



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

10 & 11 FEBRUARY 2024

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

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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



14TH FEBRUARY 2024

⇒ **English 9am & 6pm**

⇒ **School 12.15pm**

⇒ **Vietnamese 7.30pm**

All Are Welcome!

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The unclean man must live outside the camp

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 31(32):1-2,5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,

whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;

my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess

my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven

the guilt of my sin.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious". Today's gospel about a person with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion.

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were strict regulations regarding such lepers (see today's first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast person to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others and do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination

of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. This was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today in the face of a virulent pandemic that has taken so many lives and disrupted family and social engagement. Healing must be all embracing if it is to restore life.

By Veronica Lawson RSM



Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the **penitential Lenten season**. It is commonly observed with ashes and Fasting.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights Matthew 4:1-11

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast. The French name **Mardi Gras** means **Fat Tuesday**, from the custom of using all the fats in the home before Lent in preparation for fasting and abstinence. Pancakes are the perfect way to use these ingredients. The word also refers to the need to seek forgiveness of our sins. "Shrove" means "shriven" (absolved from our sin).

The Eastern Orthodox churches have a similar tradition called **Clean Monday**

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Matthew 6:14-21

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT

During my visit to (refugees) at Lampedusa (Southern Italy), as a way of countering the **globalization of indifference** (to their suffering), I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: **“Where are you?”** (Gen 3:9- God's

question to Adam and Eve) and **“Where is your brother?”** (Gen 4:9- *God’s question to Cain, Able’s brother*). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those **two questions**, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us **weary and indifferent**. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. **Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls**. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom...

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son.

Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: “Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing **a third world war fought piecemeal**. Yet, let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history

PRAYER DURING LENT (PODCAST)



Join Redemptorist Priest **David Hore CSsR** and explore the essence of prayer and its role in our lives. David, is an Australian Redemptorist Missionary priest, who was ordained in 2004. In 2011, David was sent on mission to Sri Lanka, where he ministered in the large Redemptorist parish of St Theresa’s in Colombo; while also preaching retreats to clergy and Religious, and conducting simple faith education programs for people. While working in the parish, David

was also available as a confessor and counsellor. David returned to Australia in mid 2023.

Podcast: In short, insightful episodes guided by Father David we embark on a journey of spiritual discovery as we delve into the profound world of prayer. Grounded in theology and the Redemptorist mission seekers of all backgrounds gain practical insights into prayer’s significance in our lives. Whether you’re a devout believer, a spiritual explorer, or simply curious about prayer, these podcasts are for you. Discover how prayer is more than words – it is life. Here is the link, courtesy of the Magellan Publications: <https://majellan.media/sunday-reflections/you>

WHAT WILL YOU SACRIFICE DURING LENT?

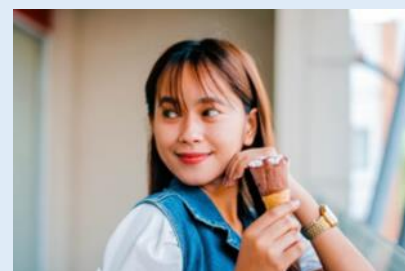
no chocolate, no sweets, no alcohol! What will you give up during Lent?

Contribute any money saved to the **Project Compassion Box**

While many Lenten activities revolve around prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, here are some other ideas that your family may enjoy!

Make a cross: This simple and inexpensive craft is a great way to work together as a family to create something special. Using things **only found in nature**, such as sticks or rocks to create a cross in the garden or inside perhaps replacing where the Christmas was..This can be changed or added to each week.

Here is the link, courtesy of the Magellan Publications
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SPECIAL FEAST DAY

Our Parish joins our South Sudanese community in celebrating the feast of **Josephine Margaret Bakhita who died on 8 February 1947**

In 1877, when she was 7–8 years old, she was seized by Arab slave traders and sold as a slave many times. It is said that the trauma of her abduction caused her to forget her original name; she took one given to her by the slavers, *bakhita* which is Arabic for 'lucky' or 'fortunate'. She was also forcibly converted to Islam.

Her long story ended in Italy where she came in contact with the Canossan Sisters and eventually asked to join them. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI, on 30 November 2007, the first black woman to receive the honour in the modern era.



By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

"WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CON-GRATULATE AND WISH OUR HOLY EUCHARIST VIETNAM-ESE COMMUNITY A HEALTHY, PROPEROUS AND HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO. GOD BLESS!"

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

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,
St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734 (7pm-8pm)
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STATION OF THE CROSS

Commencing **Friday 16th February 2024 at 8.30am** in the Church until the 22nd March 2024. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 14th February 2024
Group 6 - Legion Of Mary Vietnamese - Mary

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 17th February 2024

- ♦ 6.00pm – Tavallo Family Choir

Sunday 18th February 2024

- ♦ 8.45am - Pio-Marcellin Atonio
- ♦ 10.00am - DeSouza Family
- ♦ 6.00pm - Angeline Veigas

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 13-02-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 14-02-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 15-02-24

Reader: Tammy Pham
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 16-02-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 17-02-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Violeta Montoro
Alaistair Surrao
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 18-02-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 18-02-24

Lit. Coordinator: Ed Cablao
Commentator: Christina Afano
Reader: Christine Pedroso
Rita Martin
Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono
Joh Cablao
Ed Cablao

Sun 6.00PM, 18-02-24

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



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.

Recently Deceased

Bby Marisha Toese Brown

Death Anniversaries

Family Attard, Grech, Schembri & Zammit, Bruce Mc Leon, Anita Guzman, Luis Lopez, Boris Kolendowski, Luis Lowell, Antonio & Mercia Yelo, Joseph Ferosa, John Jr., John Sn, Michael & Maria Xerri, John Bezijna, Camerlleri & 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 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 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

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper." Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

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