



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B, 6 & 7 JULY 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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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

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,

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BAPTISM – JULY

Congratulations to: **Anthony Alexander Jayce Garcia-Lomboy, Sebastian Emilio Galicia, Vincent Koa Scrutton, Giuse Dang William Fowler, Maria Mi Tra Nguyen, Teresa Evelyn Nguyen,** 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: Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 122(123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our
God
till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this?

What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. Mark presents such rejection as the experience of Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21), we find that Jesus is misunderstood by his family who consider him to be out of his mind. Members of his family try to take responsibility for him, to take hold of him and to save him from himself. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach those gathered around him about a new sort of kinship, kinship that is based on doing God's will.

In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), we find that the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something does not add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman".

Jesus' hometown people do not simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter. Touch is once more the agent of healing. At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch.

At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider what is happening in our world, presently beset by pandemic. It invites us to affirm the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH SECTION



The pope did it again! He used the digital world to assure the youth that he is constantly with them! Moreover, this time, he hosted a video conference with a group of university students across Asia-Pacific, including students from Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Australia, the Philippines, and Taiwan. This program is called "Building Bridges Initiative", and is organised by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and Loyola University Chicago. It is a unique program to let students have a safe space to discuss and share openly and honestly with one another on various issues affecting young people today, including mental health, discrimination, as well as the desire for deeper faith formation and to be included more in Church life. The Australian Catholic University (ACU) was selected to oversee the whole program. According to one student, he was overwhelmed by the Pope's dedication to listen to each of them even though some of the issues were quite confronting. Whatever, the experiences were through this meeting, surely, it was a heartfelt and impactful moment for the youth and also the Pope himself. May this dialogue continue to bear fruit for the good of our youth of today as we accompany them to navigate themselves in our wounded world today.

By Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



How friendship boosts men's health

According to the [Australian Men's Health Forum](#), men with mates have been found to live longer, experience less [loneliness](#) and have a decreased risk of mental illnesses. In fact, having no meaningful relationships is as bad for health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

Women also experience the positive impacts of friendship, with a [University of Queensland study](#) finding people in their 40s and 50s were less likely to develop chronic conditions.

A [survey studying friendship](#) over the past three decades found that men's friendship circles were shrinking more than women's, reporting smaller social networks and naming fewer 'close' friends.

Source: <https://www.relationshipsnsw.org.au/blog/male-friendships-recession/>

GOOD NEWS

The Release of two Redemptorist Priests



This photo shows the moment of prisoner exchange. Redemptorist Fathers Ivan Levytskyi and Bohdan Geleta have been released from Russian detention. The two priests were among ten individuals freed by Russia in a prisoner exchange with Ukraine.

Arrested in occupied Berdiansk on November 16, 2022, the priests have been held in captivity ever since. Their fate remained uncertain, accompanied by rumours of torture to extract false confessions.

Since the full-scale invasion in February 2022, Fathers Levytskyi and Geleta chose to remain with their people in the occupied territories. Serving both Greek Catholic and Roman Catholic communities, they provided a beacon of hope to those under occupation. The priests were arrested, and military items were planted in their church to accuse them of illegal possession of weapons.

Archbishop Shevchuk wrote that more members of the clergy are among the thousands of Ukrainians who remain in Russian captivity and called on all people "to engage in the

struggle to obtain the release of all Ukrainian prisoners, including civilians, as their detention violates all international norms, practices of conducting war and international law as such."

Let us be beacons of hope as we continue to pray for peace to enter our warring world.



Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021

Visit www.natsicc.org.au to access a variety of resources



A Celebrated on the first Sunday of July each year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is a time when the whole church comes together to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The theme of this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is **"Healing Country"**

"2021 marked the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind, and, most importantly, in silence."

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, Senior Australian of the Year for 202 wrote *"My people today recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."* **Let us pray for healing and reconciliation**

Time of Prayer and Retreat for our Redemptorist Priests and Seminarians

Eleven countries were represented when over 50 Redemptorists gathered in Galong for a Retreat. The retreat given by Fr Kevin O'Neil from the United States guided us to put into practice the theme from our recent General Chapter: **To be missionaries of hope to a wounded world.**



A STORY OF SURVIVAL

Huan Ho, a parishioner, has written about his escape by boat from Vietnam. **Bishop Long** has written an introduction likening it to his own escape by boat. The book will be launched after the 9.00 am Mass here in St Albans on Friday the 19th of July. Huan is also an artist and some of his artwork will be on display. Photo Huan and family to come.

Put together By Fr. Pat Corbett, CSsR

14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thanks be to our God that the installation of the statues for the 14 Stations of the Cross has been done.



Landscaping efforts are progressing well. Scarifying, weeding, levelling, top addressing, and setting up the irrigation systems will be done soon. However, the planting of grass around the grotto (where the statue of our Mother Mary is) will not be possible due to the cold weather conditions. It will be undertaken in the upcoming springtime, when the optimal conditions for growth and sustainability are present. Thank you for your constant support and involvement in this project.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 10th July 2024
Group 3 - Lily Disco, Shannon Lindsey, Margaret Bajada, Cathy Bartolo, Wendy Forbes-Perera.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 09-07-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 10-07-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 11-07-24

Reader: Pio-Marcellin Atonio
Eucharistic Volunteer

Fri 9:00 AM, 12-07-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 13-07-24

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

Sun 8.45 AM, 14-07-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 14-07-24

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

Sun 6.00PM, 14-07-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 6th July 2024

♦ 5pm – Fernandez Choir

Sunday 7th July 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - Samoan Choir
♦ 6pm - Exxemos Choir

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Marlene Ferdinand, Pam Norris, Pauline Storace, Toni Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Franklin Rodrigo, Ian Anderson, Celieto delaRiarte, George Cassar, Mary Caruana

Death Anniversaries

Lawrence Grasso, Frances, Ratimir Radulj, Dominico Gianfala, Michael, & Maryann Bordieri, Joyce & John Cassar, Reno, Salvatore, Jane & Lucy DeJahiele, Cecilia Bozickovic, Gregoria & Winifredo delaRiarte, Anthony & Mary Azzopardi, Alfio Chircop, 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 Xeri, Cornelio Maddela, Joseph & Franc Xiberras, Reno Cauchi, Maria Khong Kim Duyen, Giuse Nguyen Ba Ky, 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

There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.

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