



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

8 & 9 JULY 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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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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Tuesday & Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144 (145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

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

I will give you glory, O God my king,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

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.

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

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

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

Second Reading Romans 8:9,11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one

knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' prayer of thanksgiving to God. The verb "to thank" in this instance has connotations of blessing. In this prayer of blessing or thanksgiving, Jesus contrasts those who consider themselves wise and intelligent with the truly wise ones, the "little ones" who know the daily struggle to survive, those to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. The prosperity gospel that affirms the acquisition of wealth is far removed from the gospel preached by Jesus of Nazareth and proclaimed in Matthew's gospel. God's ways turn human expectations upside down. The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. "Come to me...and I will give you rest" is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some time or another. We might hear it spoken to all who are working tirelessly to address the effects of Covid-19. We might equally hear it as addressed to African Americans and First Peoples of Australia who are weary and burdened by waiting for justice. The "rest" that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In the biblical tradition, rest is shabbat. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement. It is freedom to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or shabbat is about making a space to contemplate the wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. Spending a little time each day with a poem or a beautiful painting can be an experience of entering into God's rest. "Take my yoke upon you..." is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them ... take up their cross and follow me." The "yoke" of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively if not literally. They will not be weighed

down or burdened by this prospect for the "yoke" of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light. How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: "Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart..." In Matthew, the gentle are said to be blessed. There is nothing weak about the gentle ("meek" is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are infinitely more effective in restoring creation than the violence of so many who present themselves as "wise and intelligent". God's "rest" is the source of their power and of ours.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

4 WAYS JESUS SHOWS US HOW TO PRACTICE HOSPITALITY

"Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head" (Luke 9:58).

It seems kind of strange to take hospitality advice from someone who lived many years relatively homeless. But hospitality is about far more than opening up your home. The home is an outward expression of yourself. Hospitality is about opening up yourself to others. It is not merely about hosting lavish dinner parties or providing a comfortable place to stay; it encompasses a deeper sense of welcoming, acceptance, and love towards others. Jesus is our model for this way of being.

There are four major ways in which Jesus shows us how to practice hospitality.

1. Jesus Welcomed Outsiders

The heart of hospitality is opening up your life to another person – a person who is outside of your "home." You cannot be hospitable if you aren't welcoming to outsiders. It's no great thing to welcome those who are your best friends. And it's certainly not noble to open your home up to those who will elevate your social standing. The real test is how we extend hospitality to those who are on the margins of society.

Jesus dined with tax collectors, spoke with the hated Samaritans, and loved sinners of all stripes. He was welcoming to outsiders. There wasn't a single person who was an "outsider" that he wasn't inviting into being an "insider."

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4 is a beautiful picture of his welcoming of outsiders. He treated her like a human, which is likely something that hadn't happened to her for years. He engaged her in conversation (which was unheard of) and he offered to her the greatest gift of all – namely,

Himself. There was a great cultural divide between Jews and Samaritans. But Jesus set aside these differences and engaged her where she was. He welcomed her.

We too are called to exhibit this kind of welcoming to outsiders. We can be tempted to view people in categories and shut ourselves off from them. Yet, Jesus calls us to welcome “outsiders” into our lives. We too must embrace diversity and treat others with the dignity and respect they deserve as fellow image bearers.

2. Jesus Humbly Served Others

While it is in the category of hospitality to open up your home to friends and having them over for a board game night, hospitality also involves service to others. It's about prioritizing the gifts of others over your own. As an example, this is why most traditionally will have guests eat first. It's simply a way of showing others that their needs trump our own.

Jesus did this by washing the feet of his disciples, by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and even by reproducing these things in the life of his disciples. Jesus was consistently selfless. He put the needs of others above his own. Jesus illustrated this in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

In that parable everyone was too busy, distracted, and concerned with their own world to help the man who was dying on the side of the road. And yet the Samaritan stopped. He put the needs of the man in the ditch above his own needs. In order to do this, he had to set aside his own agenda and press into the inconvenience which helping would bring on.

This parable is an invitation for us to embrace this type of hospitality which Jesus exemplified in his own life. Philippians 2:5-8 reminds us of Jesus' selfless act of taking “on the form of a servant.” Jesus teaches us to actively pursue meeting the needs of others.

3. Jesus Helped Others Feel Safe through His Authenticity

I suppose it could be argued that Jesus wasn't exactly hospitable to the religious elite. Yet, even in this he was inviting them into a better life. They simply rejected his hospitality. The religious leaders did not appreciate the authenticity with which Jesus lived. He was a threat to their power. And so in this regard, they didn't “feel safe” with Jesus.

But when it came to the vulnerable, Jesus' authenticity was a breath of fresh air. As you read through the pages of the New Testament, it is clear that even if they were no longer comfortable holding onto their sin in his presence, they themselves were comfortable in his presence. We see this with Zacchaeus the tax

collector. He was no longer comfortable extorting people — but he certainly felt welcome to dine with Jesus.

Jesus consistently offered compassion and understanding to those who were burdened by sin, guilt, and shame. He invited them to be authentic — just as He was authentic. There was something about Jesus that invited this unfiltered relationship. They knew that they would be accepted in his presence. It was only because the religious leaders couldn't drop the pretense that they couldn't find life in Jesus.

We see this intersection in the story of the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50. The religious elite stood in judgment over her. She was an outcast. She certainly would not have felt welcome in Simon's house. If he wasn't a good host for Jesus, he certainly wouldn't have rolled out the red carpet for this “sinful woman.” He wasn't hospitable at all. And yet in Simon's home, Jesus modeled hospitality by how he received this woman. He welcomed her, let her express her heart and self through her actions, and defended her against her detractors. She clearly felt comfortable sharing who she was and also finding healing in Jesus.

We too must reflect Jesus' love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

4. Jesus Drew People Out and Engaged Them

If someone invited you over to their house and then sat you down for two hours and explained everything about their life, whilst only feigning momentary interest in your own life, how would you respond? Would you want to go back to their house? Would you feel welcomed and loved and valued? Of course, not! Hospitality is not a one-sided act. It requires genuine listening, engaging, and valuing the stories and experiences of others. Jesus was a master at engaging people in meaningful dialogue, offering his undivided attention, and truly listening to others.

When everyone wanted to keep on trucking, Jesus stopped for blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). He not only stopped for him, but he responded with compassion and he actively listened to his story. Jesus drew him out. “What do you want me to do for you” is the language of hospitality.

You get the idea that when someone engaged with Jesus, they would have felt like the only person in the room. The gospel writers tend to paint pictures of swirling chaos in the background but a focused calm when Jesus looks upon a person. This is a picture of what hospitality ought to be. When others enter our home (or our spaces) they should feel as if they are at rest. We should be actively engaged.

Jesus interacted with people in such a way that it communicated “you belong here.”

People of Hospitality

Hospitality lies at the heart of the Christian faith, and Jesus serves as the perfect example for us to emulate. By welcoming the outsiders, humbly serving others, making them feel safe and welcomed as we actively engage them, we will be practicing hospitality in a way that reflects the love of Christ.

Jesus lived hospitality. His hospitality is the reason why any of us have a place in the kingdom of God. Let us be people of hospitality.

By Mike Leake

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2024.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2024. We already have a number



of applications for next year and we will begin interviewing families soon. It is really important that our current families also register their child/children at the office if they wish to enrol them for Grade Prep in 2024. Tours of the school are now taking place after school. Please contact the office to make a booking on 8312 0900 or visit the school website www.hestablanssth.catholic.edu.au

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 12 July 2023 -
Group 11 - Vietnamese Women's League.
Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan &
Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 11-07-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 12-07-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 13-07-23

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 14-07-23

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Saua Tufuga

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Larnie Mendoza
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CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 15th July 2023

♦ 5pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 16th July 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - DeSouza Family
♦ 6pm - Angeline

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.

Death Anniversaries

Maria Nguyen, Anna Tran, Charles Sammut, John, Mary, John, Michael, Charlie Xerri, Camilleri family, Domenico Gianfala, Michael Angelo Leobando, Giuse Pham Con, Maria Pham Thi Tan, Giuse Pham Cung, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, Tran Thi Huong, Cornelio Maddela, Grazio (Horace) Camilleri, Joseph & Franc Xiberras, 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, 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

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News

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