



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5 & 6 AUGUST 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

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

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,
St Albans - Ph: 9356 0734
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Email: precastalban@tpg.com.au

BAPTISM – AUGUST

Congratulations
to: **Luca Thomas**

Downs, Max

Borges, Nora

Frost, Anna

Christine Vo,

Martino Harrison Vo,

Joseph Johnny Pham, Peter

Leo Pham, Vincent Kane

Nguyen & St John the

Baptist Francis Le Phong

who were baptized in the
name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spir-
it. You are welcome to be a
part of our community faith.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

His robe was white as snow

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an

eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 96 (97):1-2,5-6,9

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,

let all the coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment;

his throne, justice and right.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have

confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation of Mt17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

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

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 Matthew'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 LORD IS ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE': POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS WITH MEL- BOURNE PILGRIMS

Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Melbourne met the Holy Father in Rome on Wednesday 26 July, in a special private audience as part of the lead-up to

World Youth Day Lisbon. During the meeting, Pope Francis encouraged the pilgrims in their faith journey and happily answered questions on topics ranging from education to evangelisation, the environment and caring for our common home.



‘I’m very happy to welcome you here and to see such courageous young people’ said Pope Francis. When asked what message he wanted to get across to young people, the Holy Father simply said: ‘The main message I want to get across is that the Lord is always by your side—always. Even in the most difficult moments, he is always with us. He never tires of walking with us!’

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expressed his deep gratitude to the Pope for taking the time to speak with the young Australians.

‘To have the Holy Father speak with our young leaders today, to listen to their own experiences, and to encourage them in their journey of faith is a real gift,’ he shared. ‘Melbourne pilgrims laughed and cried while listening to the wisdom of the Holy Father and his words of freedom, accompaniment, joy and encouragement. The Lord is good.’

‘As Pope Francis expressed recently, our faith and tradition have been enriched by the lives of those who have gone before us, and while the World Youth Day event is aimed at youth, we know that we are part of a larger tapestry of faith.’

Pope Francis welcomed the Melbourne pilgrims and encouraged them in their journey of faith



Music and Religious Education teacher Aaron Charles from John Paul College in Frankston was visibly emotional after the papal audience. ‘It was incredibly unexpected! I asked Pope Francis what advice he had for us in being able to serve our small communities, and he said it’s not about imparting an idea, but imparting a relationship ... guiding your students and allowing them to make mistakes and be themselves and to grow into their own.’

‘I cried the whole way through,’ Aaron said. ‘It was just absolutely moving and the very first thing I did afterwards was to call Mum!’

The Melbourne pilgrims are a few days into their pre-WYD experience in Rome, and form part of the almost 600-strong group of pilgrims from the Archdiocese heading to World Youth Day via Italy, the Holy Land, Fatima and Lourdes. One group, travelling to Lisbon via ‘the Italian Way’, began their trip to Rome with a visit to the Church of the Gesù, where they heard about the life and works of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The other group—led by Archbishop Comensoli and made up of young professionals from schools, parishes, and the health and social services sectors—is travelling on a unique formation experience, the ‘Emerging Leaders Program’, designed to open them to leadership in the life of the Church.

The two groups came together at Casa Santa Marta (the papal household) for this special meeting with the Holy Father.

Bridget Taylor, a Maths teacher from Clonard College in Geelong was overjoyed by the experience. ‘To be honest it was a bit of a blur! I’m just completely in awe of what I’ve experienced. Being an emerging leader and passionate about the future of Catholic education, I was fortunate enough to ask what his message was that we can share with our staff and students.

‘He said to accompany our students and to work with our staff, create boundaries but also give them the freedom to accept whatever faith they follow and to believe in the Church. I can’t wait to go home and share this with the students, staff at Clonard and the community in Geelong!’

Over one million young people are expected to descend on Lisbon next week for the 16th international World Youth Day. Our Melbourne pilgrims—youth, young leaders, clergy, religious and staff—will carry today’s special experience with

them, along with the prayers of the Archdiocese.

‘World Youth Day will be a time of powerful spiritual encounter with the Lord for each pilgrim in their own personal journey of faith’, said Archbishop Comensoli. ‘It is something they cannot help but share on their return, and we look forward to the many fruits that will unfold.’



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**HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
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.



CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 9 August 2023
- Group 3 - Lily Disco, Shannon Lindsey, Margaret Bajada, Cathy Bartolo, Wendy & Forbes-Perera.

**READERS/COMMENTATOR/
COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

Tues 9:00 AM, 08-08-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 09-08-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 10-08-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 11-08-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 12-08-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Antony Naidu
Readers: Violeta Montoro
Alaistair Surrao
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri
Wendy Forbes-Perera
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 13-08-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 13-08-23

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Christine Pedroso
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 13-08-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 12th August 2023

- ◆ 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 13th August 2023

- ◆ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ◆ 10.00am - St Francis Choir
- ◆ 6pm - Youth For Christ Choir

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Pam Norris, Alfred & Pauline Storace, Arnord Fernandez, Toni Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Josephine (Jessie) Spiteri, Maria Nguyen Thi Thu Hang.

Death Anniversaries

Nazareno Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci , 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

If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

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