



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

4 & 5 MAY 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr. Dominic Carrigan, CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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:** 5:00pm
6.30pm 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

SOCIAL OFFICE/(JP SERVICE)

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

BECOMING CATHOLIC-RCIA

RCIA classes will start on the **29th April 2024** and enrollments will stay available till the end of May.

If you are interested or know someone who is interested please contact Br Tony - 0419 115 692 or on our email stalban@preca.org.au

BAPTISM – MAY

Congratulations to:

Oliver Woodward,
Andre Iese Sione,
Maria Nelly Tran,
Francis of Assisi Nam
Tran Lieu, Matthew



Hao Tran Lieu, Teresa Linh Boi Lieu, Maria Celena Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Emily Nguyen, Catherine Nhi Tue Truong, Maria Elysia 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.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to

these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 97(98):1-4
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes from God

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that "the tender mercy of our God has given us one another". The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: "In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ's disciples [John 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message." Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today's reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis reminded all believers in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, *Gaudete et Exultate*: "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do".

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of "joy", to the three-fold repetition of "friends" and to the nine-fold repetition of "love". We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to "commands" and "commandments".

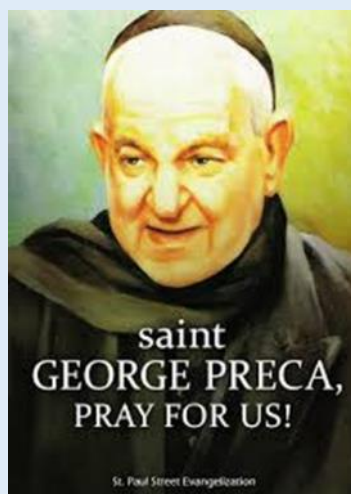
We tend not to associate "commands" with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of command-

ing or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being ordered to do something. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as "Father", loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God's love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them and, by extension, to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. Countless health professionals, carers, drivers and cleaners across the globe are doing precisely that right now.

Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus' whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal.

Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm



Last Friday, the Preca community celebrated the feast of their founder St George Preca.

We are very blessed to have this brotherhood in our parish. Like their founder, the brothers care for young people preparing them for the sacraments.

Br Noel Debono, the leader of the Brothers in our parish, tells us about their Founder.

The Society of Christian Doctrine also known as Preca Community was founded by Saint George Preca in 1907. It is formed of a community of lay brothers where they live under a rule and a constitution written by George Preca himself. He gathered around him a small group of lay men, and later lay women to instruct them thoroughly in the Catholic

OPENING, BLESSING AND NAMING OF OUR NEW BUILDING

You are cordially invited to join us at Holy Eucharist School, for the Blessing, Naming, and Opening of our new building.

This special celebration is scheduled to take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 30th, 2024. It is a momentous occasion for our school community, made even more significant as it coincides with our School/Parish Feast Day.

Bishop Martin Ashe and Fr Vincent Pham our Parish Priest will be celebrating Mass in the church at 10:30 am followed by the blessing and opening of the new building. We hope that you can make it!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION - IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY DATE

- ⇒ Confirmation and Communion candidates attend the church for the second rite of Reconciliation TERM 2: Thursday 10th May @ 9.45am (after Mass)
- ⇒ Year 6 Confirmation TERM 2: Friday 17th May, Seated by 6.45pm ready to start at 7.00pm
- ⇒ First Eucharist Presentation Mass TERM 2: Sunday 26th May @ 10.00am Mass, (Bring parents)
- ⇒ First Eucharist Reflection Day TERM 2: TBA
- ⇒ Year 4 First Eucharist TERM 2: Sunday 2nd June @ 10.00 am Mass
- ⇒ Reconciliation Family Faith Evening TERM 3: Tuesday 30th July @ 6.30pm
- ⇒ Year 3 Reconciliation TERM 3: Tuesday 27th August @ 6.30pm



FLORES DE MAYO

(May Flower Offering)

IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

&

OUR FILIPINO MASS

**ON SUNDAY, 26th of MAY 2024
HOLY EUCHARIST CHURCH,
1A OLEANDER DRIVE, ST ALBANS
SOUTH**

**2:45 PM - PROCESSION and
PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY
3:00 PM - TAGALOG MASS**

**FOR DETAILS: FR. ASIS - 0404 261 228
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NORMA SERRANO - 0411400995**



faith so that they will be able to teach others the Catholic faith. Fr. Preca enthused this group with zeal to spread the word of God through good instruction throughout the Islands of Malta and Gozo. The acrostic M.U.S.E.U.M., expresses St George Preca's prayer, "Divine Teacher, may the whole world follow the Gospel". **He sent the first six brothers in 1956 in Australia to continue his mission.** Though sickly himself, he continued to teach by the spoken and written word. In fact, he wrote 140 books and booklets. Fr Preca died on the 26th of July 1962 just when the Church at the Second Vatican Council was going to approve his vision of the lay apostolate in the Catholic Church. The feast day of Saint George Preca is on the 9th of May when he was beatified by the St John Paul II. Few inspirations from Fr Preca: -Thank you, Lord God, and forgive me Lord God -Be friends of the Gospels. -In this world everything passes, joy and grief, honours, insults, strength, and Illness. -We live in God, like a fish lives in water.

THE NEED TO CARE FOR WOMEN



The surge in domestic violence cases sparked rallies around Australia at the weekend with people protesting the appalling number of deaths.

Twenty-eight women have been killed by their partners or former partners so far in 2024 and Australians have rightly said "enough is enough".

It is important to note that while domestic violence mainly affects women, men can also be victims. Victoria police say they arrest around 80 men a day over family violence that include homicides, assaults, stalking and property damage, and have responded to 94,000 incidents in the past 12 months. The situation is frighteningly similar in other states and territories.

There is no easy answer to ending domestic violence but it's up to all of us to call it out wherever we witness it or hear of it. Staying silent is not the answer.

No one should put up with any form of abuse, whether it be emotional or physical.

(Courtesy of the Redemptorist, Majellan Publications)

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, **d o n a t e o n l i n e a t** www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

This week work will begin to prepare what will become our Parish Garden and Way of the Cross. Also work will begin on repairing the roof of the Church. A temporary fence will need to be erected and will be in place for several weeks.

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocese of Melbourne conducts Mass count during the month of May. Collectors/Volunteers and Community Leaders will help with the four weekends in May been selected for the count, which commence this weekend 4&5 May 2024 Masses, and all other Sundays in May. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 8th May 2024
Group 6 - Legion of Mary-
Vietnamese - Mary.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 07-05-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 08-05-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thur. 9:00 AM, 09-05-24

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri. 9:00 AM, 10-05-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 11-05-24

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

Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 12-05-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 12-05-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Christine Pedroso
Saua Tuuga

Sun 6.00PM, 12-05-24

Lit. Coordinator Xuan Duong
Commentator Larnie Mendoza
Readers: Rod Lalunio
Lani Laririt
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lani Laririt
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 11th May 2024

- ◆ 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 12th May 2024

- ◆ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ◆ 10.00am - St Francis Choir
- ◆ 6pm - Singles for Christ Choir

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

Sylvia Xuereb, Krystyna Teresa Myszak, Chandrika Randeniya, Rudy Pereira

Death Anniversaries

Anthony Ranasinghe, 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 Tinh, 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

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?"

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