



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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Filipino Chaplain

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/(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

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 94 (95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to

his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.’

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Your only debt should be the debt of mutual love

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he

listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



THE REFERENDUM

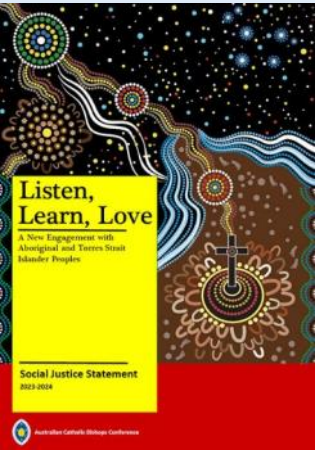
At Uluru, on May 26 2017, over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders gathered together at a National Constitutional Convention, and issued the

Uluru Statement from the Heart.

It followed an unprecedented process of dialogue with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

It recommended:

The enshrinement of a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution as well as Treaty and Truth Telling.



“Change is necessary if the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are to be realised.”

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference welcomes the referendum as a blessed opportunity for the Church and, indeed, all Australians to embark on a new

engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the hope that there can be healing and justice in our land. We have come to this understanding through much listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been saying and calling for over many years... Through that listening, we have learned much about their struggle for justice and dignity. Our prayerful reflection on what we have heard and learned from them in the light of the Gospel has convinced us to make a commitment to renew our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to accompany them in their struggle for justice.

In this year’s Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, we hear from members of the **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)** who speak directly about the history of injustice faced by the First Peoples of this country and what needs to be done to right those wrongs. Recounting the impact of loss of land and culture, the experience of racism, the forcible removal of children, high incarceration and suicide rates, alcohol abuse and domestic violence, and poor outcomes in health, employment, housing and education is very painful. (to be continued.)

By Pat Corbett CSsR

THE SEASON OF CREATION

1st September – 4 October 2023.

Pope Francis wrote this message

Dear brothers and sisters!

“**L**et Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s Ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).



When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our *hearts*, our *lifestyles*, and the *public policies* ruling our societies.

First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our *hearts*. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that “ecological conversion” which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with crea-

tion so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships:

with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves. (to be continued)

By Fr Pat Corbett CSsR

ST. KÁTERI TEKAKWITHA SHOWS ORDINARY ACTS CAN ACHIEVE GREAT HOLINESS

During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis praises the apostolic zeal of Saint Káteri Tekakwitha, first Native American saint of North America, saying her faith began in her family, her sufferings drew her to the Cross, and her ordinary, holy actions offer a powerful example.

Quiet, everyday actions can manifest great holiness.

Pope Francis said this as he praised Saint Káteri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint of North America, during his General Audience on Wednesday in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall.

The Pope was continuing his series of catecheses on apostolic zeal, and how men and women's holy witnessing to the Gospel across the world can spread the Christian faith.



Faith in the family

Reflecting on the saint, the Pope noted that Káteri, born in upstate New York, was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin Christian mother, who taught her to pray and sing hymns to God.

"Many of us have also been introduced to the Lord for the first time in the family, especially by our mothers and grandmothers," the Pope said.

He noted that evangelisation often begins like this, "with simple, small gestures, like parents helping their children to learn to talk to God in prayer and telling them of his great and merciful love."

Káteri's faith foundations, and many of ours, the Pope observed, were laid in this way.

Sufferings inspired her love for the Cross

Scarred by smallpox at an early age, he said, "her sufferings drew her to a great love of the Cross" and "a close identification with Christ in His redemptive love for humanity."

The Pope recalled her suffering, as well as her convictions and faith.

“When we encounter difficulties in living and proclaiming the Gospel," the Pope said, "we may be tempted to become discouraged, to take refuge in our certainties or to close ourselves off in small groups that think like us."

"The life of Káteri Tekakwitha," he said, however, "shows us that every challenge can be overcome if we open our hearts to Jesus, who grants us the grace we need to continue on the path of Christian life with faithfulness and perseverance."

Deep piety and prayer

“Her deep piety and prayer, marked by devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and acts of penance," he said, "was accompanied by charitable concern for the elderly and the sick, and for the instruction of children in the faith."

Káteri's life, the Holy Father said, is a "further testimony to the fact that apostolic zeal implies both a vital union with Jesus, nourished by prayer and the Sacraments, and the desire to spread the beauty of the Christian message through fidelity to one's particular vocation."

Although she was encouraged to marry, Káteri wanted instead to dedicate her life completely

to Christ. Unable to enter consecrated life, she took a vow of perpetual virginity on 25 March 1679, the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

"Her choice," he said, "reveals another aspect of apostolic zeal: total dedication to the Lord."

Silent joy, openness to the Lord

“In Káteri Tekakwitha," the Holy Father said, "we meet a woman who bore witness to the Gospel, not so much with great works, because she never founded a religious community or any educational or charitable institution, but with the silent joy and freedom of a life open to the Lord and to others."

Even in the days leading up to her death at the age of 24, on 17 April 1680, he acknowledged that Káteri fulfilled her vocation "in simplicity, loving and praising God and teaching those with whom she lived to do the same. Her last words were: 'Jesus, I love you.'"

Ordinary actions with great faith

“Let us, too, by drawing strength from the Lord, as St Káteri Tekakwitha did," the Pope said, "learn to perform ordinary actions in an extraordinary way, and thus grow each day in faith, charity, and zealous witness to Christ."

The Pope praised her great witness, lived out even in what could seem small acts.

Saint Káteri Tekakwitha's example, the Holy Father said, shows us the power of the Gospel to bear rich fruit in a holiness expressed in quiet, everyday actions that nonetheless have the power to transform our world.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 13th September 2023 - Group 8 - Samoan Community - Yoko & Lia Akenese

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 12-09-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 13-09-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 14-09-23

Reader: Tammy Pham
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 15-09-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 16-09-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Chelsea Perera
Readers: Alaistair Surrao
Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Violeta Montoro
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 17-09-23

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Commentator Shirley Krizmanic
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Mini Eddy
Eucharistic Min: Helen Maddela
Wilma Marmur
Monica Lomen

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Susan Hallorina
Eucharistic Min. Joh Cablao
Ed Cablao
Br. Noel Debono

Sun 6.00PM, 17-09-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 16th September 2023

♦ 5pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 17th September 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - DeSouza Family
♦ 6pm - Pio-Marcellin Atonio

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 Maher(4th Anniv.), 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 & 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

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

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