



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

8 & 9 JUNE 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr Dominic Carrigan, CSsR

Fr Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett, CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

Parish School Principal

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.

FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

'I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid'

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord

more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on day-break

and Israel on the Lord.)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We are being trained to carry the weight of eternal glory

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation John 12:31,32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Name calling is an age old device used to discredit enemies. Politicians are adept at finding labels with which to discredit their opponents. Sometimes the labels stick and often have the effect of destroying good people. In today's gospel, Jesus is subjected to the worst of all imaginable taunts or labels: he is said to be possessed by Beelzebub, the prince of demons. The story belongs within a trajectory of growing hostility towards him from the authorities.

Mark has presented Jesus as the Christ or Messiah, as God's Son who is authorised to usher in God's empire of reconciliation and peace. Jesus is the "stronger one" (1:7) who will destroy the powers of evil. He invites others to join him in his mission of healing, of proclaiming God's reign and of driving out demons. Those on the edge of Palestinian society

flock to him for healing. The religious authorities, on the other hand, find themselves challenged, even threatened, by Jesus' growing popularity and his perceived challenge to their strict interpretation of aspects of the Mosaic Law. Such practices as dining with those considered to be "sinners" and permitting his hungry disciples to pluck grain on the Sabbath, for instance, are met with hostile responses from the religious authorities.

For Jesus, always the faithful Jew, the Law was established for humans, not humans for the Law and he is not afraid to say so. Early in his ministry, opposition has built to a point that traditional enemies, the Pharisees and the Herodians, join forces to find a way of destroying him. The surprise is that members of Jesus' biological family now get involved in the attempts to put a halt to his mission, even if their motives differ from those of the Jerusalem "scribes" who bring the charge of demon possession. One factor to consider is that the family's honour is at stake. Another factor is the family's concern that Jesus and his disciples were failing to take care of themselves. The demands were such that "they could not even eat". Even if well-motivated, they want "to seize him" because they consider him to be "out of his mind". Jesus' biological family thus falls into the trap of taking responsibility for him instead of supporting him to pursue his dream.

Mark often places a story within a story. In this instance, the story within is the challenge from the scribes and of Jesus' powerful counter-challenge. The outer frame consists of the efforts of Jesus' biological family to save their honour by saving him from a crazy lifestyle and by his redefining of his "family" as those "who do the will of God". This complex story invites us to refrain from labelling those who threaten our status or authority. They may just happen to be agents of God's transforming grace for us and for our world.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

A PILGRIMAGE ARCHBISHOP COMMENSOLI

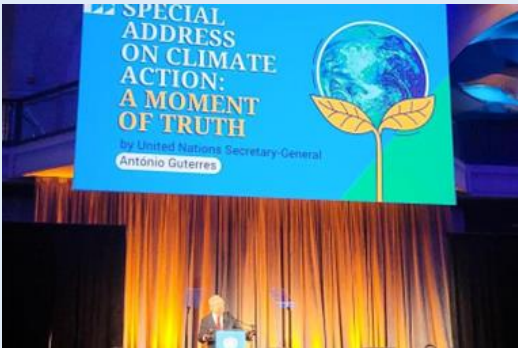
Dear friends in Christ,

My greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace. You may be aware that I was overseas for the better part of the past two weeks, though I had been silent on where I was heading. Now that I am home, I would like to let you know that I have been in the **Holy Lands of Israel**, the **Palestinian Territories** and **Lebanon** on a pilgrimage of solidarity, first with **Rabbi Yaakov Glasman AM**, Senior Rabbi of the St Kilda Shule (in Israel) and then **Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay OLM**, Maronite Bishop of Australia (in Lebanon). There was a need

to keep quiet about this before going, as there were security issues to attend to, and public knowledge of travel between the two countries would likely have prevented entry into either country...

As I celebrated Mass in a small chapel in Galilee on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, I prayed in gratitude for the many blessings of good will and justice that we are graced to live with, and work for, here in this country, and I prayed in petition that we avoid turning away from truthfulness and moral uprightness. Might I ask therefore, in your own Christian charity, that you keep all who are suffering, displaced, and persecuted in the lands where Jesus walked close in your prayers and considered in your understanding. Each person we met expressed their belief in a hope-filled future. May the strength of the Holy Spirit bring comfort, courage and determination for conversion of hearts and transformation of societies to these dark situations; may the Prince of Peace be the guiding light before all. May the call of our Blessed Mother, true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, ring out: "He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly... in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, of his mercy to Abraham and his descendants for ever." (Lk 1.52,54-55)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, in a special address for World Environment Day echoed Pope

Francis warning: **Enough with fossil fuels!** "The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive drought." The Secretary General has a new warning, he calls it, "A Moment of Truth"

*We are playing Russian roulette with our planet.
We need an exit ramp off the highway to climate hell.
And the truth is... we have lost control of the wheel!
Billions of dollars have been thrown at distorting the truth, deceiving the public, and sowing doubt. I thank the academics and the activists, the journalists and the whistleblowers, who have exposed those tactics – often at great personal and professional risk.
I call on leaders in the fossil fuel industry to understand that if you are not in the fast lane to clean energy transformation, you are driving your business into a dead end – and taking us all with you... Now is the time to mobilise, now is the time to act, now is the time to deliver. This is our moment of truth,"*



Our school Principal **Michael Bonnici**, deputy **Anne-Marie Conte**, and school captains **Edison** and

Emma prepared to cut the ribbon to a whole new way of learning!

The newly opened **Learning Centre** at Holy Eucharist School has been named to honour the Sisters who originally opened the school almost 50 years ago.

The Catherine McAuley Learning Centre has been named after the founder of the Sisters of Mercy and honours the women who first operated the school. The school's foundation principal, **Sr Leonie Glennen**, along with the first teachers, **Sr Margaret Broadbent**, **Sr Margaret McHugh** and **Sr Helen Duffy**, joined the community to celebrate the completion of a large and ambitious building program.



Mr Bonnici opened the centre, together with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Executive Director, **Dr Edward Simons**; Member for St Albans, the **Hon Natalie Suleyman MP**; and Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, **Most Rev Martin Ashe**.

‘As we step into these new spaces, let us remember the purpose for which they were built: to foster creativity, collaboration and critical thinking’, said Principal Michael Bonnici. “These are not merely structures, but vibrant hubs of learning where ideas will flourish, dreams will take shape and futures will be



forged. They symbolise our unwavering commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our students.’

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

UPDATE ON CHURCH CEILING REPAIRS

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the ongoing Ceiling repairs at our church. Unfortunately, the repair process has proven to be more complex than initially anticipated because of the bad ceiling damage, and as a result, the workers require additional time to ensure that the work is completed to the highest standard. As such, we now estimate that the repairs will take up to three weeks, with the **new completion date set for the 21st of June**. I understand that this may cause some inconvenience, and I sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please note that during the repair period, there will be **no morning Mass from Tuesday to Friday**. However, **weekend Masses will continue as usual**, so I encourage you to join us during this time to come together as a community in prayer. We apologize for any disruption and thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Fr. Vincent Long Pham, CSSR



CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 12th June 2024
Group 11 - Vietnamese Women's
League—Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan
& Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM,

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM,

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Carmilleri

Thur. 9:00 AM,

Reader Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri. 9:00 AM,

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 15-06-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: Alaistair Surrao
Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu,
Miriam Vella
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 16-06-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 16-06-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Susan Hallorina
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Rita Martin
Eucharistic Min. Ed Cablao
Joh Cablao
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 16-06-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 15th June 2024

- ◆ 5pm – Tavallo Choir

Sunday 16th June 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

Maria Arbizu, Anthony Damino

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Formosa, Grazio(Horace)
Camilleri, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao,
Hoang Family(Fanxico, Maria, Maria
& Teresa) & Nguyen Family(Joseph,
Anna & Maria), Nazareno & Jose-
phine 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, Ma-
ria 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 Camil-
leri, Bartolo family, Brincat & Galea
family, Maria Vu Thi Yeu Thuong,
Duong Family, Do Family, Vincent
Duong Kham Su, Michael Alphon-
sus Schiller, Mollie Rice (Marie),
Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

Holy Eucharist Parish is commit-
ted 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

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist
and by the Word of God we are nour-
ished and continue to grow towards
fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are
the potential to be like a growing tree,
bearing fruit and giving comfort, but al-
ways open to further growth.

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