



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 2 & 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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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/(JP SERVICE)

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays

10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call Charlie 03 9366 1310.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,
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Email: stalban@preca.org.au

"Happy Father's Day"



As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, let us give thanks for the Gift of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and all men who were like fathers for us and most of all, let us give thanks to God, our Greatest Father, who remains faithful and love us unconditionally. We will remember in our prayers especially those who had a loving father that passed away, those who never knew their father, those expectantly waiting to become a father soon, and countless other situations surrounding the father-child relationship. May this Father's Day bring God's peace and glory into your home and life today and always. Happy Father's Day and have a very special day with your families.



BAPTISM - SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to:

Maria Lina Tran, Maria Lisa Tran, Peter Oscar Nguyen, Joachim Justin Ngo, Teresa Jasmine Mi Tran, Phanxico William Tran, Joseph Charlie Dang & Michael Felix Ho



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.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 62(63):2 -6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to re-monstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Most of us know leaders who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting

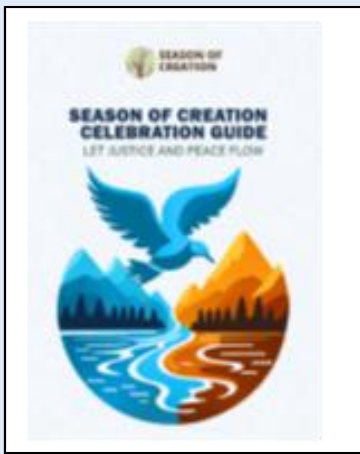
that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding and opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kingdom or empire of the heavens, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being.

For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this gospel story. Peter actually reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and Justina, the Canaanite woman, who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she is praised for her great faith.

Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different from the rest of us. We too need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation. Our church, along with other churches, celebrates September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the Earth community. We bring into our celebration those affected by the climate crisis and we pray for the insight to live in right relationship with all that is..

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

SEASON OF CREATION



Pope Francis and Faith Leaders around the world will join together in an Ecumenical Celebration of The Season of Creation dedicated to prayer, reflection, and celebration of God as Creator. The season unites the world's 2.6 billion Christians in prayer

and action to protect Earth, our common home. The Season of Creation begins on the 1st of September and ends on the 4th October- the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The theme, Let Justice and Peace Flow, takes up the cry of the prophet Amos "let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 2) Let Justice and Peace Flow and helps us navigate a flowing together of the three tributaries of nonviolence, justice, and care for creation. Let us create a singular river of life-giving water.

The Season of Creation calls the world family to a new, compassionate consciousness, a commitment to Gospel nonviolence, and a healing that has the power to restore a life-giving flow of justice and peace to all the living of Earth. The Earth is Home for All and not just humans. All have the right to live, to thrive, and to glorify God on it and in it. A time of rest, restoration, and restitution from the destructive damage of climate change and ecological degradation. Let us grieve with the suffering Earth. Let God's healing Spirit flow into our world!

In this special month you are asked to keep in your prayers the United Nations Convention on Climate Change known as COP 28. The meeting will take place in Dubai from November 30 to December 12. It will be a final chance for the world to agree on bold, practical and ambitious solutions to the most pressing global challenge of our time.

By Fr Pat Corbett CSsR

THE REFERENDUM

On October 14, Australians will be asked to vote Yes / No to the important question:

Giving Recognition to our First peoples and their right to a Voice to Parliament.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

(ACBC) in this year's Social Justice Statement discuss some of the issue involved. They invite us to: **Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

In 1967, Australians gave overwhelming support to a referendum that recognised Australia's First Peoples as **citizens!** And the right to vote!

In **2023**, we will be given a chance to vote in another referendum to constitutionally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples through a Voice to Parliament.

Australia's Bishops see it as an opportunity for all Australians to renew our engagement with the First Peoples of Australia. They have come to this view through much listening to the First Peoples and they encourage us all to listen to them in a spirit of love and humility. **In the following weeks we will print extracts from the Bishops' Statement.**

By Fr Pat Corbett CSsR



WHO NEEDS A SUPERHERO?

My daughter gave me a plaque last Father's Day that says, 'Who needs a superhero when you have a dad.' This simple yet touching message encapsulates the often 'under-recognised' role that fathers play in the lives of their children and families. As we approach Father's Day this weekend, it's an opportune moment to acknowledge the unique contributions of fathers—be they life lessons, emotional support, or the simple joys of playing with your children in the backyard.



Fathers are often the unsung heroes in the family narrative, providing stability, guidance, and unconditional love. They don many hats—as providers, protectors, mentors, and friends—and it's crucial that we celebrate these special individuals not just on Father's Day, but every day.

Moreover, it's vital for us fathers to not underestimate the impact we have on our children's lives. Our actions, our words, and even our simple presence have far-reaching implications that help shape the young minds we are responsible for. Whether it's helping with homework, engaging in a heart-to-heart talk, or just being there during the ups and downs, the role of a father is profoundly significant. We often get lost in the daily grind of work and responsibilities, but let's remember that our influence extends far beyond the here and now. Our lessons, actions and love will echo in the lives of our children and even their children. Whether we know it or not we are their role models.

However, while we revel in the joy and love that come with this special occasion, let us also take a moment to remember those who have recently lost their fathers. This day can evoke a mix of emotions—happiness, nostalgia, but also sorrow for those mourning. The absence of a father leaves an irreplaceable void, and it's essential that we extend our support and compassion to those for whom this day might be challenging.

This Father's Day, whether you're celebrating or remembering, let us all honour the irreplaceable role that fathers have in our lives, and remember that this role carries with it a responsibility and influence that we should never underestimate.

Happy Father's Day

By Tony Biviano

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 6th September
2023 - Group 7 - South Sudanese
Community - Peter & David

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 05-09-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 06-09-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 07-09-23

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 08-09-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 09-09-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri
Readers: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Agatha Saliba
Eucharistic Min. Alaistair Surrao
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 10-09-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 10-09-23

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Ed Cablaio
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 10-09-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 9th September 2023

- ♦ 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 10th September 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

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

Death Anniversaries

Francis Pace, Gregory Borg, Jan & Jovan Vala, Jan Danicek, Maria & Joseph Dorinko, George & Angela Bugeja, John Frendo, Lawrence Falzon, Ian Ness William Miller, Reno & Charles Bugeja, Joseph Formosa, Carmelo Faraci, Djuro Bozickovic, 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

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

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