the Holy Spirit moving in and through the Church building, and through the Body of Christ. It is easier for us disciples to recognize and appreciate the apparent graces after they have been hidden for six weeks, or for two years.

Another reason that these moments are so special is that they provide us with real hope for the next generation of the Church. All of us who watch realize that we are imperfect disciples, sinners who have fallen far short of the ideal set for us by Jesus and the Church. Still, even for a moment, we have hope that these neophytes, this new flock of First Communicants and Confirmandi, this newly-wed couple, will live the faith better than we have. Even if we have lived the life of discipleship relatively well, we still hope to see others reach higher heights than us.

All of this culminates in what I sense is the ultimate reason for our experiences of joyful renewal. We Catholics intuitively recognize the power of the sacraments. We believe that these are not merely ceremonies celebrated by a bishop or priest for pious parents who want pretty pictures. We believe that they are encounters with the risen and living Jesus. Each time we witness an adult plunged in the waters of Baptism, a child receiving her First Holy Eucharist, a teenager receiving Confirmation, or a couple exchanging wedding vows, we know that Jesus is present in the same way that He was at the Jordan River, at the wedding feast at Cana, or at the Last Supper. And, when we see others meet Jesus in those moments, we can recall the moment when we met Jesus in the same way. Thus, we are strengthened in faith and charity.

So, as we come near to the blessed solemnities of the Ascension, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi, we all do well to find those special sacramental celebrations near us. Attend a First Holy Communion, a Confirmation, or a wedding at your parish. While we participate in those celebrations, we ought to pray for each

of those who are taking this next step in their walk with Our Blessed Lord; and we need to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with the renewed zeal that we need for the next phase of our individual journey as well.

By Derek Rotty

POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR VICTIMS OF TEXAS SHOOTINGS

In a telegram sent to the Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, Pope Francis offers his prayers and spiritual closeness to all those affected by the tragic shooting attack at the Uvalde elementary school.

Pope Francis has expressed his deep sadness in learning of the tragic shooting that took place at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

In a telegram sent to Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio and signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, the Pope assured "those affected by this attack of his spiritual closeness," and "joins the entire community in commending the souls of those children and teachers who died to Almighty God's loving mercy," imploring "the divine gifts of healing and consolation upon the injured and bereaved."

The message concludes, "with firm faith in the Risen Christ, through whom every evil will be overcome by good (cf. Rom 12:21), he prays that those tempted to violence will choose instead the path of fraternal solidarity and love." The Pope offered his blessing, "as a pledge of strength and peace in the lord."

By Vatican News staff writer

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 31-05-22

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 01-06-22

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 02-06-22

Readers Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Fri: 9:00 AM, 03-06-22

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 04-06-22

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Ed Cablao
Jinky Monteros
Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Violeta Montoro
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 05-06-22

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

Sun 10:30AM, 05-06-22

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator Rita Martin
Reader: Samoan choir
Samoan choir
Eucharistic Min. Mary Giuffrida
Rita Martin
Cristina Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 05-06-22

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 4th June 2022

* 5pm – Fenandez Family choir

Sunday 5th June 2022

* 9am - Charlie Schembri
* 10.30am - Samoan Choir
* 6pm - Exzimos Family & Friends choir

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 2 June 2022 -
Group 2 - Louise, Jeff & Jenny
Colquhoun, Cherie Surao.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Marko Dorinko, 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

Julian Scriberras, Joseph Vassallo, George Gatt, Celia Mata

Anniversaries

Alicia Maria Araniva-Ferman, Dominic Kinh Bui, Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Maria Tuan, Maria Moc, Dominic Khat, Domonic Phuc, Ellawala Family, Ranasinghe Family, 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

Our Spiritual Life is a Journey - following the Call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.

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