



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2023

#### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

**Parish Priest & Mission Leader**

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**Filipino Chaplain**

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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

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Sudanese Mass 3pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

#### PARISH PRIEST WILL BE AWAY

Fr. Vincent will be away from 27th Nov. - 1st Dec. which is next week to attend the Redemptorists Conference in Galong with Fr. Joseph. Please keep them in our prayers.



**Anointing Mass next Friday  
the 1st December 2023 @  
9am here at Holy Eucharist  
Church. All are Welcome!**

#### THE LIVING WORD

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**

*The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22(23):1-3a,5-6**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and kindness  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

*Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

*I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

“It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King.” These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars in the hope of counter-acting the growing secularism “in public affairs and politics” and finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pope Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accept the “rule of our Saviour”.

In some ways, hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. The challenge of the so-called Islamic State in the Middle East, of Boko Haram in Africa and of the White Supremacist Movement in the United States have marked new low points in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which has claimed the lives of some 180 million people across the globe. COVID-19 has underscored the vulnerability to violence of those rendered poor by the prevailing inequitable economic system. From a Christian perspective, the world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine, the kind of leadership that Pope Francis is offering to our world.

The gospel for today provides a blueprint for Christian living in general and for leadership in particular. Matthew presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep: as judge and king on the one hand and as a suffering human (“the least”) on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are “the righteous/the sheep” who will inherit God’s empire or kin-dom and have life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in the suffering of “the least”. Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God’s people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest. “Sheep”, on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God’s fold.

This gospel story is replete with mixed metaphors. It is the gospel source of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have informed the Christian way of life for centuries. It focusses on suffering humanity. In proclaiming an eighth work of mercy, care for our common home, Pope Francis has asked us to expand our horizons and to extend our concern to the suffering of the whole Earth community, human and other-than-human.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve the things that make for peace. If we wish God’s reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth, then we might heed the invitation of Pope Francis to care for our common home: to engage in “grateful contemplation of God’s world” on the one hand and in daily gestures that “break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” on the other.

**By Veronica Lawson RSM**



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

*I was hungry and you fed me.*



The Pope sharing lunch with some 1,250 poor people, continuing a tradition he began on the first **World Day of the Poor** in 2017. In his homily at the Mass last Sunday, the Pope referred to the writings of St Ambrose, who wrote that upon his return, Jesus will ask:

*“Why did you allow so many of the poor to die of hunger when you possessed gold to buy food for them?”*

The Pope also urged people to be mindful of poverty’s “modesty,” noting that “poverty is discreet, it hides. **It must be us to go look for it, with courage.**”

“Let us pray that each of us, according to the gift we have received and the mission entrusted to us, may strive to make charity bear fruit and draw near to a poor person.”



We are blessed to have our own **Loaves and Fishes Ministry** where each Friday we distribute food to nearly 300 needy people. The **Loaves and Fishes** commenced in February 1996 when Father **Peter Carrucan** the parish priest of Holy Eucharist asked for some parishioners to set up a food bank in order to assist the refugees coming to Melbourne by providing welcoming food parcels. In 2010, when **Father Minh** came to our parish, he further assisted us in improving our foodbank. Firstly, we applied to **Foodbank Victoria** to allow us to be supplied food free of charge. After three attempts we were successful. Then, because of the amount of food we were getting, we needed a larger place for storage. Happily, Holy Eucharist School donated two portable classrooms. The Parish donated a cool room and our current freezers. To help with collecting

and distributing food, the parish has been able to purchase a small van with our Loaves and Fishes symbols on the side. The Foodbank has over 700 people registered for food assistance! This is a silent ministry- the work of our own parishioners. It means a lot of voluntary work first on Wednesday where food parcels are prepared and again from early Friday till early afternoon. The difficulties in recent times have brought increased demands on our limited volunteers. Well done Loaves and Fishes!



The 3<sup>RD</sup> of December will be the **First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of a **New Liturgical Year**. This advent you are invited to pray for peace and for the International Gathering of Leaders in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). 30 Nov 2023 – Tuesday, 12 Dec 2023. Pope Francis will attend.

You might say the following Advent prayer.

*Dear God, our Creator,*

*You revealed your love to us in Creation and through the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. and so we pray:*

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*Dear Jesus, Saviour of Creation, we ask that you be born in us, once again, as we seek to cultivate hope for our common home. As your followers, teach us to care for the dignity of all human beings and of all Creation, now and in the future.*

*We pray for victims of global warming, both human and nonhuman.*

*We pray for those working to better care for the ways we generate our energy in this country and globally.*

*We pray for our governments, and especially for those gathering in Dubai for COP28, to negotiate a global response to climate change and fair phase-out of fossil fuels.*

*And we pray for the courage to be prophets of our time, and to call our leaders to ecological justice in fulfilling the decision flowing from COP28.*

*Come Emmanuel! Make us hopeful people for a hopeful planet.*

*Let us bring your light and hope to the world. Amen.*

**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 carols  
night of unforgettable live per-  
formances. Be part of our 2023  
Carols and our first Fundraising  
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:***

***Marylucy 0466 055 077 or***

***Tammy 0415 599 413***



**Preca Brothers kindly ask**  
parents that like to have their  
children to be part of the  
**Christmas Eve Mass Role Play,**  
**Sunday 24th December** to  
register after weekend masses with  
the Preca Youth at the foyer. They  
can contact Br Tony 0419115692  
or for (Vietnamese) Phung on  
0434728620.

Parents are asked to bring their  
children for the rehearsal on the  
16th December 10am at HE  
Church. They will be asked to get  
their children dressed in their  
character on Christmas Eve Mass.

### CLEANING ROSTER

Week starting 29 November 2023  
Group 7 - South Sudanese  
Community: Peter and David

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 28-11-23**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 29-11-23**

Reader Carmen Camilleri  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

**Thurs 9:00 AM, 30-11-23**

Reader: HE School  
Eucharistic HE School

**Fri 9:00 AM, 01-12-23**

Reader Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 6.00 PM, 02-12-23**

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace  
Commentator: Violeta Montoro  
Readers: Susan Hallorina  
Miriam Vella  
Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao  
Josephine Cassar  
Reno Attard

**Sun 8.45 AM, 03-12-23**

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

**Sun 10:00AM, 03-12-23**

Lit. Coordinator: Rita Martin  
Commentator: Christine Pedroso  
Reader: Samoan Choir  
Samoan Choir  
Eucharistic Min. Faati Ierome  
Br. Tony Gatt  
Rita Martin

**Sun 6.00PM, 03-12-23**

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

### CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 2nd December 2023**

♦ 6pm – Fernandez Family

**Sunday 3rd December 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

Peter Duong Van Nham, Joseph  
Nguyen Ba Ky.

### Death Anniversaries

Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui,  
Vincent Chuc, Maria Tuan, Maria Moc,  
Maria Kien, Dominc Phuc, Dominic  
Khat, Maria Hang, 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

The Church year ends today. We can  
proclaim Christ as King because we  
sense our vocation as being mem-  
bers of Christ's Royal Family, called  
to serve God and one another

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