



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A

22 & 23 APRIL 2023

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Fr Vinsensius (Lovin) Lolo CSsR

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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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
6.30pm Vietnamese
- ♦ **Sunday:** 8:45am, 10:00am,
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

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FOODBANK open Fridays
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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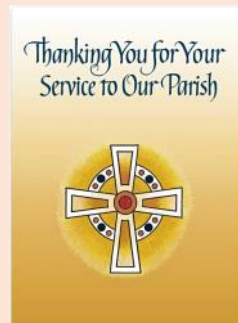
It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to



Fr. Lovink CSsR who has been with us over three years. We truly appreciate what has done for our parish community. We will miss working with him and wish him all the blessings.

Fr. Lovink will celebrate Thanksgiving Masses on weekend 29 and 30 April 2023 in our church. Then he will move to the Redemptorist Monastery in Perth and does ministry at the Monastery.

Please join us in thanking him.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you

took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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 Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the

early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and an unnamed disciple) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They urge him to share a meal with them despite his seeming reluctance and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transformative way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It

is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts to those who have sought a welcome on our shores and are still awaiting a path to permanency, we might come to participate more deeply in the joy of the resurrection. Opening our hearts is always possible even if extreme weather events make opening our homes increasingly difficult for some. In these times, many of us know the experience of reverse ministry where refugee friends, though "strangers" in our lands, show us what it means to be "of God".

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR MELBOURNE'S LARGEST EVER WYD PILGRIMAGE OVERSEAS

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Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal

More than 500 young people from Melbourne have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to go on pilgrimage with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli to Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day in August this year.

In this year's Patrick Oration, Archbishop Comensoli pointed out that among the young pilgrims, '134 are students, 82 are young teachers, and 17 are seminarians.'

Other young people from Melbourne will also journey to World Youth Day with various Catholic communities, including youth movements and the Australian Catholic University, which means a total of around 600 pilgrims across the Archdiocese have now registered for World Youth Day. They will join an expected contingent of one million pilgrims from across the globe.

World Youth Day was established by St John Paul II in 1985. The Catholic Church's largest international youth gathering has occurred every three to four years since. The week-long festivities are an opportunity for encounter, celebration and deepening of faith. Several major events will be held, including the Way of the Cross, Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis.

For Fr Nicholas Pearce, Senior Chaplain for Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry, 'World Youth Day is a wonderful way to walk alongside young people in the way of discipleship.'

The Archdiocese offered pilgrims the opportunity to journey through significant locations associated with our faith heritage before converging on Lisbon for the week of World Youth Day. One pilgrimage will follow the footsteps of Jesus, journeying through the Holy Land. Another will make its way to the

heart of the Church in Rome and Assisi. Both of these pilgrimages will visit the sacred shrine of Fatima.

Anthony Van Styn is one of the hundreds of young Melbournians who will be going on pilgrimage. 'I registered for World Youth Day because it is an event that every young Catholic should get to experience!' he says. 'Having been able to previously attend two World Youth Days, I know of the joy, excitement and graces provided by God. It is a chance to recommit to what matters most and return home with the fire of the Holy Spirit to live as a disciple of Christ.'

For the first time, the Archdiocese is offering the Emerging Leaders Program, a unique opportunity for Catholic school teachers and upcoming young leaders from Catholic parishes and organisations to be formed in the way of Christian discipleship and leadership. They will learn from Australian and international experts in Rome and Assisi before joining the rest of the pilgrims in Portugal.

Also among the pilgrim group are people who will lead and support our young pilgrims as pilgrimage leaders, small group leaders, musicians and medical personnel. These leaders will prepare for pilgrimage through a new Archdiocesan offering, Essentials of Christian Leadership. Comprising a series of workshops and a retreat, the program is designed not just to prepare them to lead pilgrims safely but also to form them intentionally as disciples who will then guide our young pilgrims into a deeper relationship with God.

Richelle Mendoza is a Catholic primary school teacher and will be a small group leader on pilgrimage. She is 'looking forward to the amazing energy that World Youth Day brings.' Richelle says that she loves 'journeying with young people in their faith. World Youth Day is such a beautiful experience, and knowing that I can be there to share in their experience is an honour and gift.'

The Archdiocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage was launched by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral last August. Since then, parishes and communities have been at the forefront of encouraging hundreds of young people to register for World Youth Day, and have been generously supporting pilgrims by holding fundraising events.

St Andrew's Parish in Werribee have been holding fundraising events for 10 pilgrims from their parish who will be setting off on pilgrimage to World Youth Day, with aim of raising \$30,000. Susanne Sweeny, who has helped to organise these monthly events, said that 'there is so much support because they've seen these young people in the church for many years ... and they're seen as the future of our parish. Honestly, the generosity of so many has blown us away—these are the people we have behind us.'

Susanne's hope for the pilgrims is that they 'come away from their experience with a deeper personal relationship with Christ—that they know Christ loves each of them personally. And that this experience of Christ impacts them so much that they have the confidence to live their faith and to share it with others.'

Over the next few months, pilgrims will prepare for an unforgettable and life-changing World Youth Day experience

through a series of pilgrim formation sessions, culminating in a Commissioning Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in mid-July.

MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Make your Mother's Day extra special this year with us! Join the Holy Eucharist **Mother's Day Dinner** on Friday, May 12, 2023, 6.30pm at the Holy Eucharist Parish Hall, for a delightful evening of delicious food, fun entertainments, and heartwarming memories with your loved ones and the Church community. Join us in our efforts to promote the Parish Youth for the World Youth Day and serve the Parish better.

By purchasing a ticket to this memorable event, you will also be supporting a worthy cause.

Can't make it? Buy a raffle ticket for just \$5 and get a chance to win one of many lucky draw prizes.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate motherhood and show your appreciation to your mother. Check the displayed poster in the Church Foyer for more information and secure your spot today. We can't wait to see you there!

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 25-04-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 26-04-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Carmilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 27-04-23

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Volunteer

Fri 9:00 AM, 28-04-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Edith Gauci

Sat 5.00 PM, 29-04-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Alastair Surrao
Agatha Saliba

Eucharistic Min. Josephine Cassar
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 30-04-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 30-04-23

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Saua Tufuga
Rita Martin
Br. Noel Debono

Sun 6.00PM, 30-04-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 29 April 2023

♦ 5pm – DeSouza Family

Sunday 30 April 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - St Francis Choir

♦ 6pm - Volunteer choir

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 Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Anthony (Tony) Zammit

Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Tran Thi Huong, Cornelio Maddela, Grazio (Horace) Camilleri, Joseph & Franc Xiberras, Reno Cauchi, Mac-co Ngo Van Tinh, 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, Duong Family, Do Family, Vincent Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphonsus Schiller, Mollie Rice (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

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

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Week starting 26th April 2023 -

Group 12 - South Sudanese

Community - David Bakvai &

Peter Adiang.

