



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 4 & 5 NOVEMBER 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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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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 – NOVEMBER

Congratulations to:
Dominic Alexander Da Hoang, Giuse Zadin Ho, Maria Annie Nguyen & Maria Violet Hoang Nguyen who were baptized 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: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130(131)

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever.

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7,9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do:

since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

OH LORD, IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE

Keeping Up Appearances' is a popular British sitcom that ran from 1990-1995. The plot centres on Hyacinth Bucket (pronounced "Bouquet"), a snobbish middle-aged Englishwoman on a lifelong quest to escape her working-class background, climb the social ladder and claim her rightful place in society.

Hyacinth hosts elegant soirees, including her famous 'candlelight suppers' complete with Royal Doulton tea set, in an effort to impose herself on high-society people, usually involving her long-suffering, but compliant husband, Richard; while striving to 'hide' her less-refined sisters, Daisy and Rose, and Daisy's slothful husband, Onslow. Yet somehow, Hyacinth's family always manages to spoil her grand designs to find fame, usually resulting in chaos and embarrassment. However, Hyacinth is a determined lady, who has one mission in life - to impress people of influence, status and wealth!

In today's gospel, we meet some scribes and Pharisees who are also intent on 'keeping up appearances'! For them, religion has more to do with personal gain and they set out to cultivate a greater public profile, attract attention and improve their social status. They shine the spotlight firmly on themselves by wearing "broader phylacteries and longer tassels"; taking "the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues" and having people call them "Rabbi."

But Jesus wants none of it.

True religion is never about external things, craving power and influence or putting on a show for others. Jesus confronts such superficial, shallow and self-indulgent understandings of holiness. He calls his followers to reject such an empty way of life and instead, build their lives on integrity, love and service, and to build relationships of solidarity, equality and mutual concern.

Jesus is also conscious of what the scribes and Pharisees say about the Law and how they act. They do not, as Jesus says, practice what they preach. Their teaching about the Law and its prescriptions places great burdens on people, which they do nothing to ease or remove. Their role, as they see it, puts them above others and they demand, and obviously get, plenty of attention and respect from those around them.

Ultimately, Jesus says: those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Humility is realising that all we are and have is a gift; that we are dependent on God for everything. Humility is an awareness that we're not alone, but embraced by God who loves us unconditionally and in whom we can have complete trust. Therefore, we have no need to inflate our egos, be seduced by fame, dominate or put others down, consider ourselves superior or find our value in physical attributes, possessions or reputations.

As humble disciples of the Good News, may we die to power, domination and ostentation; and rise to simplicity, authenticity, integrity and servant leadership. J Hore CSsR

By David J Hore CSsR

LET THERE BE A CASEFIRE Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and sisters. Our thought turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate... War does not solve any problem, it sows only death and destruction, fomenting hate and proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace.



“Let us not stop. Let us continue to pray for Ukraine, as well as for the **serious situation in Palestine and Israel**, and for other regions at war... Particularly, in **Gaza**, may space be opened to guarantee humanitarian aid, and may the hostages be released right away”.

Let no one abandon the possibility that the weapons might be silenced – **let there be a ceasefire," Pope Francis.**

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The assembly, with **365 voting members** met in working sessions six days a week **Oct. 4-28** after a three-day retreat outside of Rome. On **Oct. 29** at the assembly's closing Mass, Pope Francis spoke these words in his homily.

Brothers and sisters, I think of the victims of the atrocities of war; the sufferings of migrants, the hidden pain of those who are living alone and in poverty; those who are crushed by the burdens of life; those who have no more tears to shed, those who have no voice.

As disciples of Jesus, we desire to bring to the world a different type of leaven, that of the Gospel. **To put God in first place and, together with him, those whom he especially loves: the poor and the weak.**

This, brothers and sisters, is the Church we are called to “dream”: a Church that is the **servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters.** A Church that never demands an attestation of “good behaviour,” **but welcomes, serves, loves and forgives.**

A Church with open doors that is a *haven of mercy*. “The merciful man”, said (saint) John Chrysostom, “is as a harbour to those who are in need; and the harbour receives all who are escaping shipwreck, and frees them from danger, whether they be evil or good; whatsoever kind of people they be that are in peril, it receives them into its shelter. You also, when

you see someone suffering shipwreck on land through poverty, do not sit in judgment on them, nor require explanations, but relieve their distress.”

Note: The first session of has concluded with a report synthesizing discussions and reflections over the past month. This report will go back to local churches around the world for further consideration and input for the next phase of the Synodal Process and the next session in **Rome in Oct. 2024.**



Pope Francis with women attending the Synod.

Among members of the assembly, the report said, some thought the idea of **women deacons** would be a break with tradition, while others insisted it would “restore the practice of the Early Church,” including at the time of the New Testament, which mentions women deacons.

“Others still, discern it as an appropriate and necessary response to the signs of the times, faithful to the Tradition, and one that would find an echo in the hearts of many who seek new energy and vitality in the Church,”

By Fr. Patrick Corbett CSsR

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REV PAUL GALLAGHER

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH PROJECT



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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St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

The St Albans conference
will be present at our
weekend Masses for the St
Vincent De Paul Christmas
Appeal on the 11th & 12th
November 2023.

This happens every year so
please support them.

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 8 November
2023 Group 4 - Otilia &
Tufuga Family

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 07-11-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 08-11-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 09-11-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 10-11-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 11-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: Violeta Montoro
Wendy Forbes-Perera

Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao
Miriam Vella
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 12-11-23

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

Eucharistic Min: Mini Eddy
Helen Maddela
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 12-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Br. Noel Debono
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 12-11-23

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

Eucharistic Min. Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong
Rod Lalunio

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 11th November 2023

♦ 6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 12th November 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

Mary McNamara, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Jan & Jovan Vala, Elizabet, & Jan
Danicek, Maria Jojdova, Stefan Kolek,
Eddy James Domingo, 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

“Credibility” becomes a household
word, not because there is so much of
it, but because there is such a lack of it.
The Church also needs people who not
only practice what they preach, but can
also preach what they practice.

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