



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B, 27 & 28 JULY 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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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

ANOINTING MASS



**Anointing Mass is next Friday
the 2nd of August @ 9am here
at Holy Eucharist Church.
All are Welcome!**

**FOODBANK is currently
closed for 2weeks.** Reopen
Friday 9th August 10:30am-2pm.

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat, and have some left over

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 144
(145):10-11,15-18**

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do

all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:1-15

The feeding of the five thousand

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given,

said, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel readings for the next two weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John's account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Again, we are reminded of those in our world who have access to health care and vaccines and those who do not, of those who have financial support at this time and those who do not.

Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular

solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH SECTION



"Gratitude is the language of the heart." That seemed to be the expression among the homeless people whom we reached out to in Footscray and Flinders Street areas last Saturday. This was the second-month winter mission by our parish youth group. We are grateful to our PRECA brothers (Bro Noel and Bro Tony) and their youth group members for helping us in this mission as well. It was not just a day for distributing food packages to our fellow brothers and sisters living in the streets, but also a significant time for the youth to reflect on their experiences and beyond. Perhaps, whatever their experiences might be, surely it was a humbling experience for each of them. There will be one last winter mission in August for our youth. Let us continue to support and pray for them on this mission that is enriching beyond telling.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



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Five loaves and two fish to feed the 5000 people. What comes into your mind as you reflect on this today? What do you think is the most important aspect that every person is longing for beyond five loaves and two fish in our postmodern world today?

FR PAT CORBETT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



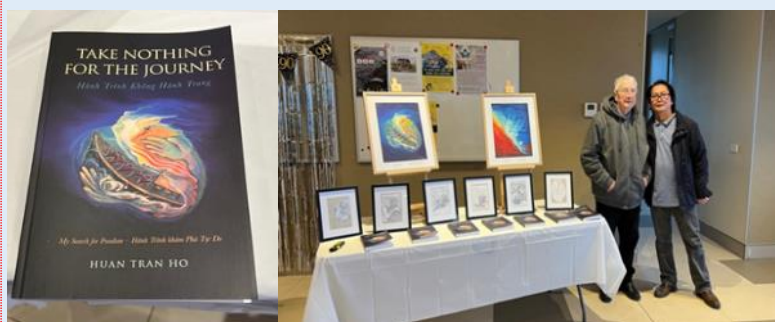
“God has given me 11 extra years to live until now after my open-heart surgery.” These were the words that Fr Pat partly shared during his homily in the morning mass he presided which coincided with his birthday. He turned 90 recently on 19th July 2024. It's a memorable and meaningful celebration cherished by the parishioners of the Holy Eucharist Parish, our Redemptorist Fathers, and other guests on that day. Fr Pat has been a gift to the community in many ways. One is through his great work translating a book into English written originally in the Vietnamese language by Huan Ho (a parishioner at Holy Eucharist parish). The book was launched in the church foyer as part of Fr Pat's birthday celebration together with the exhibition of Huan Ho's artworks. The book launch also symbolizes Fr Pat's thanksgiving to God for the opportunity to walk through the lives of the people in the parish and accompany them in finding meaning in their lives in God. Just before he leaves St Albans for his long overdue retirement, we wish Fr Pat every blessing of peace, joy, and love of the Spirit.



Fr Pat celebrated his birthday with the Redemptorist Fathers and other clergy within the deanery at Club Italia. Fr Dom was also given a surprise birthday cake as his birthday was just a day after Fr Pat's birthday.



Together with Huan Ho's family and the publisher of the book entitled **“Take nothing for the journey”** during the book launch. A great testimony of Fr Pat's gift as a person to the community. A unique birthday celebration indeed.



The book and some of the artworks of Huan Ho

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Image Source: <https://www.freepik.com/search?format=search&query=elderly%20hands%20images%20>

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. It is held on the fourth Sunday of July, which falls near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year is **“Do not cast me off in my old age.”**

LONELINESS AND TENDERNESS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, expressed his gratitude to the Pope for highlighting the loneliness endured by many elderly people.

"Faced with this reality," he said, "families and the ecclesial community are called to be at the forefront in promoting a culture of encounter, to create spaces for sharing, listening, to offer support and affection: thus, the love of Gospel becomes concrete." Loneliness, admitted the Cardinal Prefect, is an unavoidable condition of human life, as well as an invitation to turn to God the Father for comfort. As Christians, he said, the World Day dedicated to grandparents and the elderly calls us to put aside our throwaway culture and show "tenderness and affectionate attention" to the most fragile members of our communities.

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-theme-fourth-world-grandparents-elderly-day.html#:~:text=Pope%20Francis%20releases%20the%20theme,off%20in%20my%20old%20age%2C&text=On%20Sunday%2C%20July%2028%2C%20Catholics,the%20grandparents%20and%20the%20elderly.>

*Put together by
Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR*

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Church DRIVEWAY from Oleander Drive is closed until 2nd August, 2024.

This will allow enough time for the old asphalt to be removed, new asphalt to be laid and ready for use. We kindly ask your cooperation with us to make work goes smoothly and at the same time to keep everyone safe.

THANK YOU!

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 31st July 2024

Group 6 - Legion of Mary
(Vietnamese) - Mary.

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 30-07-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 31-07-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 01-08-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 02-08-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 03-08-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Agatha Saliba
Readers: Joh Cablao
Ed Cablao
Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Carmen Camilleri & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 04-08-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 04-08-24

Lit. Coordinator: Faati Ierome
Commentator: Christina Afano
Readers: Samoan Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Taoete Afano & Faati Ierome

Sun 6.00PM, 04-08-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 3rd August 2024

♦ 5pm – Fernandez Choir

Sunday 4th August 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

Alyssa Kotsopolous, George Cassar

Death Anniversaries

George & Angela Bugeja, John & Rose Frendo, Maria & Charles Bugeja, Antonia Borg, Mary, Charlie, Ally, Peter Spiteri & family, Ignatius, Easther, Joseph Borg & family, Laurence, Elizabeth, Zarrafa & family, Alisio, Antonia Spiteri & family, Tony Vella, Fred Samute, Rita Buhagiar, Jessie Pace, Lawrence Grasso, Joseph Formosa, George Cassar, Grazio (Horace) Camilleri, Maria Nguyen Thi Dao, Hoang Family (Fanxico, Maria, Maria & Teresa) & Nguyen Family (Joseph, Anna & Maria), Nazareno & Josephine Spiteri (1 year), Antonio Mifsud, Philip Gauci, Joseph, Frank & John Xerri, 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

Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

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