



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

20 & 21 JANUARY 2024

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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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: There will be no Baptism celebration in the month of January, the next Baptism will be on the **3rd of February 2024**.

ANointing MASS: There will be no Anointing Mass in the month of January. Anointing Mass will start again on **2nd February 2024 9am**.

PARISH OFFICE:

will be opened again
Monday 22nd January 2024.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps.24(25):4-6,7b-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of habitat and of time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities and experience. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today, a world still grappling with pandemic and with growing economic inequality. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time (*chronos*). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression in the opening chapters of the gospel that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with

him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests. Women, men, and children, all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's kin-dom into our world.

By Veronica Lawson RSM



Pope Francis: 'War is a crime against humanity'
Pope Francis calls all forms of war a **"crime against humanity,"** and urges humanity to learn how to **desire peace through education that rejects violence.**

"At the beginning of the year, we exchanged wishes for peace, but weapons have continued to kill and destroy," he lamented and urged everyone to pray for *"people who have power over these conflicts,"* so that they might realize that war is *"not the way to resolve them"*.

War, he added, *"sows death among civilians and destroys cities and infrastructure"*

100TH DAY OF WAR IN GAZA

The Pope's appeals came on the same day that the Israel-Hamas war marked its 100th day.

Hamas militants attacked several kibbutzim and communities inside Israel on 7 October, taking 240 people hostage and killing around 1,200 others.

Israel declared war against Hamas that same day, and launched a full-scale military offensive against the militant group in the Gaza Strip.

According to the Hamas-run health department in Gaza, around 23,000 people have been killed in the ensuing war. Israel says it has killed some 8,000 Hamas fighters in the Strip.

South Africans continue to support the Palestinian cause, and the country has taken the rare step of bringing a genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice because of its war in Gaza.

South Africa addressed the UN's highest **Court** on January 11 in a bid to end the mass killing of civilians in Gaza, accusing Israel of carrying out genocide against Palestinians – a claim that Israel has strongly denied as "baseless"

GAZA HISTORY

In a special session, the UN General Assembly voted on **November 29, 1947**, to partition the territory of Mandatory Palestine into two new states, one Jewish and one Arab. This was a recommendation that Jewish leaders accepted and Arabs rejected.

Nelson Mandela regularly raised the plight of the Palestinians. Three years after apartheid and white minority rule was dismantled in South Africa and Mandela was elected president in historic all-race elections in 1994, he thanked the international community for its help. He added: "But we know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians."

Gaza has been dominated by many different peoples and empires throughout its history. During World War I, it fell to the British forces and became part of the British Mandate of Palestine. Following the **1948 Arab-Israeli War**, Egypt administered the newly formed Gaza Strip. It was captured by Israel in the **Six-Day War in 1967**. Between 1994 and 1999, Israel transferred security and civilian responsibility for much of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority.

MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER PENNY WONG

T*his week I will travel to Jordan, Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the United Arab Emirates, to support international diplomatic efforts towards a durable peace in the Middle East.*

One hundred days since the October 7 terror attacks, I will use Australia's voice to advocate for a pathway out of the current conflict, an increase in vital humanitarian assistance, upholding of international law and greater protection for civilians, preventing regional escalation, and working toward a lasting peace.

A*s a bridge-builder, with a historic leadership position in the region, Jordan plays an important stabilising role in the current conflict. My visit to Amman is an opportunity to enhance coordination to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and to discuss international efforts to re-start a political process that leads to a future Palestinian state.*



Deacon **George Piech Meat**, the Sudanese chaplain for our South Sudanese community, told **ABC RN's Religion and Ethics Report** of his long journey to finally be ordained as a married deacon. He fled South Sudan with his wife and three children, as a decades-long civil war ravaged the country. They spent two years waiting for a visa in Egypt before settling in Melbourne, where the couple had another three children.

“It was a very, very tough journey, a journey of struggle and a journey of sacrifices,” In Melbourne, Deacon George and his family joined a local parish, where they found a community of others who had escaped violence and persecution in places like Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and the Middle East. “We thank God [for] those who made it here,”.

“Jesus said, ‘I was a stranger, and you welcomed me’, and this is exactly what all these churches did to African communities.” With the Church’s support, he learned English and continued the religious education he had begun in South Sudan. In 2012, he was ordained as a permanent deacon Our South Sudanese Community is now blessed with three married Deacons.

WHO OWNS THE MOON?



India became the 4th country to successfully land a spacecraft on the moon India landed a spacecraft near the moon’s south pole, an **uncharted**

territory that scientists believe could hold vital reserves of frozen water and precious elements!

Missions to the Moon have been conducted by the following nations: the Soviet Union, the United States, Japan, the European Space Agency, China, India, Luxembourg, Israel, Ital, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Russia, and Mexico.

Space is governed by the **Outer Space Treaty 1967**, which outlines in **Article II** that “**outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means**”.

As the world looks to outer space, may the gift we bring be a message of peace! May nations and would-be astronauts remember the words of Jesus:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor^{ly} and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:38

By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

FUNERAL OF:

Alfred(Fred) Storace.

Holy Eucharist Church,

Tuesday, 23rd January 2024.

Rosary at 10.30am

Funeral Mass at 11am

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Storace family during this difficult time. May God grant strength and comfort in your time of grief.”

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 24th January 2024
Group 3 - Margaret Bajada, Cathy Bartolo, Shannon Lindsey, Lily Disco, Wendy Forbes-Perera

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 23-01-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 24-01-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 25-01-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 26-01-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 27-01-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Nanette
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 28-01-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 28-01-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: Ed Cablao
Jinky Monteros
Eucharistic Min. Rita Martin
Br. Anthony Gatt
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 28-01-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 27th January 2024

♦ 6.00pm – St Francis

Sunday 28th January 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Choir
♦ 6.00pm - HE Parish Youth

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Afred(Fred) Storace, Craig Donnelly

Death Anniversaries

Marko Dorinko, Jan & Jovan Vala, Elizabet & Jan Danicek, Maria Lojdova, Zammit, Ivica Krizmanic, Nihal Ellawala, Ananda Wickrema, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao, Joseph Formosa, Hoang Family(Fanxico, Maria, Maria & Teresa) & Nguyen Family(Joseph, Anna & Maria), Nazareno & Josephine Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, 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, Maria Tran Thi Huong, Mary Camilleri, Richard & Connie Cummi, 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 committed 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

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow Me.'

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