



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

4 & 5 MARCH 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Acting Mission Leader

Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

Parish Priest

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Assisting Priests

Fr Joseph Hieu Xuan Nguyen CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Parish Secretary

Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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:** 6:00pm
7.30pm 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 de-
tails call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony
Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Par-
ish Office for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

Congratulations to: **Kayden Macsen Co, Joseph Haaland Nguyen, Peter Marcus Dang, David Kayden Nguyen, Da Minh Savio Louis Nguyen, Peter Leon Bach, Francis Xavier Huy Tran, Joseph Leon Lam** 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.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY:

You are invited to be part of the Multicultural Day **10am Mass on the 26th March 2023**. The Choir groups that normally serves at 10.30am Mass, will be representing the many Nationalities we have in our Multicultural Community. All are welcome to take part in the Mass with the presenting of gifts and other parts of the Mass but most important is your presence! Please mark this date and time. We look forward to celebrate this special day with you. We are many but we are ONE.

MASS TIMES:

Due to the continued problem with parking during Sunday Masses and special occasions like First Holy Communion and RCIA Program, it's come to a point that we have to make changes to our **Sunday Mass times**. It's difficult to adjust to new changes but if we all work together it's very easy and it will be a better change for all of our Parish Community.

Sunday Masses New Times will commence **Sunday 26th March 2023** and are as follow:

English:

- ⇒ 8.45am
- ⇒ 10.00am
- ⇒ 6.00pm

Vietnamese

- ⇒ 12.30pm

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be

used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said

'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

<https://christian.art/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/matthew-17-1-9-reflection-carl-bloch.jpg>



Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Mat-

thew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old and, in particular, of Moses' and Elijah's encounters with God. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness, at the outset

of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God. In his 2023 Lenten message, Pope Francis draws attention to the upcoming Synod on Synodality. He calls for mutual listening as a focus of our faith journey: "mutual listening... remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church."

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands."

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

THE JOURNEY TO EASTER: CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES CELEBRATE THE RITE OF ELECTION

On Sunday 26 February 2023, an important milestone in the journey of conversion took place at St Patrick's Cathedral: the Rite of Election. Hundreds of people gathered joyfully with those wanting to enter full communion with Christ's Body, the Church. It was the largest Rite of Election since the pandemic began, with 200 catechumens and candidates and more than 50 parish communities represented.

The Rite of Election is one of the final passages of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

The catechumens (the unbaptised) and candidates (those baptised in other Christian communities) publicly affirm their readiness to receive or complete the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil, becoming full members of the Church.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli led the rite, acknowledging that people had come from far and wide across the Archdiocese to be there. It might even be the first time they had stepped foot in St Patrick's Cathedral, he said.

He encouraged them to make the most of it and visit regularly. 'It is the Mother Church,' he said. 'It is your Mother Church.'

During the rite, parishes are invited to come forward with a scroll bearing the names of the catechumens, which are then placed in baskets next to the Book of the Elect. The catechumens and candidates are presented to the Archbishop, the representative of the universal Church, who holds up the Book of the Elect and declares before the congregation that the names of the catechumens are now written inside.

The language of 'election' is meant to reflect the biblical understanding that discipleship begins first with God's calling and choosing: 'You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last' (John 15:16).'

This ritual has a deep historical lineage, in that the RCIA is a modern reconstruction of an ancient catechumenal pathway. Prior to Christianity's general acceptance in mainstream Roman culture, the Church's approach to converts was quite thorough. It often involved a period of education and spiritual preparation, and then finally reception of the sacraments.

As early as the fourth century—perhaps even before—the period of preparation occurred through Lent, where together the whole Church could enter anew the mystery of Easter. Performing the ceremonies during this time added a deeper symbolism, expressing the nature of Christian conversion as a passing from death to life, from an old way of living to a new way in light of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The adult catechumenate fell into disuse for a long time, but the bishops of the Second Vatican Council called for a restoration of this ancient way:

The catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps, is to be restored and to be taken into

use at the discretion of the local ordinary (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy, §64).

Although programs look different in different places, the RCIA process is now the norm, with parishes around the world offering this pathway.

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STATION OF THE CROSS



During this Lenten Season we have Stations of the Cross every **Fridays at 8.30am** in the Church until the 31st March 2023. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

Voice to Parliament

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, ***Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation***, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the ***Uluru Statement from the Heart***.

This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together.

To read the full statement please scan the QR code.



READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 7-03-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 8-03-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thur 9:00 AM, 9-03-23

Readers Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic

Fri: 9:00 AM, 10-03-23

Reader: Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 11-03-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Carmen Carmilleri
Alaistair Surrao
Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 9.00 AM, 12-03-23

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

Sun 10:30AM, 12-03-23

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin
Commentator: Joh Cablao
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Rita Martin
Br. Anthony Gatt
Br. Noel Debono

Sun 6.00PM, 12-03-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 11th March 2023

* 6pm – Samoan Choir

* **Sunday 12th March 2023**

* 9am - Charlie Schembri

* 10.30am – St Francis Choir

* 6pm - Youth For Christ

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 8th March 2023 -
Group 5 - Xuan Dung, Phuong
Ung, Margaret Bajada, Tran Thi
Kim Hao, Hong Thuy Tran.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Nguyen Thi San, Diana Moules, Magen Hallorina, James Floros, Pam Norris, Alfred & Pauline Storace, Arnord Fernandez, Toni Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Jessie Spiteri, Stella Sande, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

John George Tabone, Mikolina Az-zopardi.

Anniversaries

Family Attard, Family Caruana, Family Grech, Family Zammit, Bruce Mc Lean, Nelita Villaruz, Grazio (Horace) Camilleri, Joseph Formosa, Joseph & Franc Xiberas, Reno Cauchi, Mac-co Ngo Van Thinh, Lucia Huynh Thi Kim Hue, Phero Ngo Minh Truong, Maria Huynh Thi Thanh Kieu, Phero Le Nghia, Matta Le Thi Linh, Phero Le Quang Tuan, Theresa Nguyen Ngoc Giang Thu, Dominico Le Ngoc Son, Mary Camilleri, 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

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

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