



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

28 & 29 OCTOBER 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

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

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

ALL SAINTS & SOULS MASSES

Wednesday 1st November 2023

⇒ English - 9am

⇒ Vietnamese - 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November 2023

⇒ English - 9am & 6pm

⇒ Vietnamese - 7.30pm



**Anointing Mass next Friday
the 3rd November 2023 @
9am here at Holy Eucharist
Church. All are Welcome!**

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you. The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his
king
and shown his love for his
anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the

greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today’s gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so called from the first word in the statement meaning “hear”). The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.

In Matthew’s story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and the Sadducees with whom the lawyer has aligned himself. He evokes the text of the Shema. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”. The lawyer’s unfair “testing” of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all of one’s being-heart, soul and mind, and to love one’s neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. One is to love with the whole of one’s being. One is to care for others as one cares for oneself. We see such intensity of love in

those who are giving their lives to save those infected with Covid-19. Front-line health workers are three times more likely to contract the infection than others and yet few hesitate to turn up day after day to be there for their patients. Amnesty International estimates that some seven thousand health professionals have already lost their lives to the virus. The witness of their commitment functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.

By Sister Veronca Lawson rsm



THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN WAR

The Patriarch of Jerusalem, **Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, is urging Christians to turn to God in the midst of the **Holy Land war**. He condemns both the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas and Israel’s response in Gaza.

He called for prayer, particularly on the **Day of Prayer set by Pope Francis for this Friday**: “Perhaps the main thing we Christians can do at this time: pray, do penance, intercede.”

“**M**y conscience and moral duty require me to state clearly that what happened on October 7 in southern Israel is in no way permissible and we cannot but condemn it. There is no reason for such an atrocity. Yes, we have a duty to state this and to denounce it.

“The use of violence is not compatible with the Gospel, and it does not lead to peace. The life of every human person has equal dignity before God, who created us all in his image.

“**T**he same conscience, however, with a great burden on my heart, leads me to state with equal clarity today that this new cycle of violence has brought to Gaza over 5000 deaths, including many women and children, tens of thousands of wounded, neighbourhoods razed to the ground, lack of medicine, lack of water and of basic necessities for over 2 million people.

“These are tragedies that cannot be understood and which we have a duty to denounce and condemn unreservedly. The continuous heavy bombardment that has been pounding Gaza for days will only cause more death and destruction and will only increase hatred and resentment. It will not solve any problem, but rather create new ones.

“It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence.”

By Fr. Patrick Corbett CSsR

PARISH REPORT



Dear Parishioners

I have been a parishioner for over 48 years and in those years, our parish has grown and flourished and become very multicultural. We have always lived out our motto **“We Welcome the Stranger”**. Our parish has always been a place of welcome and it has nourished our community.

Now, I would like to talk about our church. What is the Church? Is it the just a building we come to visit frequently? **The church is “all of us” the parishioners.** When we gather every day or every Sunday as a community for Mass, we come as one family in Christ to celebrate the Eucharist and to thank him for what He has provide for us.

We also gather to ask God for what we need for ourselves, for others and for our families.

The special place where we gather to worship God, is a **Temple, the House of God.** It is the place where we keep the **Bread of life, JESUS CHRIST.** It here where we come to celebrate the EUCHARIST and to thank God for what He has provided for us whilst living in this country we call home.

Now as everybody knows every house needs looking after. A house needs ongoing maintenance. When our house needs maintenance, we **budget for this**, so that we can upgrade it

according to our needs.

Our Temple, which is our Church, also needs ongoing maintenance just like our homes. After many years, there are repairs which need urgent attention such as the **roof outside**, as well as the **ceiling which has been damaged by the water leaks.** There are many other things in need of an upgrade in and around the church in order to make it feel comfortable and presentable.

The first project we would like to carry out in the Church is the repair of **the roof and the ceiling.** For most of us this damage is unseen but it **needs to be done and urgently.** As you know we held meetings about plans for replacing the present parish office. Sadly, these are on hold until we have finished the more urgent repairs to the Church. We are grateful for those who contribute to **weekly sacrificial envelopes**, the **second collection** is for these envelopes. If you don't have envelopes, and would like to contribute, please call the parish office.

The Parish Finance Committee has established a **FUND-RAISING Committee.** This group of people from our parish will be organising activities during the year to raise money. Hence, the **launch of a Parish Raffle.** (See later in this bulletin)

Please, always remember, the church belongs to all of us, the parishioners. We need to look after it, just like we look after our homes. Our parish priest and our assistant priests are here to lead us to live a Christian life. Our priests are also here to administer the sacraments and to serve our community. Please, let us show them and the rest of our community, our support for this worthy cause.

Thank you in advance and may God Bless you all.

Charlie Desira OAM.

On behalf of the Finance Committee.



FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH PROJECT

Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!

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:
Marylucy 0466 055 077 or
Tammy 0415 599 413*



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 1 November
2023 Group 3 - Lily Disco,
Margaret Bajada, Cathy
Bartolo, Wendy Forbes-
Perera & Shannon Lindsey

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 31-10-23

Reader Volunteer
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 01-11-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 02-11-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 03-11-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 04-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Joh Cablao
Susan Hallorina
Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Anthony Naidu
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 05-11-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 05-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin
Commentator: Christina Afano
Reader: Samoan Choir
Samoan Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono
Faati Ierome
Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 05-11-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 4th November 2023

- ♦ 6pm – Fernandez Family

Sunday 5th November 2023

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

Mary McNamara, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Anton Benic, Ivan
Snr. & Ivan Jr. Fractric, Hoang Family
(Fanxico, Maria, Maria & Teresa) &
Nguyen Family(Joseph, Anna &
Maria), 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 com-
mitted 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 must stop just putting Band-Aids on
the wounds of society. We must tell the
world that we are God's people. God
loves us and we were created to serve
God, and others in God

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