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THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2023

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen CSsR

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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

Congratulation to

- ⇒ **David Callaway,**
- ⇒ **Michael Phung,**
- ⇒ **Andy Truong,**
- ⇒ **Carly Nguyen,**
- ⇒ **Annie Phan**

in receiving this weekend the **RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING.** May the Spirit of the Lord make them living proof of its saving power and help them to persevere in the footsteps of Christ. We congratulate them on their journey in accepting the Catholic faith into their lives

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127(128):1-5
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5
Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents,

to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. "The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In answer to my usual greeting, "G'day Muff, what are you up to?" my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, "Just contemplating the eternal verities!" The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the veracity of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for my brother-in-law until his all too early death 15 years ago.

As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten lamp-bearers, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's gospel reading).

The previous story has concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this motif. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them..." Once more, we find slavery taken for granted. Once more, we might take this as a reminder to commit ourselves to the elimination of all power over others.

The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer. The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that point in this direction. There are other features, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that inhibit an unequivocally affirmative answer to this question. In face of present inequities even within the most affluent countries, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violent and exploitative actions of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal verities cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image. They bear ongoing reflection and call us to responsible action for the sake of planetary life.

By Veronica Lawson RSM



Fr Hieu Nguyen will receive his Australian citizenship on -- 30th November 2023. In the New Year, Hieu will also take up his appointed as **Assistant Pastor** to our parish Priest

Vincent Pham. We also look forward to welcoming **Fr Dominic Carrigan** who will spend next year working with our parish team.

CLIMATE CHANGE

A symbol of working together to protect our earth

This November, Pope Francis will be among representatives from nearly **200 countries** who will come together to coordinate global climate action for the next year—an event referred to as **COP28**. **COP**—which stands for **Conference of the Parties**—is an annual meeting where United Nations member states convene to assess progress in dealing with climate change and make a plan for climate action within the guidelines of the UNFCCC. The first COP was held in Berlin in 1995. Last year's COP27 was held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

COP decisions can have global authority: in the UN system, powerful countries like the United States and Russia have the same voting rights as tiny island nations like Vanuatu or São Tomé and Príncipe. Plus, decisions can be made only by consensus.

Pope Francis to address COP28 Summit in Dubai

Pope Francis will travel to the United Arab Emirates from 1 to 3 December to attend the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, where he will deliver a speech, hold private bilateral meetings.

In *Laudate deum*, his apostolic exhortation released this month, Pope Francis wrote about the COP conferences, which have been held periodically since 1992, and specifically about what to expect from COP28.

“This conference can represent a change of direction, showing that everything done since

1992 was in fact serious and worth the effort, or else it will be a great disappointment and jeopardize whatever good has been achieved thus far,” Francis wrote, adding that a sincere effort to make COP 28 a success “honors and ennobles us as human beings.”

He will also inaugurate the **"Faith Pavilion"** at Dubai's Expo City and is set to speak at the inauguration of the first-ever "Faith Pavilion" during the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference in the United Arab Emirates

Situated at the heart of COP28, adjacent to the World Climate Action Summit the **Faith Pavilion** brings together religious and other civil society representatives, Indigenous Peoples, scientists, youth, and political leaders. The Pavilion symbolizes global and multifaith collaboration in addressing the human-made climate emergency. It facilitates intergenerational dialogue, furthers the role of religion and spirituality in the climate movement, and advocates for long-term, holistic solutions to protect the Earth and its climate. The Pavilion provides a unique opportunity for faith-based engagement with key stakeholders, including political delegations, decision makers, negotiators, and business leaders to ensure swift and effective climate action.

This will be Pope Francis's second visit to the Arabian peninsula, the birthplace of Islam, the pope specifically called for an end to wars.



On that first visit, February 2019, Pope Francis and the grand imam of al-Azhar signed a **historic declaration of fraternity**, calling for peace between nations, religions and races, in front of a global audience of religious leaders from Christianity, Islam, Judaism and other faiths.

The document pledges that al-Azhar and the Vatican will work together to fight extremism. Claiming to be in the name of “all victims of wars, persecution and injustice”, it warns against a “third world war being fought piecemeal”.

“We resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood.”

By Fr. Patrick Corbett, CSsR

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.**

Dust off your Santa hats, and
bring your family and friends to
join in on these Christmas car-
ols night of unforgettable live
performances. Be part of our
2023 Carols and our first Fund-
raising to support our Parish
Project. Don't forget to buy a
ticket and come enjoy the night
with free food provided.

See you there!

Contacts for Tickets enquiry:
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**Appreciation Note from St
Vincent De Paul.** For our
Christmas Appeal in the Week-
end 12th & 13th November 2022
Our Conference Collected
\$4,639.40.

Thanks to you and all the Priests
and Holy Eucharist Parish
Community for your Help on the
Weekend and generous
contribution in supporting us.
Kind Regards, St Albans South
Conference President - Bruno
Barreca

CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 22 November 2023
Group 6 - Legion of Mary
(Vietnamese) - Mary

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 21-11-23

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 22-11-23

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 23-11-23

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 24-11-23

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 25-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Miram Vella
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 26-11-23

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

Sun 10:00AM, 26-11-23

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Rita Martin
Reader: Joh Cablao
Jinky Monteros
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Br. Noel Debono
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 26-11-23

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 25th November 2023

♦ 6pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 26th November 2023

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Family

♦ 6pm - HEP Youth

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

Peter Duong Van Nham, Joseph Nguyen
Ba Ky.

Death Anniversaries

Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & family,
Ignatius Esther Joseph Borg & family,
Laurance, Elizabeth Zarafa & family, Aliso
Antonia Spiteri & family, Tony Vella,
Fred Sammut, Jossie Pace, Joseph
Formosa, Henry Faraci, 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 just bury your talents. Dream
your best dream about your life and
then live it to the full. God calls you
to live in happiness

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