



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

2 & 3 MARCH 2024

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Fr Joselito Asis

South Sudanese Chaplain

Fr Stephen Battal

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: **Alana & Anna Ruth Adiang Manoat, Antonio Anthony Guillespie, Connor Nicholar & Elliot Jonathan Fenech, Isaac Mario Portelli, Joseph Kyle Tran, Rose Sophia Hoang, Peter Aiden An Thai Cao, Anna Athena Key, Giuse Noah Hoang, Laurenso Brooklyn Nguyen, Peter Leon Nguyen** 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.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATION OF THE CROSS

During this Lenten Season we have Stations of the Cross every

Fridays 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.

Preca Community will organise Station of the Cross for children on the 22nd March at 7pm in the Church.

* Individual Confession

- ♦ Tuesday-Friday 9.30am

* Communal Reconciliation

English

- ♦ Wednesday 13th March 7.00pm

- ♦ Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm

Vietnamese

- ♦ Thursday 14th March 7.00pm

- ♦ Thursday 21st March 7.00pm

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law given at Sinai

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name

to misuse it. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps.18(19):8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 122-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

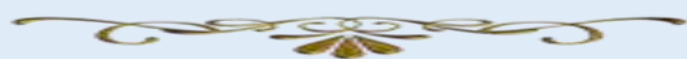
Today's gospel passage foreshadows the death of Jesus. As a devout Jew, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem at Passover. His final going-up will be the occasion of his death and resurrection. The Jerusalem Temple, Judaism's most holy place, is the site of a dramatic incident, an event that is recounted in all

four gospels. The Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) locate it towards the end of the gospel. They present it as a catalyst for the intensification of hostility between the temple authorities and Jesus. John's gospel, in contrast, places it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The tension between Jesus and the temple authorities that is to culminate in his death in all four gospels is thus present from the outset in John.

Jesus acts decisively, even violently, to draw attention to the primary function of God's "house". He creates an effective weapon, a whip of cords, and comprehensively clears the temple precinct of merchants, sheep, and cattle. He overturns the tables of the money-changers, orders the dovesellers out and tells them all, in words that evoke the prophecy of Zechariah (14:21), to stop making God's house "a market-place". Zechariah had declared that, in the end times, there would no longer be traders in God's house. There was legitimate commercial activity associated with temple worship, such as the purchase of animals and doves for sacrifice, a practice we might now critique, and the conversion of money to pay the Temple tax. The traders seem to have forgotten that this activity was a means to an end and not an end in itself.

In John's account, the disciples partially understand: they interpret Jesus' actions in the light of Psalm 69:9: "It is zeal for your house that has consumed me". "The Jews" request a "sign ... for doing this". In other words, they ask Jesus to demonstrate the source of his authority for his actions. His response is a challenge: "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up". "The Jews" misunderstand. This provides Jesus with the opportunity to play on the word "temple": the temple is not only a material edifice that took forty-six years to build. It is also, metaphorically, his body that will be destroyed and raised up "in three days". The narrator provides the explanation and indicates that the disciples will eventually understand and come to belief. It is important to note that John writes with the wisdom of hindsight. It is also important to note that the designation "the Jews" is neither a reference to the people of Judaea nor to the dispersed Jewish people. In John's gospel, it refers to those who reject Jesus as the Anointed One of God, the Christ. As we travel the journey to Jerusalem this Lent, we are invited to keep everything in balance, and to remember that God, and not the opponents of Jesus, will have the final word in this drama.

By Veronica Lawns RSM



A LENTEN WAY OF THE CROSS

Prepare the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. Every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground will become smooth, and the rugged land a plain."

Last Monday, the trees beside the wall of the church were removed. The bare ground will now be

come our parish **WAY of the CROSS**. 14 Life-size carved statues will allow parishioner to walk with the Lord his sad journey to Calvary.

This area will be planted with native trees allowing people to actually walk and meditate on the tradition Stations of the Cross.

The Fourteen Stations carved in Vietnam and a gift from parishioners, are on their way by sea. It is hoped they and the garden will be in place for **Good Friday**. Below an artist impression of the new garden and Way of the Cross.



PILGRIMAGE to SHRINES OF OUR LADY



Led by Fr Richard Rosse, the Parish Priest of St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Caroline Springs. Tel **8361 9822**
Portugal, Spain, France, Italy Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Avignon, Siena, Assisi, Rome

DATES: 21st May – 3rd June, 2024
Fully inclusive \$8,190

THE WAR IN GAZA



Pope Francis listens to relatives of Palestinians living in Gaza in a meeting room in the Vatican audience hall.

The tensions with Israeli and Jewish leaders have been out in the open. Francis's admonition to President Isaac Herzog that Israel should not fight terror with terror, and his insistence on meeting in the Vatican not only with the families of Israeli hostages but also with Palestinians with family members suffering in Gaza, drew criticism from Jewish leaders in Israel and around the world.

While Pope Francis is no doubt engaged in a difficult balancing act, the Vatican has in fact directed more criticism at Hamas than at Israel. Cardinal Parolin called Hamas's actions on October 7 "a terrorist attack" and "inhuman" even as he admonished Israel to be proportionate in its response. Pope Francis, in his Christmas *Urbi et Orbi* message, decried the "the abominable attack of 7 October" but referenced Israeli responsibility for civilian deaths more obliquely, calling for "an end to the military operations with their appalling harvest of innocent civilian victims."

A DIFFERENT MODEL OF CHURCH



A large group photo from the last week of the Synod. Pope Francis is just one among the many!

"To reform the church is to put God first and adore him, and to love and serve others", Pope

Francis said at Mass marking the conclusion of the first session of the **Synod of Bishops on synodality**. "This is the church we are called to 'dream': a church that is the servant of all, the servant of the least of our brothers and sisters; a church that never demands an attestation of 'good behavior,' but welcomes, serves, loves, forgives; **a church with open doors** that is a haven of mercy, We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the church, but let's remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform.

Three years ago the Pope announced that the Church was about to embark on a multi-stage, multi-year, worldwide process of becoming "a more Synodal Church!" "Synodal" was a term that few Catholics, even clergy, could actually define at the time.

Pope Paul VI decided to institute a regular **Synod of Bishops in 1965**, since then "synodality" has been understood in the Church as the way the bishops and the Pope exercise their shared responsibility for the universal Church.

"The new idea, that has gained currency in recent years, is that 'synodality' pertains to the very heart of the Church and every aspect of the Church's life and mission. In the words of Pope Francis, 'Synodality is a **constitutive element of the Church**.' Pope Francis proposes synodality as the new operative mode of the Church based on the awareness of the **common dignity and vocation of all the members of the Church**. By virtue of the sacrament of baptism, all of the faithful participate in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices of Christ. The Final Stage of this synod on Synodality will conclude in October this year.

By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 6th March 2024
Group 9 - St Francis Choir



READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 05-03-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 06-03-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 07-03-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 08-03-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 09-03-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Wendy Forbe-Perera
Readers: Alaistair Surrao
Violeta Montoro
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Nanette McAlister
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 10-03-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 10-03-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Joh Cablao
Reader: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 10-03-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 9th March 2024

♦ 6.00pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 10th March 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - St Francis Choir

♦ 6.00pm - Singles 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.

Recently Deceased

Joseph Buanh Minh Ho, Dianne Hubbard

Death Anniversaries

Charlie, Mary, Ally Peter Spiteri & family, Ignatius, Esther, Joseph Borg & family, Elizabeth, Laurance Zarafa & family, Aliso, Antonia Spiteri & family, Grazio(Horace) Camilleri,, Joseph Fermosa, 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, 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

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation .

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