



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

11 & 12 MAY 2024

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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

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THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same

Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,

great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us

believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of loss, the loss of a loved one or of something precious to us, and to face this experience in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, time to ponder the implications of this great Mystery for us and for our planetary home.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The

author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (ktisis)." It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kin-dom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables believers to stop "looking up to the heavens" (Acts 1:11) and to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

THE WAR IN GAZA



Some of the bombs that Israel Defense Forces are dropping over Gaza carry a sign "made in the U.S.A." They include 2,000-pound bombs that have been responsible for some of

the most devastating—and questionable—strikes of the campaign against Hamas. The Washington Post, wrote: "The 2,000-pound bombs, capable of leveling city blocks and leaving craters in the earth 40 feet across and larger, are almost never used anymore by Western militaries in densely populated locations due to the risk of civilian casualties."

Our world is praying for the end to all war.

GATHERING OF PARISH PRIESTS

Pope Francis published a letter on Thursday addressed to all parish priests in the world with his advice for building a missionary Church in which all the baptized share in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. "Parish communities increasingly need to become places from which the baptized set out as missionary disciples and to which they return, full of joy, in order to share the wonders worked by the Lord through their witness,"

A BUSY TIME FOR POPE FRANCIS



Pope Francis greets Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, during a meeting with Anglican primates in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican May 2. The Anglican primates are the senior bishops, archbishops or moderators of the 42-member churches of the Anglican Communion; they meet every two years. A spokeswoman for the Anglican Communion said 32 of the primates were present in Rome.



Pope Francis shakes hands with the Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in Rome. In a surprise announcement on April 26, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said that Pope Francis had accepted her invitation to participate in the G7 summit in Italy's Apulia region, June 13 to 15.



MOTHERS' DAY



The Mother's Day date in Australia is the second Sunday of May each year. An Australian woman Janet Heyden, from Leichhardt in Sydney, started a

campaign in 1924 to collect gifts for lonely aged mothers. She is credited with having started the tradition of giving gifts on Mother's Day. Our Parish happily celebrates this special Day.



Last Friday, the Vietnamese community had a special Mothers' Day "parish-fund-raising" event. The beautiful statues that have been on display in the foyer were auctioned during this celebration. Our grateful thanks to those who planned and organized this Mothers' Day event.

FUND-RAISING has become a necessary way of carrying out repair work and new developments in the parish. Our Holy Eucharist School received a grant for its new building; however, repairs to the church and the redevelopment of the parish office, meeting rooms etc. depend on the generosity of parishioners and our Sunday collection.

PRAYER GARDEN AND WAY OF THE CROSS

The fenced off area is to allow for major repairs to the roof of the church. And to prepare for the development of our special Prayer-Garden and Way of the Cross.

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL NEWS

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

- ⇒ 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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

This weekend as we celebrate Mother's Day we would like to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and those who are mothering to others by their care and service in our parish. We continue to give thanks to the Lord for the ways our mothers both spiritual and earthly have guided and blessed us in our lives.

Please Mothers, collect your present from one of the ushers in the Church Foyer.

MASS COUNT

The Archdiocese of Melbourne conducts Mass count during this month of May. Collectors/ Volunteers and Community Leaders are organizing the count. See them if you wish to help.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 15th May 2024 Group 7 - South Sudanese Community - Peter Adiang & John Arop.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 14-05-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 15-05-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Carmilleri

Thur. 9:00 AM, 16-05-24

Reader HE School
Eucharistic Min. HE School

Fri. 9:00 AM, 17-05-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 18-05-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: Miriam Vella
Violeta Montoro
Eucharistic Min. Josephine Cassar
Alaistair Surrao & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 19-05-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 19-05-24

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

Sun 6.00PM, 19-05-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 18th May 2024

- ◆ 5pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 19th May 2024

- ◆ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ◆ 10.00am - DeSouza Family
- ◆ 6pm - Angeline Veigas

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

Doris Borg, Rose Pace, Ignatius Borg, Angela, George, Maria & Charles Bugeja, Rose, John & Georga Frendo, Lucy & George Cauchi, Carmen Cassar, Tona Borg, Kolina Muscat, Ian Ness, William Miller Mary, Charlie Ally Peter Spiteri & family, Esther, Joseph Borg & family, Aliso, Antonia Spiteri & family, Laurance, Elizabeth Zarafa & family, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao, Giuse Vu Tuan, Maria Nguyen Thi Hanh, GioanKim Tran Van Ton, Anthony Ranasinghe, Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Maria Moc, Maria Tuan, Maria Kien, Dominic Phuc, Dominic Khat, Maria Hang, 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

Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'

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