



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

16 & 17 MARCH 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr. Dominic Carrigan, CSsR

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Michael Bonnici PH: 8312 0900

Filipino Chaplain

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Working Bee - 23/3/2024.**
We will be making palm leaves ready for Palm Sunday and candles for Easter Vigil, please come and join us from 9am onwards.
- ♦ **PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY:** Come join the Multicultural Day with the Celebration of the Eucharist in multi languages at **10am Mass on the 24th March 2024.** We are many but we are ONE. All are welcome!

LENT & EASTER 2024 AT HOLY EUCHARIST CHURCH

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

⇒ English

- Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm

⇒ Vietnamese

- Thursday 21st March 7.00pm

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

- Tuesday-Friday 9:30am

Stations of the Cross for Adults

every Friday at 8.30am

Station of the Cross for Children

Friday 22nd March at 7.00pm

Masses & Blessing of Palms

⇒ 23rd March:

- English Mass: 6:00pm
- Vietnamese Mass 7.30pm

⇒ 24th March:

- English Masses: 8.45am,
10.00am & 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 12:00pm
- Filipino Mass: 3.00pm

Holy Thursday 28th March - Mass of The Lord's Supper

- English Mass: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 8.30pm

Good Friday 29th March

- Stations of the Cross
 - ♦ English - 10.00am
 - ♦ Vietnamese - 11.30am
- Passion of the Lord
 - * English: 3.00pm
 - * Vietnamese: 7.00pm

Easter Vigil 30th March - Resurrection of the Lord

- English: 6.00pm
- Vietnamese: 8.30pm
- Blessing of the food 11.00am & 4.30pm

Easter Sunday 31st March 2023

- English Masses: 8:45am,
10:00am & 6.00pm
- Vietnamese Mass: 12:00pm
- Sudanese Mass: 2:00pm

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps.50(51):3-4,12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as

"God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. These people were, in relation to Judaism, a bit like RCIA candidates in the Catholic tradition. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ).

For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life".

Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past. The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts. John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kingdom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised.

In John's gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all" to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.

By Sister Veronica Lawson rsm

CATHEDRAL FUNERAL FOR FR ANTHONY KELLY, C.SS.R



On Wednesday, the Redemptorist community from many parts of Australia gathered at St Patrick Cathedral for the Requiem Mass for **Fr Anthony Kelly C.Ss.R.** His departure leaves a void in the Redemptorist community, in our Church and indeed in our world. In 1999, Tony was appointed Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne. In 2004, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as a member of the International Theological Commission and in 2010, he was made a Fellow of the Australian Catholic Theological Association.

As we say farewell to Fr Tony Kelly C.Ss.R, we do so with gratitude in our hearts. His legacy as preacher, teacher, theologian, and the author of more than 20 books will continue to inspire us. May he rest in peace.

RECONCILIATION



Pope Francis sets us an example as he receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Recently, March 8. Pope Francis told priest,

“Let’s remember that God never tires of forgiving us and that we should never tire of asking him for pardon... it is beautiful when a penitent, reciting the Act of Contrition, recognizes that God is all good and deserving of all my love.

In reconciliation the penitent promises to put God at the center of everything, making God the foundation entrusting everything to Him”. And making love for God first also

means loving the people and the planet God created, always seeking what is best for them.

“None of us can promise God not to sin again,” he said, so “what is required to receive forgiveness is not a guarantee of impeccability, but a real resolution, made with righteous intention at the moment of one’s confession. Moreover, it is a commitment we always make with humility, as the words — ‘with the help of thy grace’ — emphasize.”

In confessing and seeking forgiveness, penitents recognize that “God is mercy; mercy is his name, his face. It’s good for us to always remember that in every act of mercy, in every act of love, the face of God shines through.”



This famous painting by Rembrandt is featured on the sanctuary and shows how willingly God welcomes the sinner.

This week there will be a **Parish Reconciliation Service on Wednesday Evening in English and Thursday in Vietnamese at 7.00pm**

The Church teaches that in his Resurrection appearance to the Apostle, Christ

breathed on them and said Receive the Holy Spirit whose sins you forgive they are forgiven...

The Church has come to understand that there are two types of sins mortal and venial. Mortal sin is a deliberate and free choice of something known to be seriously wrong that destroys our friendship with God and separates us from him. We need only confess serious sins and for a sin to be mortal: 1 it must be something serious; 2. it must be done with sufficient knowledge of its gravity; and 3. it must be done with sufficient freedom of the will.

Venial sin is a minor offense against God’s law that hurts our relationship with God but does not destroy it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the ordinary way to have our sins forgiven. It is an encounter with the mercy of the living God, who meets us where we are in our weakness and our sins, and it powerfully deepens our psychological and spiritual growth.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Pope Francis is quoted as using the phrase “courage of the white flag” The Vatican secretary of state **Cardinal Pietro Parolin** is seeking to defuse confusion over Pope Francis’ suggestion in media interviews by saying that a primary condition for negotiations to end the war in Ukraine is an end to Russia’s aggression and that any peace must be a “just peace.”

Matteo Bruni, the Director of the Holy See Press Office wrote The Pope, “uses the term white flag, and responds by picking up the image proposed by the interviewer, to indicate a cessation of hostilities, a truce reached with the courage of negotiation. Elsewhere in the interview, speaking of another situation of conflict, but referring to every situation of war, the Pope clearly stated: **Negotiations are never a surrender.**”

The Pope’s desire for Ukraine, which he always describes as “martyred,” was fully expressed in his words at the Angelus on February 25, the day after second anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES



We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely **Thank You** for your continued support to the Parish. The

contributions made by parishioners allows the parish to function on a day to day basis. Please collect your box of envelopes from the Church Foyer; they are sorted in alphabetical order by your street address. If you wish to use Bank Transfer/Online Banking and stop receiving envelopes or you are wanting to receive a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office during office hours 9am–4pm Tuesday to Friday. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 13th March 2024
Group 10 - Ed & Joh Cablao & family, Jinky Monteros & family

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 23rd March 2024

♦ 6.00pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 24th March 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - Parish Choirs

♦ 6.00pm - HEP Youth

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 19-03-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 20-03-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 21-03-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 22-03-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 23-03-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Alastair Surrao
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri,
Nannette & Reno Attard

**Passion Readers: Narrator - Miriam Vella, Other - Anthony Naidu
Crowd - St Francis Choir**

Sun 8.45 AM, 24-03-24

Lit. Coordinator: Monica Lomen
Commentator Helen Maddela
Readers: Susan Fatai
Shirley Krizmanic

**Passion Readers: Narrator - Mini Eddy, Other - Wilma Marmur
Crowd - Choir & congregation**

Eucharistic Min: Wilma Marmur
Mini Eddy & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 24-03-24

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Lit. Coordinator: Anthony Naidu
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Readers: Anne-Marie Conte
Angeline Veigas

**Passion Readers: Narrator - Chelsea Perera, Other - Bruno Barreca
Crowd - Fernandez Choir**

Sun 6.00PM, 24-03-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio,
Xuan Duong & Larnie Mendoza

**Passion Readers: Narrator - Lani Laririt, Other - Rod Lalunio
Crowd - Choir & congregation**

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 Tuan Minh Ho, Marisha Toese Brown

Death Anniversaries

Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Maria Tuan, Maria Moc, Dominic Khat, Dominic Phuc, Maria Hang, Mary Attard, George & Angela Bugeja, Rose, John & Georgia Frendo, Maria, Charles, Spira & Reno Bugeja, Tona Borg, Kolina Muscat, Carmen Cassar, Lucy & George Cauchi, Ian Ness William Miller, Ellawala family, Josip Listar, Joseph Formosa, Grazio(Horace) Camilleri, 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

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

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