



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

30 SEPT. & 1ST OCT. 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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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

Day Light Saving begins

This Sunday October 1st, 2023

the clocks are put forward one hour. 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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing

which would make me completely happy.

There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

As we celebrate the fourth week in the Season of Creation, we might ponder again the ways in which Earth cares for us. Vineyards have provided nourishment for countless families in the ancient Mediterranean world since about 10,000 BCE. It is not surprising then that the biblical record frequently references vines and vineyards and that the vineyard becomes a metaphor for God's "workplace". In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a father who sends his sons to work in the vineyard. One refuses and then reconsiders: he has the courage to change his mind and engage in life. The second son agrees then fails to do as his father requests: he is not prepared to make his contribution to family life and wellbeing. These siblings find their counterparts in every age. There are those who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action: such people can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or plans. And then there are the slow starters, those who take time but eventually come on board. Jesus' parable is a response to the Temple authorities who are angered by the "amazing things" he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. Like the second son, the chief priests and elders profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They have rejected the prophet John who came to them "in the way of righteousness". The tax collectors and prostitutes, "sinners" from the perspective of the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire ahead of the guardians of the religious institutions. Changing one's mind is seen as a sign of weakness in our society. For evidence of this, one has only to listen to the taunts in parliament when a political leader changes course in the light of new information. Changing one's mind or one's course of action can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the "common good". We have the example of those who refused to politicize the pandemic and chose rather to work for the common good across political affiliations: some have paid a heavy price. Voluntary changes in behaviour come from a change of heart, from what the gospel calls "metanoia". There is always a cost in the pursuit of justice, generally less dramatic than the cost to some in public office who challenge the refusal to act on the climate crisis. Today's parable invites us to bring our actions into line with what we profess, no matter the cost. That is what it means to take up the challenge of working in the vineyard.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm



THE WORLD YOUTH DAY COMES TO HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

Our special thanks to Tammy, our parish Youth Leader and the many helpers who made last Sunday such a special day. The many activities reflected the World Youth Day theme of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. **Mary is with us on our**

journey. The concert at the close invited all present to sing of our faith and share our hope for the future.



We extend heartfelt thanks to our devoted priests: Fr. Maurie, (Sacred Heart Parish) Fr. Gerard (Resurrection Parish) Fr. Gift, (a Redemptorist from Zimbabwe), and Fr. Pat, for leading a meaningful Mass that uplifted our spirits. Their presence and willingness to listen to our voices are a true inspiration.

We're grateful to Emi, Yoko, and their talented group, whose voices touched our souls deeply during a stunning praise and worship session. Special thanks to Fr. Vincent and Fr. Hieu for their unwavering support. To Br. Noel, your workshop on "Faith in Action" enriched our hearts.

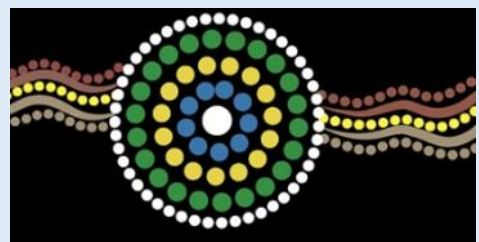
A big 'shoutout' to Charlie for the generous donation of sausages and salad, ensuring we never went hungry. Bang UB Production set the perfect tone with impeccable sound.

To our dedicated young volunteers, your commitment didn't go unnoticed. We faced challenges, but we were reminded that God's ways are higher than ours.

To the young souls present, may you carry the Lord's message in your daily lives. Together, let's be catalysts for spreading the Good News.

May today's spirit inspire us to be ambassadors of God's love in all we do. Thank you, and may God bless us abundantly.

TOWARDS THE REFERENDUM



A Statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops

Australia's first Catholic bishop, John Bede Polding, (1794-1877) criticised the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples:

"The wretched unfortunate Aborigines of the country – the first occupants of the lands over which your flocks and herds now roam – have a very strong claim upon you".

We need to see the truth of what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have suffered and the disadvantage many experience to this day.

Justice demands that we seek to rectify this disadvantage. Australians are now being asked to consider a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice as one way to address this disadvantage.

This was asked for in the **Uluru Statement from the Heart**. The hope of those who prepared the Uluru Statement is that this will not only offer **constitutional recognition**, but also assist progress towards a **more just and equitable Australia**, helping to tackle not just the symptoms but the causes of **chronic disadvantage**.

Pope Francis wrote recently of the **Indigenous people of the Amazon**, and how best to engage with them on issues particular to them:

“They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn... Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at the table... Otherwise, the result would be, once again, ‘a plan drawn up by the few for the few’.” The same could be said of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference’s statement on the Voice in May urged that the debate be conducted civilly and respectfully; there are some who strongly support the Voice and others who have concerns, including whether the Voice would benefit those most in need or could stifle good governance.

However differently they are viewed, the issues surrounding the Voice are not just political; they are **moral and ethical**. Therefore, **all Australians need to educate themselves**

One way we might do this is by a careful reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and this year’s Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*.

We urge all Australians to listen to the hopes and fears of each other. We urge people to act in a way that commits **to redressing the disadvantage suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will allow them to reach their potential, thus promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation.**

May the Holy Spirit who opens locked doors give us light and strength to keep working for a better and more equitable Australia. Let us walk together.

By Pat Corbett CSsR

SYNOD CALLED BY POPE FRANCIS



A “synod” is a journey of discernment invoking the Holy Spirit. In the **Synod on Synodality**, the entire Church has been called to discern how **the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ** - inside and outside the Church - so that we may **continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.**

The first stage of the two-year process began with ceremonies in Rome on Oct. 9-10, **2021**. Then the focus shifted to local Churches based in the **globe’s five continents**.

The Synod will begin in Rome 5th October.

“Synod” comes from the Greek and means (“together” and “path”), to walk together the path of Our Lord. The phrase evokes the Risen Lord’s accompaniment of his two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The more the Church adopts synodality as a path of accompaniment to those on the “peripheries, the more deeply its members will undergo a conversion of heart (Redemptorist Cardinal, Joseph Tobin).

PRAYER

We stand before You, **Holy Spirit**, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor disharmony influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

By Pat Corbett CSsR

ONE JOURNEY, TOGETHER



At the heart of the upcoming Voice to Parliament Referendum is the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the world’s oldest continuing culture, in the Australian Constitution.

As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society. Our mission is to educate and inform our fellow Catholics on this pivotal moment in Australia’s history. We have collated and created Statements and resources – grounded in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – to help you on your process of discernment.

NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops. Established in 1992, the council has been a voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics for over 30 years. In that time NATSICC has supported and empowered our First Nations communities to bring together their culture and faith as well as educate the wider Catholic Church on the

gifts that Australia's First Peoples bring to the Church.

We acknowledge that the Indigenous Voice represents a significant stride towards empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in addressing the deep-seated inequities prevalent in numerous social, economic and health indicators. By working in tandem with truth-telling, a robust First Nations Voice will serve as the bedrock for the journey towards reconciliation. This journey may encompass treaties, sovereignty, and various opportunities that the First Nations Voice can explore and advocate for.

NATSICC STATEMENT

We are sad to say that we still experience racism at the hands of our fellow Catholics. All the problems we have mentioned are simply symptoms of a deeper wound, which was first opened by the racism of colonisers over two centuries ago. This first cut is the deepest wound which has never had a chance to heal because the racism that caused it has never gone away.

To heal this wound, all Australians need to listen to the truth we have to tell about this racism and the many injustices it has caused. Australians at all levels need to acknowledge this original injustice and commit to walk a different track with us to a better future. When this wound begins to heal, we believe all the other problems from poor health to high suicide rates will begin to be fixed. Supporting the Voice is a Start Australians have an opportunity to begin a new chapter this year with the referendum on the Voice to Parliament. We in NATSICC know there are criticisms, even from Aboriginal people, but most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people support the referendum. Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign.

Pat Corbett CSsR

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, 03-10-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 04-10-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 05-10-23

Reader: Tammy Pham
Eucharistic Volunteer

Fri 9:00 AM, 06-10-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 07-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Carmen Camilleri
Agatha Saliba
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 08-10-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 08-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Rita Martin
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono
Ed Cabla
Christine Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 08-10-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 7th October 2023

- ◆ 6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 8th October 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

Freda Jones, Ripa Guneratne, Naz-areno (Gerry) Hili, Wenceslao Tapat, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Jan & Javan Vala, Elizabet & Jan Danicek, Maria Lojdova, Lucky Ellawala, 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 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 Chir-cop, 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 cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us

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