



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

18 & 19 MAY 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18th May 2024, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop to the Western Region. Special thanks to the Parish Priest Fr. Vincent Long Pham, Holy Eucharist Principal and staff, the RE Coordinator Anne-Marie Conte and the Brothers of Preca Community not forgetting the parents in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit bless you all with wisdom and strength always to live God's holy way.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 103 (104):1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:26-27,16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning "fiftieth") was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. In the decades following the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and

simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. With much of our world still in the grip of pandemic and our entire planet threatened by the climate crisis, we must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and destruction and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us gather into our hearts all the distressed members of our Earth community and pray with greater urgency than ever: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

Pentecost & The Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit!



In 1606 Captain Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, a Catholic Portuguese seaman and explorer, was on a journey to discover the 'mythical' Great South Land. De Quiros sought and received the support of Pope Clement III.

He landed in what we now call Vanuatu, thinking that he had actually discovered that mythical great southern land that he sought. Believing that he was standing on what we now call Australia, he claimed all of the land from there to the South Pole and named it **The Great South Land of The Holy Spirit**. Today over our land we pray: Come Holy Spirit!



OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS.

Behind Pope Francis, and partly obscured, is one of the Pope's favourite images of Mary "The Undoer of Knots" *All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience can be undone* the Pope has written. Recently, he held a meeting with an American Catholic Loretto Nun, Sr. Jeannine Gramick,

co-founder of the LGBTQ Catholic advocacy group. The meeting lasting 50 minutes at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta, where the pope lives.

"This meeting now represents a new openness to the pastorally-motivated, justice-seeking approach which Sister Jeannine and her organization have long practiced." Said Sr. Jeannine: "The meeting was very emotional for me. From the day he was elected, I have loved and admired Pope Francis because of his humility, his love for the poor and for those shunned by society. He is the human face of Jesus in our era. Pope Francis looks into your heart and his eyes say that God loves you."

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

CHURCH PROJECT UPDATE

We Welcome the Stranger.

The parish is very aware of the struggle of our first Maltese community had to undergo to build our first Church which is our School Hall now and later our first Parish Church. We are standing on their shoulders! We owe them a deep sense of gratitude. Of course, many of these first Maltese families have moved on and Holy Eucharist Parish continues its Motto: *We Welcome the Stranger* and we try to make many cultures and traditions at home here.

Building on the faith and hard work of our first Maltese community, Holy Eucharist Parish has struggled to enlarge both our Church and school.

As parish priest, I, extend a special thanks to all those who contribute to our weekly collections and to our special fundraising events. Without such generosity our parish would struggle to make ends meet. The Steering Committee brings the following to your attention.

MAJOR REPAIRS TO ROOF AND CEILING

The original building has gone through many changes and additions. The loan to build the addition of the **new foyer and toilets** has only been repaid in the last few years.

The ceiling and roof of the church now needs major repairs.

There have been several inspection and quotes to undertake this very necessary work.

The parish has accepted the following quote

Church roof repair cost: \$ 134,741.20

Church ceiling repair cost: \$ 61, 600.00

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT REPAIRS WILL START MONDAY 3rd of JUNE 2024.

Repairs will take up to three weeks;
however, if everything runs smoothly it could be finished in two weeks.

DURING THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

WEEKEND MASSES WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL

We are truly sorry for this inconvenience. Please pray that the work of repair will run smoothly

Way of the Cross & Sacred garden: \$ 305, 503 (the bulk of this expenditure has come from donations)

FUNDRAISING

The above work has been made possible thank to your response to Fundraising effort over recent years:

Car Raffle in 2023: \$ 101, 094.32

Individual Donations: \$ 12, 200.00

Mothers' Day Event & Auction by Vietnamese Community: \$ 182, 373.00

Yes, as BIG Thanks to all who contributed to making all this possible.

Fr Vincent Pham

Please find Holy Eucharist Building Fund Account details making available if you wish to contribute towards Church Project BSB - 083 347 Account Number - 74751 1503. **THANK YOU.**

MOTHER DAY VIETNAMESE CELEBRATION & FUND-RAISING EVENING



A mothers' Day to remember. Almost six hundred sat down at the *Lamour Function Centre in St Albans*. Apart from Mother's Day, it was a fundraising event for the parish organized by the Vietnamese Leadership Team. Our grateful thanks to all who organized the event.



The evening provided guests with some of the history, beauty, and culture of our Vietnamese congregation.



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 10:30am** followed by the blessing and opening of the new building. We hope that you can make it!

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 22nd May 2024
Group 8 - Samoan Community - Jonas & Lia Akenese.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 21-05-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 22-05-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thur. 9:00 AM, 23-05-24

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

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 25-05-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Agatha Saliba
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri
Nanette & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 26-05-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Shirley Krizmanic
Readers: Mini Eddy
Wilma Marmur

Eucharistic Min. Helen Maddela
Shirley Krizmanic & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 26-05-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: Joh Cabla
Susan Hallorina

Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga & Rita Martin

Sun 6.00PM, 26-05-24

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator HEP Youth
Readers: HEP Youth
HEP Youth
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lani Laririt & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 25th May 2024

♦ 5pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 26th May 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Choir

♦ 6pm - HEP Youth

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

Maria Nguyen Thi Dao, Giuse Vu Tuan, Maria Nguyen Thi Hanh, Gioan Kim Tran Van Ton, Anthony Ranasinghe, Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Maria Moc, Maria Tuan, Maria Kien, Dominic Phuc, Dominic Khat, Maria Hang, Mary Faraci, 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

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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