



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

19 & 20 AUGUST 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Priests in Residence

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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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:** 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/(JP SERVICE)

Contact: Son Nguyen

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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 7pm-8pm

Email: precastalban@tpg.com.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 66

(67):2-3,5-6,8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth

and all nations learn your saving help.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save

some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Today's gospel story culminates in the healing of a "daughter" who may be a little girl or even a young woman. Her mother, the main character in the story, is known to Matthew's community simply as a Canaanite woman, or in other words an indigenous woman. To some early Christian communities, she is Justa, so we might reasonably call her daughter Justina.

Justa comes to Jesus as he moves from Jewish territory into or close to non-Jewish territory. In the language of liturgy, she laments loudly and persistently for her daughter, for Justina is "severely tormented by a demon". For the ancient Greeks, the antithesis of demonic possession or torment is human flourishing or well-being (eudaimonia). Eudaimonia means having a good guardian spirit as opposed to a malevolent spirit that impairs a person's well-being and sense of self. Justina's well-being is in jeopardy. Her distraught mother is an outsider to the "house of Israel" who is nonetheless familiar with Israel's prayer of lament. She is a woman alone in public space, risking ridicule and rejection to find healing for her daughter.

The immediate response to her plea is silence: Jesus "does not answer her a word". Is he ignoring her cry for help? Is he simply stunned, taken aback at the vehemence of her request? Is he rendered speechless by the simple fact that she would cross the boundaries of gender and ethnicity in this way? Is he in awe at her courage and faith from the outset? All we know is that he says nothing and that the disciples tell him to send her away. He responds by defining the limits of his mission rather narrowly: he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Justa is not deterred from her mission. She begs Jesus to help her and receives an explicit refusal in a confronting image that names his people as "the children" and hers as "the dogs". She accepts his statement as a challenge and bests him in the exchange: "even the dogs eat the crumbs...."

Jesus' horizons are expanded by the persistence and insight of this woman. Justa's great faith is affirmed and her daughter is healed. Justa is vindicated and Justina restored to a state of well-being or eudaimonia. Justina has her counterparts across the globe. The challenge for us is to be Justa in our times for the sake of all in the Earth community, human and other-than-human, whose well-being or eudaimonia is impaired by violence or war or lack of access to the means to flourish.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm



Four young people is back from the World Youth Day in Lisbon. They are thrilled to share their incredible journey. Every pilgrim encountered distinct and exceptional moments. We are so happy to see the WYD has undeniably deepened their faith and ignited profound inspiration in various ways.

Here are their wonderful moments:

Diem Nguyen - The Italian Way



Upon our arrival, we immersed ourselves in Rome's spiritual tapestry. We attended

Mass at the Church of the Gesù and explored significant sites like St. Mary Major Basilica, the Basilica of

St. John in Lateran (the Pope's first residence), and the Holy Stairs, which were brought from Jerusalem in 326 AD. Pilgrims ascend these stairs on their knees as an age-old act of penance.

The Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme left a lasting impression. The Vatican Museums and the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica deepened our sense of history. We had the unique privilege of a private audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, at Casa Santa Marta. His words resonated, reminding us that the Lord remains steadfast even in the toughest times. He posed a thought-provoking question: 'Am I praying? And how much?'

The echoes of history were palpable as I ascended the Holy Stairs on my knees, reflecting on Jesus' journey. In Assisi, St. Francis' legacy spoke to us. The Hermitage, nestled in the woods, held the tranquility where St. Francis sought solace and connection through prayer.

Assisi unveiled more treasures - the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb, and the Basilica of St. Clare. The Holy Crucifix in the side chapel spoke of God's message to St. Francis: 'Repair my Church, in ruins.' Our journey through Rome and Assisi wove a tapestry of history, spirituality, and personal introspection. These encounters continue to resonate, enriching my connection to these extraordinary places before I entered the spirit of WYD in Lisbon.





Huyen Pham - Footsteps of Jesus

This is my first World Youth Day pilgrimage, tracing Jesus' footsteps through the Holy Land, Fatima, and finally to Lisbon for the main event. In the Holy Land, I

touched the places from the Bible – Bethlehem, Mount Zion, the Sea of Galilee, and more. Each spot was paired with scripture readings, creating an incredible connection. Fatima was next, where the Virgin Mary appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. Our group celebrated daily Mass, fostering unity as we meditated and shared the Word of God. Meeting the Holy Father in Lisbon was a highlight. His gentle presence and words moved me profoundly. The closing Mass united over 1.5 million young people, transcending differences and highlighting our shared bond as God's children. My hope is to grow as a better person, loving God and others deeply. I'm thankful for the prayers of my parish and ask for continued support as I strive to be a witness of Christ's love.



Angeline Veigas - Direct to Lisbon

The most memorable part of my WYD experience was the connections I made with so many other young Catholics who are passionate about growing in their faith

and sharing it through love and service towards others. They inspired me to become a better human and to not be afraid to share my love for Jesus with others. In the final Mass for WYD, Pope Francis encouraged us all to not be afraid. After this experience of WYD, I feel motivated and moved, called to make a difference in mine as well as other young people's lives without being afraid or anxious about life's challenges and instead trusting that God has a plan for me always.



Tammy Nguyen - Direct to Lisbon

My second encounter with World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon marked a significant milestone in my journey. Amidst a sea of unfamiliar faces, I found myself immersed in a vibrant young Catholic community. Swiftly, friendships blossomed, firmly rooted in our shared faith. Though two weeks felt fleeting, the camaraderie and profound moments we shared remain etched in my heart. I am deeply grateful for the cherished friendships and the entirety of this shared experience.



Throughout the event, we stood united, embarking on a journey that encompassed visits to Fatima, pilgrimage walks, masses, Stations of the Cross, adoration sessions, and more. Amidst laughter, our shared beliefs intertwined as we became pillars of support for one another, fostering inclusivity for all. Two key lessons resonated deeply:

Firstly, the words of Pope Francis echoed powerfully: 'In the church, there is room for everyone. And when there is not, please make sure that there is, even for those who make mistakes, for those who fall, for those who are going through difficulties. Everyone. Everyone. Everyone.' This message fortified my commitment to faith—to open my heart, ears, and eyes to embrace all, extending a helping hand to those in need. It underscored my mission: to reach out and provide solace for those seeking it.

Secondly, the experience illuminated the art of organizing comprehensive Catholic events at varying scales. Regardless of size, the core principle remains unshaken—God remains the focal point of every endeavor. Post-WYD, my aspirations materialize in collaborative projects with my team, dedicated to spreading the spirit of WYD2023 - embracing the essence of true love and evangelizing God's love, much like Mary - a young missionary woman. With anticipation, I await the launch of the Spring Youth Festival Project this September, Year of Youth in 2025. And with fervor, I set my sights on rallying young souls for WYD 2027 in South Korea.



"Father's Day Celebration"

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 23 August 2023 - Group 5
- Xuan Dung Huynh, Phuong Ung, Margaret Bajada, Tran Thi Kim Hao, Hong Thuy Tran

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

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

Death Anniversaries

Dominic Khat, Dominic Phuc, Maria Kien, Maria Tuan, Maria Moc, Maria Hang, Vincent Chuc, Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, 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 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 & Connie 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

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

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Tues 9:00 AM, 22-08-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 23-08-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 24-08-23

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 25-08-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 26-08-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri
Miriam Vella
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 27-08-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 27-08-23

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: Joh Cablao
Jinky Monteros
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Volunteer
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 27-08-23

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator HEP Youth
Reader HEP Youth
HEP Youth
Eucharistic Min. Xuan Duong
Lani Laririt
Rod Lalunio

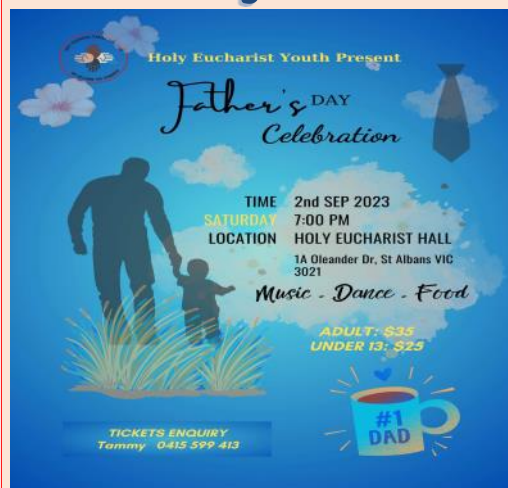
CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 26th August 2023

♦ 5pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 27th August 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Family
♦ 6pm - HEP Youth



We would be delighted if you could join Our Holy Eucharist Youth on Father's Day Dinner

- ♦ Live Music
- ♦ Food
- ♦ Fun games
- ♦ Raffle prizes & more

Date & Time:

- ⇒ Saturday
- ⇒ 2nd September 2023
- ⇒ 7:00pm

Location:

- ⇒ Holy Eucharist Hall
- ⇒ 1A Oleander Dr.
- ⇒ St Albans, VIC 3021

Entry:

- ⇒ Adults - \$35
- ⇒ Under 13 - \$25

Tickets enquiry contact Tammy on 0415 599 413.

Come along and bring the family especially all who are called "FATHER" and join with our Parish Youth!



Wishing our Parish Priest a happiest birthday this Sunday the 20th of August. Please join us to wish Fr. Vincent a Happy Birthday.

"We thank God for the gift of you and pray for many more years full of blessings and good health for your Ministry and as a Leader of Holy Eucharist Parish Community."