



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 11 & 12 NOVEMBER 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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Fr Joselito Asis

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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

SOCIAL OFFICE/(JP SERVICE)

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More de-
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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Email: stalban@preca.org.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look
for her*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62(63):2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? There are times when it matters little whether we are ready or not. COVID-19 is teaching us that sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts a situation where it is of crucial importance to be prepared. Wisdom resides in readiness, foolishness in failure to prepare.

The imminent event in today's parable is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. These young women can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated

"wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that the parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish build on sand while the wise build on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there any wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" companions to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We can identify with the foolish in our inattention to the plight of our planet. We can identify with the wise insofar as we have the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure and in right relationship.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

WE WELCOME THE STRANGER

The 2nd of February next year, will mark seven years since the parish first welcomed the Redemptorists to our Holy Eucharist Family Parish. The Redemptorists, at that time, 2016, made a commitment to the care of this parish for 10 years. We are grateful for the ministry of **Fr Tuan Anh Do**, our first Redemptorist parish priest and the continuing of that mission under **Fr Vincent Pham**. Recently, Fr **John Hodgson**, the

Redemptorist Provincial spent time visiting the parish; and more recently, **Fr Dominic Carrigan**, the superior of our large Retreat Centre in Galong near Canberra, assisted at the weekend Masses. The parish is grateful for the help we receive from **Fr Francis Tri** who was part of our Mission in China and **Fr Bernard Teo** originally from Singapore and recognized in the wider church for his teaching of Moral Theology. Our parish has been blessed by their presence among us.

Last Sunday, Fr Dominic joined in the **Sudanese Mass**. The Sudanese, in welcoming Fr Dominic spoke of the Sudanese tradition of first welcoming the stranger and making them comfortable before even asking the person's name! *I was a stranger and you welcomed me*, touches a deep teaching of Jesus, and is **the motto of our parish**.

A WORLD AT WAR. POPE FRANCIS' PLEA FOR PEACE WHEN MEETING THE RABBI OF ROME



In his address, Francis said his first thought and prayers went "above all else to everything that has happened in the last few weeks. Yet, again, violence and war have erupted in that land blessed by the Most High, which seems continually assailed by the vileness of hatred and the deadly clash of weapons."

The pope has offered to mediate between Israel and Palestinian militants for the release of hostages in Gaza and to facilitate peace.

He had a telephone conversation with the Iranian president, Ebrahim Raisi, on Sunday afternoon, the Vatican press office said. The conversation reportedly took place in the afternoon on Raisi's request and focused on the conflict in the Middle East sparked by the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October and the Israeli response.

UNITED NATIONS' COP28

Pope Francis has confirmed he will attend the **United Nations' COP28 climate change conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates**. The **December 1-3** trip will mark Francis' second visit to the United Arab Emirates and will take place less than two months after the release of **Laudate Deum**, an 11-page letter on the environment where the Pope called for world

leaders to join in collective action at the summit to stave off climate catastrophes.

While the Pope used the letter to praise the headway that has been made in annual UN climate summits, he warned that progress is not happening quickly enough and that past agreements have lacked the necessary monitoring and enforcement mechanisms. Let us keep this Conference and the Pope's visit in our prayers.

Response to the Referendum:

There are clearly, many ways to look at the results of the referendum. As a nation we must continue to work towards ways to respond to **the Uluru Statement from the Heart**. Sadly, our world is in turmoil in Ukraine and in Israel and Gaza and many parts of the world. At the heart of these sad conflicts is **Peoples' right to land and rightful recognition of that right**.

AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ABORIGINAL PEOPLES RESPONSE

"We thank the 5.51 million Australians who voted Yes to recognition. This represents approximately 39.2 per cent of Australian voters..."



The writers of this response, and they claim to represent a large majority of our aboriginal peoples, declare:

"We feel acutely the repudiation of our peoples and the rejection of our efforts to pursue reconciliation in good faith. (The Uluru Statement from the heart)

"Australia is our country. We accept that the majority of non-Indigenous voting Australians have rejected recognition in the Australian Constitution. We do not for one moment accept that this country is not ours. Always was. Always will be. Our sovereignty has never been ceded... A 'founding document' without recognition of First Peoples of this country continues the process of colonization... It is clear no reform of the Constitution that includes our peoples will ever succeed.

Information supplied by Fr Patrick Corbett

(Fr Pat will be away for the next two weeks. His sister in Sydney is celebrating her 95th Birthday).

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

This weekend 11th & 12th
November is the St Vincent
De Paul Christmas Appeal.
The Volunteers will be pre-
sent at all weekend Masses.
Thank you in advance for
your generous support.

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 15 November 2023
Group 5 - Xuan Dung Huynh,
Phuong Ung, Margaret Bajada,
Tran Thi Kim Hao, Hong Thuy
Tran, Nguyen Thanh Tao

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 14-11-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 15-11-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 15-11-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 17-11-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 18-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Alastair Surrao
Agatha Saliba

Eucharistic Min. Violeta Montoro
Josephine Cassar
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 19-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
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Readers: Salve Nidea
Helen Maddela

Eucharistic Min: Wilma Marmur
Mini Eddy
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 19-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Ed Cablaio
Reader: Rita Martin
Susan Hallorina

Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Saula Tufuga
Joh Cablaio

Sun 6.00PM, 19-11-23

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

Eucharistic Min. Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong
Rod Lalunio

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 18th November 2023

♦ 6pm – Tavalo Family

Sunday 19th November 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - DeSouza Family

♦ 6pm - Angeline Veigas

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Pam Norris, Alfred & Pauline Storace,
Amord Fernandez, Toni Antonowicz,
Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Stella
Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Mary McNamara, Joseph Nguyen Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Andrew Ranadinghe, Angela & George
Bugeja, John & Rose Frendo, Charles &
Maria Bugeja, Georga Frendo, Kolina
Muscat, Angela & George Muscat, Tona
Borg, Ian Ness, William Miller, Carmen
Cassar, Lucy & George Cauchi, Joseph
Formosa, Joseph & Connie Agius, Madlen
& Saviour Stagno, Family Attard, Caruana,
Grech, Schembri & Zammit, Bruce Mc
Lean, 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 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

Don't run away from what you are
called to be. Christians take the less
travelled road. "What does it profit
us if we gain the whole world but
ruin ourselves in the process?"

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