



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 7 & 8 OCTOBER 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:** 6:00pm
7:30pm 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

BAPTISM – OCTOBER

Congratulations to:

Anton Aston Tran,
Ashton Pham, Eveva

Mac, Ezra Bao

Gurpinar, Gioan

Baotixita Louis Tran,

Giuse Evan Vu, Joseph Henry
Tran, Joseph Ryan Tran, Joseph
Louis Hardy Tran, Joseph Lucas
Dinh, Luke Yi-Kai Yen, Luol
Lueth, Maria Isabella Le, Matthew
Leo Tran, Phaolo Leo Le, Teresa
Ellyna Nguyen, Tram Anh Dang,
Wilson Le Dang who were bap-
tized 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

Let me sing to my friend the song
of his love for his vineyard. My
friend had a vineyard on a fertile
hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it
of stones and planted choice
vines in it. In the middle he built
a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but
sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem and men of Judah, I ask you
to judge between my vineyard and
me. What could I have done for
my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why
did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am
going to do to my vineyard: I will
take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on, and knock down its
wall for it to be trampled on. I
will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the
thorn. I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it. Yes, the
vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is
the House of Israel, and the men
of Judah that chosen plant. He
expected justice, but found
bloodshed, integrity, but only a
cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm:

**The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of
Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to
the sea,
to the Great River it stretched
out its shoots.

**The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.**

Then why have you broken
down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the
forest,

devoured by the beasts of the field.

**The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.**

God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,

look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted.

**The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.**

And we shall never forsake you
again;

give us life that we may call up-
on your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we
shall be saved.

**The vineyard of the Lord is the
house of Israel.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

There is no need to worry; but if
there is anything you need, pray
for it, asking God for it with pray-
er and thanksgiving, and that
peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally,
brothers, fill your minds with eve-
rything that is true, everything
that is noble, everything that is
good and pure, everything that we
love and honour, and everything
that can be thought virtuous or
worthy of praise. Keep doing all
the things that you learnt from

me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is a triple celebration. It is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the closing Sunday in the Season of Creation. At the invitation of Pope Francis, we have focused for five weeks on the call to integral ecology, on hearing and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Among the most abandoned of Earth's "poor" are those who are still enslaved. While the international community has long since outlawed slavery, we have become increasingly aware of the persistence of a lucrative global industry structured around the sexual and

labour enslavement of vulnerable people and exacerbated by the experience of pandemic. Today's gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable, particularly the judgement on the religious authorities who have rejected God's messengers. Few consider the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable. Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading of such texts, a reading that critiques the power that some in the Earth community exercise over other humans and over the natural world that has for so long been treated as the property of humans to manipulate at will.

The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* (m.) and *doulē* (f.) as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some members of the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus of Nazareth, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the fruit from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner.

The "tenants" clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves who are the landowner's emissaries. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet another. The slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet another and bigger delegation. This second group of emissaries meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property. In fact, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", those wishing to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard" entrusted to our care.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm



OCTOBER MISSION MONTH

In the Catholic Church, October has long been associated with mission. The month starts with the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux, Patron of missions, on the 1st of October and draws to a close with World Mission Sunday – a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated in all Catholic parishes around the world.

Pope Francis' message,

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Dear brothers and sisters!

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"**. Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking

of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen... The image of "feet setting out" reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the *missio ad gentes*, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ. I take this opportunity to reiterate that "everyone has the right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" ***Evangelii Gaudium***, (The joy of the Gospel) 14

The church recently celebrated the feast of **St. Vincent De Paul**. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. We are blessed to have the St Vincent de Paul group in our parish. Known as 'Vinnies' they look to St Vincent de Paul for inspiration in helping the poor and disadvantaged in our parish. Vincent was a man who 'had it all' in life – intelligent, well educated, a

priest headed to be Bishop. He sought power, privilege and prestige...and was only 35.

When he suddenly 'heard' God in the poor, he changed his life completely. He switched to serving the poor, set up groups of lay people to assist people in need. With St. Louise de Marillac, he established hospitals, orphanages, soup kitchens, hostels for the poor and inspired thousands of people to open their hearts to the poor. Our 'Vinnies' group meet **every 2nd Tuesday of the month** here in the parish. If you would like to be part of this group or want to know how to help please enquire at our parish office.

The Synod A Prayer Vigil



An historic moment, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, Primate of the Anglican Church Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, and Syriac Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II. join with Pope Francis and many other religious leaders in a prayer as **The Season of Creation** ends and as the **Synod** begins.

Prayer for the Synod.

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 partiality 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.



READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 10-10-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 11-10-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 12-10-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 13-10-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 14-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Anthony Naidu
Wendy Perera-Forbes

Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao

Josephine Cassar
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 15-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Wilmar Marmur
Readers: Salve Nidea
Mini Eddy

Eucharistic Min: Helen Maddela
Catherine Bartolo
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 15-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Susan Hallorina
Commentator: Joh Cablao
Reader: Christine Pedroso
Rita Martin
Eucharistic Min. Susan Hallorina
Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 15-10-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 14th October 2023

♦ 6pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 15th October 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - DeSouza Family

♦ 6pm - Angeline Veigas

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

Joseph Formosa, Nazareno & Jose-
phine Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud,
Philip Gauci, Joseph, Frank &
John Xerri, Tran Thi Huong, Cor-
nelio Maddela, Grazio (Horace)
Camilleri, Joseph & Franc Xiber-
ras, 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, The-
resa Nguyen Ngoc Giang Thu,
Dominico Le Ngoc Son, Mary
Camilleri, Richard & Connie Cur-
mi, 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 Alphon-
sus 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

An employer would probably fire any
employee who never does the job properly.
God's plan calls us to live our vocation
daily in the best way we can

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the terms of our privacy policy.



The Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is a harvest festival celebrated in Vietnam and by our Vietnamese community here in St Albans. The Festival is all about family and children. Traditional games and fun activities are prepared to entertain

children while they are also immersed in their culture.

Our Vietnamese community also see it as a celebration of the Marian Rosary. The artistic Marian shrine is a reminder to all of us that October is the month of the Rosary.



Photo-White Sunday 2019 with Fr. Tuan
White Sunday in Samoa celebrates the coming of Christianity to their islands in 1830. It is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in October and children get gifts or privileges usually reserved for adults (like eating first!). All women and children wear white. Holy Eucharist Parish is very blessed to have the Samoan culture alive in our community. We join with them on this special day and give thanks for all they contribute to our parish.

Wishing a Happy Feast Day to the St Francis Choir as they celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi as their Patron Saint.

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 11th October 2023
Group 12 - South Sudanese Community - Peter & David