



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

3 & 4 FEBRUARY 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr. Dominic Carrigan, CSsR

Fr. Robin Lomangkok, 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

Congratulations to: **Daisy Rayne Cablao, Cathareena Bliss De Guzman, Eva Sultana, Mikaila May Vongpraseuth, Cecilia Li-ana Pham, Phero Kayden Lam, Phero Alvin Lam, Teresa Olivia An Nguyen, Maria Sarah Nguyen, Maria Nami Nguyen, Lucas James Sage, Teresa Jessica Dinh, Phero Kevin Nguyen, Giuse Dylan Pham** 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.

A WELCOME

The 'REDEMPTORIST WORLD' is divided into **five Conferences:** North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. There are almost 5000 members in 82 countries.

In Australia, Redemptorists work in many archdioceses and dioceses. In Melbourne we have the **Majella Family Magazine**. We care for the shrine to **Our Lady of La Vang** in Keysborough. We have a **training college in Kew** with students from many parts of Asia and Africa.

In **St Albans**, Redemptorists have committed to care for Holy Eucharist Parish. For this reason, we have established a Mission House within the parish. **Two members** actually work in the parish and are supported by the parish.

Our Provincial, John Hodgson has appointed two new members to the community. While **not supported** by the parish, they are happy to help out with Masses and other pastoral needs. We welcome to our parish.

Fr Dominic Carrigan.



Fr Dominic was here at the beginning of the year. He comes from a background of parish work and was chaplain to the University in Newcastle. Most recently, he was the superior of our Retreat Centre in Galong, near Canberra.

Fr Robin

Lomangkok

is on loan this year from the Redemptorist vice-Province of Singapore/Malaysia.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

My life is but a breath

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 146 (147):1-6

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Mediterranean world of the first century, sickness was attributed to social rather than physical causes. The corollary of this was that healing focussed principally on restoration of the person to her or his place or status in the society or community rather than on the person's bodily affliction or dysfunction. In a very real sense, the healing of an individual brought not only the person but the community itself to wholeness.

Last Sunday, we reflected on the "healing" of a man with an "unclean spirit". Jesus, healer and teacher, expelled the unclean spirit and thus restored health to the man and to the worshipping community. The healing took place in the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath. This story began Mark's account of a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Today's gospel passage continues that account. Jesus leaves the synagogue and moves, in the company of two of his new disciples, to the house of Simon and Andrew. In other words, he shifts from a long established gathering place for God's people, the synagogue, to a prospective new locus of communal engagement, the house church. This new locus does not preclude the older locus: Jesus continues to teach and heal in the synagogues throughout Galilee.

In this new place of encounter with God, Jesus heals a woman with a "fever" who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Simon. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her up. She is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to "minister". In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of leadership in the community of God's people. A little earlier in Mark's gospel we heard that angels "ministered" to Jesus in the desert. In other words, God looked after Jesus as he embarked on his mission of bringing God's love into a broken world. Later in the gospel, Jesus insists that he came "not to be served but to serve/ minister" (10:45). This woman is caught up in the same mission of bringing the community to health and wholeness.

That same evening, Simon's house becomes a magnet for "the whole city". Jesus heals their sick and afflicted and, early in the morning, he seeks the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer. The disciples seek him out, as everyone is looking for him. Jesus makes it clear to them that he must move on and bring God's word and healing beyond the city to the neighbouring Galilean towns. The message is for us as well as for those early disciples. Amid all the demands of a sometimes frenetic program, we too must search out the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer, and engage with renewed energy and insight in whatever the new day brings.

By Veronica Lawson RSM

LUNAR NEW YEAR

This year SBS TV visited Holy Eucharist parish to record the making of the Lunar Cakes known as 'Bánh Chung'.

Our parish priest, Fr Vincent Pham lending a helping hand! It was wonderful to see the community come together over many long days! This year a new record was reached. Over 1600 cakes were created and will be available both as a symbol of the Lunar New Year and as a fund raising exercise.

Happy Lunar New Year!

For generations, in Asia, on the occasion of the Lunar New Year, many families eagerly prepare Lunar cakes. Ancient rituals accompany the making of the cakes and ingredients must be prepared meticulously and carefully. Particularly, glutinous rice must be new, fragrant and delicious. In addition, Pandan leaves protect the ingredients during a long process where the cakes are placed in boiling water for up to 11 hours!

Photos show the tradition being handed on to the next generation

Pope Francis on Holy Land war: Without two states, true peace remains distant



Pope Francis meeting with members of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. In an interview with the Italian newspaper 'La Stampa', Pope Francis renewed his calls for a **global ceasefire**, warning the world is on the brink of the abyss..."There was the **Oslo agreement**—so clear—with the solution of the two states. Until that agreement is applied, true peace remains distant."

The Oslo Accords and the Arab-Israeli Peace Process



On September 13, 1993, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Negotiator Mahmoud Abbas signed a **Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements**, commonly referred to as the "Oslo Accord,"

Israel accepted the PLO as the representative of the Palestinians, and the PLO renounced terrorism and recognized Israel's right to exist in peace.

Both sides agreed that a Palestinian Authority (PA) would be established and assume governing responsibilities in the **West Bank and Gaza Strip** over a five-year period. Then, permanent status talks on the issues of borders, refugees, and Jerusalem would be held.



POPE FRANCIS EXPLAINS THE NEW BLESSING!

The recent declaration 'Fiducia supplicans' seeks to include, not divide! Pope Francis has again insisted that an **informal blessing of a gay or other unmarried couple** is not a **blessing of their union** but a sign of the **Church's closeness to them** and its hope that they will grow in faith... The intent of 'pastoral and spontaneous blessings' is to **concretely show the closeness of the Lord and the Church to all those who, finding themselves in different situations**, ask for help to carry on – sometimes to begin – a journey of faith,.. when a couple spontaneously approaches to ask for it, one does not bless the union, but simply the people who made the request together. Not the union, but the people, taking into account, of course, the context, the sensitivities, the places where people live and the most appropriate ways to do it. Pope Francis is implementing his cry at the World Youth day. **"There is room for everyone in the church and, whenever there is not, then, please, we must make room, including for those who make mistakes, who fall or struggle..."**

By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- The Sacrament Classes start on Thursday 8th Feb 7pm - 8pm
 - Youth and Families gatherings on Fridays which starts 2nd Feb 7pm-9pm.
 - Saturday Teens meetings start 3rd Feb 630pm - 930pm
Precia Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,
St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734 (7pm-8pm)
Email: stalbans@precia.org.au
- RCIA:** Please contact Br. Anthony Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the Parish Office for more details.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 7th February 2024
Group 5 - Xuan Dung Huynh,
Phuong Ung, Margaret Bajada,
Tran Thi Kim Hao, Hong Thuy
Tra, Nguyen Thanh Tao

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 6-02-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 7-02-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 8-02-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 9-02-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 10-02-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Alastair Surrao
Readers: Agatha Saliba
Miriam Vella
Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 11-02-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 11-02-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Anthony Gatt
Rita Martin
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 11-02-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 10th February 2024

- ♦ 6.00pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 11th February 2024

- ♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ♦ 10.00am - St Francis Choir
- ♦ 6.00pm - Youth For Christ

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Fermosa, John Jr., John Sn, Michael & Maria Xerri, John Bezijna, Camerleri & Vella family, Louis Renee & Josee Tanner, Leon, Raymond & Augusta Joson, Alphonsine Le Toit, Judith Betsy, Simon & Peter Taylor, Serge Bapaume, Berthe & Raymong Moorjee, Mildred & Laval Mestry, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao, 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

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

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