



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR

15 & 16 JUNE 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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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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RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,

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between 7pm-8pm

Email: stalban@preca.org.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 91(92):2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we

say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’ Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first of the parables in today’s gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God’s kingdom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the “earth produce of itself” until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower’s actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his “not-knowing how” the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, of supermarket chains and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God’s empire or kingdom. At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower’s actions and attitudes provide an image of God’s reign. Is it in the sower’s trusting that all will be well while “not-knowing”? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? The sower’s “not-knowing” might resonate with us in our “not knowing” all we would like to know about dealing with the spread of Covid-19. Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging.

The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they

were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God’s reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God’s reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus’ audience. Maybe Jesus’ disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously since extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark’s community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANTING OF THE PEACE TREE

Pope Francis and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch **Bartholomew** with Israeli President **Shimon Peres** (now deceased) and Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas**.



Pope Francis recalled the event. Today, it is important to remember that event, especially in light of what has unfortunately unfolded in Israel and Palestine. For months now, we have witnessed an escalating wave of hostility, and we see many innocent people dying before our eyes. All this suffering, the brutality of war, the violence it unleashes and the hatred it sows even among future generations should convince us all that “every war leaves our world worse than it was before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil” (“Fratelli Tutti,” 261).

This evening, then, we wish to renew our intercession, once again raising to God our prayer for peace, as we did **ten years ago**. We wish to ask the Lord to give continued growth to the olive tree we planted on that day, which has already become strong and flourishing because it has been sheltered from the wind and watered with care. Likewise, we must ask God that peace may spring forth in the heart of every person, in every people and nation, in every corner of the earth, protected from the winds of war and nourished by those who daily strive to live in fraternity.

First Pope to address the G7. This is a summit of the leaders of the world's 7 most powerful democracies. The 87-year-old will become the first head of the Catholic Church to address a G7 summit when he speaks on the second day of the Puglia meeting in Italy, to an audience including US President Joe Biden and France's Emmanuel Macron and Volodymyr. Zelenskyy. Francis, who has championed the poorest and most marginalised people in society since taking office in 2013, has cautioned that AI offers new freedoms but also the risk of a "technological dictatorship"

On June 3 for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis compared migrants to the Israelites during the Exodus and to the members of the pilgrim church, reminding Catholics life is a journey to heaven.

“It is possible to see in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland. Their journeys of hope remind us that ‘our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,’” he said, quoting St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (3:20).

He said that “the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, is also an encounter with Christ.”



Poland says neighboring Belarus and its main supporter Russia are behind a surging push by migrants in Belarus toward the European Union.

A view of migrants behind the metal barrier border that Poland has erected along the border with Belarus.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukrainian Redemptorists



The Ukrainian War is very real for our parish priests! Two Redemptorist priests seized by Russian forces from their church in Berdyansk in November 2022 are possibly in a Russian-operated labour camp. Fathers **Ivan Levitsky and Bohdan Geleta**, who served at the Church of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos in Berdyansk, may be in detention at Russia's Kalinin Labor Camp in Horlivka, located in Ukraine's Donetsk region, which is currently under Russian occupation. Both priests had refused to leave their parishioners following Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, said he had received “the sad news that our priests are being tortured without mercy”.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS & NEW GARDEN



The fourteen blocks to hold the new Station have been cemented into place and soon the Way Of The Cross will have a permanent home in Holy Eucharist Church. The added garden will make this a holy place for times of quiet prayer and meditation.

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

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.

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE



Fr Vincent joined the Melbourne clergy for their annual Conference. In this conference there were over 150 priests, bishops, permanent deacons who gathered together to renew their ministry. The first Asian bishop, Simon Poh Hoon Seng, Kuching, Malaysia, spoke to the conference. Also, the first time, the laity, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, a couple spoke to the conference. It was a remarkable conference for those who are doing ministry in this land, listening to the Asian bishop and the laity for the very first time.

UPDATE ON CHURCH CEILING REPAIRS

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

St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal

This weekend **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2024** at all Masses, The St Albans Conference will be at the doors of our Church. Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to the people in crisis - and help rebuild their lives. Thank You!

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat 5.00 PM, 22-06-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: St Francis
Eucharistic Min. Josephine Cassar
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 23-06-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
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Susan Fatai
Eucharistic Min. Wilma Marmur
Helen Maddela
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 23-06-24

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Rita Martin
Suaa Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 23-06-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 22nd June 2024

- ♦ 5pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 23rd June 2024

- ♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Choir
- ♦ 6pm - HE Youth

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 19th June 2024
Group 12 - South Sudanese Community - Peter and John

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 & Josephine Spiteri, Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, Cornelio Maddela, Joseph & Francis 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 Alphon-sus 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

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished 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 always open to further growth.

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