



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 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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Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

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: stalbans@preca.org.au

Day Light Saving begins

At 2am on the first Sunday in October when clocks are put forward one hour.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on **1 October, 2023** than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

Saturday Masses will be moved back to 6pm start, commencing Saturday 7th October 2023.

Thank you!

October Baptism in October

Please note the October Baptism will be moved to the afternoon on the **7th October 2023 at 3pm in English and 4pm in Vietnamese.**

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

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

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

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.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation of Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

From 1973 to 1975, East Jerusalem was my home. Early each morning, I crossed the road from the Chaldean Patriarchate to the Ecole Biblique Archéologique Française. I would greet the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles, waiting for employment in the vacant lot that divided Israeli from occupied Palestinian territory. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, these workers were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found

work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. In Matthew's parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed are made "equal" to them. Jesus makes it clear that people's worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. They are all equal as persons. Pope Leo XIII, writing back in 1891 about the condition of the working class, echoes this aspect of the parable. Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work on account of pandemic or disability or visa restrictions know something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well paid employment. Minimal social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity. Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. We may want to consider the corrosive effects of "envy". Faced with the growing disparity between rich and poor in our world, we may wish to raise questions about the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner. Those who are conscious of the plight of asylum seekers and refugees, as well as those ineligible for Job Seeker or Job Keeper or any other benefit, may come with questions about "generosity" offered from a base of power over against equal access to the world's resources. In the face of pandemic and of climate crisis, many of those who used to be safe in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts and diminishing security. Many in our world are every bit as desperate as the Palestinian day labourers, waiting in line as never before. As we celebrate this third Sunday of the Season of Creation, we might accept the invitation of today's gospel story to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm



Let Justice & Peace Flow

The season of Creation will come to an end on the 4 September, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. His poem *The Canticle of Creation* was the inspiration behind Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si* - a call for world to care for our Common Home.

Our sister, mother earth, now cries out because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

Pope Francis' Message 2023

**Let Justice and Peace flow on like a river,
Righteousness like a never-failing stream"**

Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

The effects of this war can be seen in the many rivers that are drying up. Benedict XVI once observed that: "the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast". Consumerist greed, fuelled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet's water cycle.

The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts. Alarming water shortages increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises. Moreover, predatory industries are depleting and polluting our freshwater sources through extreme practices such as fracking for oil and gas extraction, unchecked mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming. "Sister Water", in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, is pillaged and turned into "a commodity subject to the laws of the market" (*Laudato Si*?, 30).

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature...

Pope Francis has chosen the close of the Season of Creation as the opportunity to open the com-

ing Synod where no doubt theme of the Season of creation will continue to flow... Let Justice and peace flow! "*In this Season of Creation. As followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, Let us, live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again*". (Pope Francis)

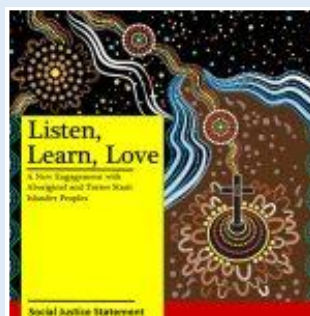
Pope Francis was invited to address, by video, the Clinton Global Initiative which aims to bring leaders together to create and implement solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. Participants for 2023 included former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The topics included **climate change**, implementing artificial intelligence, health care accessibility, **migration and economic justice**. "It is time for the weapons to cease, for us to return to dialogue, to diplomacy. For the plans of conquest and military aggression to cease," he said. **"That is why I repeat: No to war, no to war."**

In his opening talk, Pope Francis elaborated on the need to confront together the principal challenges facing society, particularly the **"winds of war that blow across the world"** and the **climate crisis**.

He urged leaders **"to work together to stop ecological catastrophe before it's too late"**. Speaking of climate change, he mentioned his decided to write another document on the subject **eight years** after the publication of his encyclical **"Laudato Si'**, On Care for Our Common Home."

The document is expected to be released on October 4.

By Pat Corbett CSsR



THE REFERENDUM

Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

The Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church. This year's statement provides some background to the coming Referendum.

“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.

We can be at the forefront of a new era in Australia’s public life. As one body in Christ, let us work together, drawing strength from the resilience and wisdom of First Australians by recognizing their experiences and collaborating across boundaries. Let us listen and learn intently and love our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers with great generosity and respect as we participate in the dialogue about the Voice referendum and other important questions which will follow in the coming years.”

By Pat Corbett CSsR

LIVING BEYOND THE SUCCESS-FAILURE SYNDROME

I hope you stay close to Jesus in the midst of everything. Jesus is, as you know, much more than a story. He is a source of life and is truly able to touch you deeply so that you can go beyond the success-failure syndrome. I really believe that it is possible for you to develop a simple life of prayer that can give you that “holy indifference.” By that, I mean the place where you feel so truly safe and so well held that the ups and downs of your life aren’t able to distress you or excite you. I have personally found much help in spending a little time every day just repeating in my mind a sacred text such as the prayer of St. Francis, “Make me an instrument of your peace. . . .” When I let these words enter deeply into my consciousness, something new in me happens and I am moved beyond the places where exultation or depression dwell.

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 4th October 2023
Group 11 - Vietnamese Women’s League - Teresa & Ms Maria

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 26-09-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 27-09-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 28-09-23

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 29-09-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 30-09-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Ed Cablao
Violeta Montoro
Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 01-10-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 01-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin
Commentator: Christina Afano
Reader: Samoan Choir
Samoan Choir
Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 01-10-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 30th September 2023

♦ 5pm – Fernandez Family

Sunday 1st October 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - Samoan Choir
♦ 6pm - Exxemos Family

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

Nazareno (Gerry) Hili, Wenceslao Tapat, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Family Attard, Family Caruana, Family Zammit, Charlie Grech, Bruce McLean, Joseph Formosa, Nazareno & Josephine 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

We can never be called “generous”. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us

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