



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

21 & 22 OCTOBER 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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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

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.

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,
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between 7pm-8pm

Email: stalban@preca.org.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;

the gods of the heathens are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;

give the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace

from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?” Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus’ words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of pandemic and the closing of our places of worship. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with

each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

THE REFERENDUM;

The Voice to Parliament was first proposed in the Uluru Statement from the Heart, a 2017 document by Indigenous leaders that set out a **roadmap for reconciliation with wider Australia**. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - who make up **3.8% of the nation's 26 million** population - have inhabited Australia for at least **65,000 years** but are not mentioned in the constitution. They are, by most socio-economic measures, the most disadvantaged people in the country.

The Prime Minister in acknowledging the defeat of the Referendum declared:

*"This moment of disagreement does not define us, and it will not divide us, we are not Yes voters or No voters, we are all Australians. And it is as Australians together, that we must take our country beyond this debate, **without forgetting why we had it in the first place. Too often in the life of our nation, the disadvantage confronting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has been relegated to the margins.**"*

A Reflection



On Australia Day 2021, **Dr. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM** was named the **Senior Australian of the Year**.

She is a

respected Aboriginal Elder, an acknowledged artist and a dedicated spokeswoman for Aboriginal culture and land rights! I met Miriam Rose many years ago when she was teaching in the Catholic school in Daly River in the Northern Territories. At that time, she had just finished her *Aboriginal Way of the Cross*. ***This is her third station Jesus meets his mother.*** I quote here from one of her many reflections. She wrote these words not knowing then that they would also speak to our nation at this difficult time. I see it as a prayer!

When twilight comes, we prepare for the night. At dawn we rise with the sun.

We watch the bush foods and wait for them to ripen before we gather them. We wait for our young people as they grow, stage by stage, through their initiation ceremonies. When a relation

dies, we wait a long time with the sorrow. We own our grief and allow it to heal slowly.

We wait for the right time for our ceremonies and our meetings. The right people must be present. Everything must be done in the proper way. Careful preparations must be made. We don't mind waiting, because we want things to be done with care.

We don't like to hurry. There is nothing more important than what we are attending to. There is nothing more urgent that we must hurry away for.

We wait on God, too. His time is the right time. We wait for him to make his word clear to us. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of **Dadirri** (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

We are river people. We cannot hurry the river. We have to move with its current and understand its ways.

We hope that the people of Australia will wait. Not so much waiting for us – to catch up – but waiting with us, as we find our pace in this world.

Contributed by Fr Pat Corbett

THE HOLY LAND ISRAEL AND GAZA



Pope Francis has renewed his urgent appeal to **Israeli and Palestinian fighters** to stop perpetrating violence and spilling “innocent blood.

“Brothers and sisters,” the Pope cried, “so many have already died: please do not spill any more innocent blood, neither in the Holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else.” Repeating his firm belief that wars are always a defeat, the Holy Father invited all believers to join the Church in the Holy Land for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace.

“Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war,”

In this month of October dedicated to Mary and Rosary, you might remember this prayer.

Mary Mother of Mercy, Mary of Nazareth, who is both Jewish and Palestinian, extend your mantle of mercy over all the peoples of the Holy Land –Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, Israelis, migrants, and refugees.

Mother of the Messiah, show us how to be instruments of healing and peace in the midst of war, occupation, terrorism and divisions,

Give us an embracing love for all in the Holy Land, especially hostages, innocent victims, the homeless, and the dying.

Mary our Mother, given us by Jesus on the cross, pray for us

“LAUDATE DEUM”

The Pope has a message for the world.



The Pope's ‘Exhortation’ is meant for everyone but is also looking ahead to the **COP 28 - the international gathering of world leaders to discuss the environment**, which will be held in **Dubai** between the end of November and beginning of December.

The Holy Father writes: “it is indubitable that the **impact of climate change** will increasingly prejudice lives and families...” (2).

It's “one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community” and “the effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world” (3).

“The world is facing **“a process of environmental degradation,”** but it is a problem that impacts much more than nature. It **“leads down to the bottom of the ravine!”**

**Oh, Spirit,
Let me be a candle of
comfort in this world**

Let me burn with peace
I can't make the world be
peaceful
I can't stall tanks from
roaring down roads

I can't prevent children from having to hide in bunkers
I can't silence the sound of bombs tearing neighbour
hoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile into a bouquet of flowers
I can't deflect a sniper's bullet from turning a wife into a widow
I can't stave off a schoolyard being reduced to ash and rubble
I can't do any of that ...

The only thing I can do is love the next person I
encounter without any conditions or strings

To love my neighbour so fearlessly that it starts a ripple
that stretches from one horizon to the next

I can't force peace on the world

But I can become a force of peace in the world because
sometimes all it takes is a single lit candle in the dark-
ness to start a movement

**Oh, Spirit,
Let me be a candle of comfort in this world
Let me burn with peace**



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Tickets for only \$25.00 to win
one of the 5 amazing prizes
to be drawn at the

**Christmas Carols Night on
the 15th December 2023,
7pm here at Holy Eucharist
Church.**

Don't miss the chance to win
one of these great prizes:

1st - HR-V Honda car,

2nd - flight voucher(\$2,500),

3rd - iPhone 15 6.1,

**4th - Harvey Norman
voucher(\$1,000),**

5th - Gift voucher(\$500)

Contacts for Tickets enquiry:

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**FREE ACTIVITIES @
Holy Eucharist School
Community Hubs,
1A Oleander Dr.**

⇒ **Mondays 9.30am - 12.30pm**
- Parent and child English
Literacy program

⇒ **Wednesdays 9.30am - 10.30am**
- Zumba Class

⇒ **Thursdays 9.30am - 11am -**
- Craft and Conversation class

⇒ **Fridays 9.30am - 11am -**
- Cooking class

If your are interested please con-
tact Mandy at Holy Eucharist
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CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 25th October
2023 Group 2 - Jeff & Jenny
Colquhoun, Cherie Surrao,
Paul Scerri

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 24-10-23

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 25-10-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 26-10-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 27-10-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 28-10-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Miriam Vella
Agatha Saliba
Eucharistic Min. Josephine Cassar
Alaistair Surrao
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 29-10-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 29-10-23

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

Sun 6.00PM, 29-10-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 28th October 2023

♦ 6pm – Angline Veigas

Sunday 29th 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,
Amord Fernandez, Toni Antonowicz, An-
na, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Stella San-
dle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Mary McNamara, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Joseph & Carmen Bajona, David &
Adrian Camilleri, Joseph & Rita Micallef-
Grimaud, John Joseph & Christine
Montebello, Victor & Carmen Bajona
& family, Rose Sammut & Joseph
Sammut, Marlene Farrugia, Inge & David
Grimaud, Gordon Bartolo(15th Anniv.),
George & Lina Azzopardi, Esteban
Mula, Maria Bartolo, Baby Hierra Ta,
James Ferdinand, Anton Benic, Ivan Snr.
& Ivan Jr. Fractric, 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 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 commit-
ted 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 do not choose a vocation completely
on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on
how we can best give to God what is
God's, and then live as though everything
depends on God

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