



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B, 3 & 4 AUGUST 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

Parish Secretary

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)

Contact: Son Nguyen

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More
details call 03 9366 1310.

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony
Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the
Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,
St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734

between 7pm-8pm

Email: stalban@preca.org.au

BLESSINGS OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

We give thanks to God for what He has done for us.

The installation of the 14 stations of the Cross has done. I would like to say a huge thanks to those who have contributed and created a sacred garden to help us reflect on the mystery of God's love and mercy.

Blessings of the Stations of the Cross will be on Sunday, 04/08/2024.

- **After the 10am Mass (around 10.45am)**
- **Before the 12pm Mass in Vietnamese (at 11:45am)**

I would like to remind you of the landscaping. Scarifying, weeding, levelling, top addressing, and setting up the irrigation systems had done. 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 collaboration.

Fr. Vincent Long Pham, CSsR



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The Lord sends manna from heaven

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not

die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, these we will not hide from their children but will tell them to the next generation:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

the glories of the Lord and his might and the marvellous deeds he has done, Yet he commanded the clouds above and opened the

gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food; So he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Put aside your old self and put on the new

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:24-35

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The question of the crowds "Rabbi, when did you come here?" has to do with time and place. They address Jesus as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. His response to their question introduces a discussion about bread. This opens up for readers through the ages a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking.

We have become so familiar with many of the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements or the constructed environment in the text and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. In these troubled times of pandemic, those hungering for life sustaining bread can rightly expect to find their hunger satisfied by the disciples of the one who claims to be the "bread of life".

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

Tribute to our Dear Charlie Desira

Funeral Details: Wednesday 7th August, 2024 here at Holy Eucharist Church.

Rosary: 10:30am & Funeral Mass: 11:00am

I am so saddened to hear the news that Charlie Desira OAM has passed away. This is a huge loss to our community. Charlie, a Maltese migrant, has been the driving force behind the Holy Eucharist Loaves & Fishes Foodbank for over 30 years. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Charlie for many years. Thank you Charlie for your friendship, generous service, and commitment to our community. You will be sadly missed. May you Rest in Peace.
Natalie Suleyman MP

Deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Charlie Desira OAM, the founder of the Loaves Holy Eucharist Parish Church St Albans for refugees and people in need. Charlie volunteered up to 30 hours a week, for over 30 years and was awarded an OAM for his commitment to serving the community. Charlie was one of the most remarkable examples of generosity, compassion and service that I've ever seen. My condolences to Charlie's family and friends, and the broader Maltese community.

Daniel Mulino MP - Federal Division of Fraser

Members of St Albans South Seniors express our condolences to Charlie Desira's family. He was so much more than just our President, he will be greatly missed

Sorry for your loss, Mary & Charlie Xerri

Sorry for your loss you will be missed, Lewis & Nanette

Sorry for your loss. May you Rest in Peace ∞∞, Paul & Victor Buhagiar

We gonna miss you RIP, Gina Muscat

God bless your family, may you Rest in Peace, we will miss you, you are in our Prayers, Edith & John Gauci

Sorry to see you go very wonderful. Rest in Peace, C. Camilleri

May Perpetual Light shine upon you. Rest in Peace Charlie.

To Charlie we used to go Holiday with you, now have Rest in Peace, N. Sultan

Deepest sympathy from Mary Vasallo

May Charlie Rest in Peace deepest sympathy Carmen Camilleri

We miss you in Bingo. Rest in Peace, Mary Agius

Rest in Peace Charlie, you're going to be missed, Stella Curmi

Rest in Peace Charlie, Mary Calleja

Rest in piece, Wiehy Camilleri

Dear Charlie, RIP in our Lords hands, Vincent & Mary Calleja

Rest in Peace, Lucy Kolendoulki

Rest in Peace Charlie, Mark & Rita GoRoo

Rest in peace Charlie, you are in God's hands now, Betty & John Dalki

Rest in Peace, Mary Busuttill

Rest in Peace Charlie, C. Zammit

Thank you Charlie, Rest in Peace, Lily Disco

Rest in Peace Charlie, Michael and Jessie Fuereb

RIP Charlie, Pauline Carnana

RIP Charlie condolences to all the family, Joe & Carmen Mifsud

Rest in Peace Charlie. You will be missed. Condolences to all the family, Tony & Lucy

Rest in Peace Charlie condolence to the family, Julie & Sarvie Buhagia



Charlie was a wonderful gentleman. May he RIP. Condolence to all, CarenePF

Rest in Peace Charlie, our condolences to all the family, Michael & Josephine Borg

Our heartfelt condolences to Charlie's family. My thoughts and prayers with you all. May your beautiful soul rest in peace.

Condolences from France & Lorinace Aquilina, Joyce & Joseph Camilleri, Raymond & Esther Theua

Rest in Peace, Paul & Belinja Xerri, Robyn & Charlie Abela

Sorry for your loss. Condolence to you and your Family. May he Rest in Peace, Frances Borg

Verry sorry about Charlie may he rest in peace, Joyce Galea

Sadly missed RIP, Laurie & Rita Farrugia

You are greatly missed Charlie. May God reward you and give you eternal life with him in heaven, Goe & Mary Zahra

Our deepest Sympathy to the family, Monica Farrugia, Grace Saliba

My heartfelt sympathy to the family Esme Paul

My deepest sympathy to your family. RIP, Josette

My deepest sympathy to all the family. RIP Lily & family

So sadly miss condolence to all the family RIP, Victor & Louise

My deepest sympathy, Rose Curmi

In God's care rest in peace, Mary Feathesh

RIP Charlie God has taken you earlier but you are in the Garden of Love, Mary Bent

RIP Charlie love John & Doris Galea

RIP Charlie x Rita

Rest in Peace Charlie condolences to Michelle & all the family x RIP

You are now with God, RP

Pauline Bnj & Dorothy Said

Rest in Peace my friend and thanks for all your work you have done to the Community, Tony & Catherine Bartolo

Rest in Peace. Our deepest sympathy to all the family. You will be missed RIP Liz & Felix Spiteri

Rest in Peace. Our deepest sympathy all the family especially Michelle. Thoughts and prayers with you in this difficult time. RIP

Charlie Rest in Peace will be together soon

Charlie Rest in Peace you be missed, J. Muscat

Charlie Started the SVDP Conference 14 Years ago. We will never forget all the Help and Assistance from Charlie for our Conference. We will all miss him. Condolences to his Family from all of us. Charlie Rest in Peace My Friend.

Bruno Barreca, St Albans South Conference



CONGRATULATIONS HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL



Education Minister Ben Carroll, left, Michael Bonnici and St Albans MP Natalie Suleyman

Holy Eucharist Primary School in St Albans will receive \$1.4m to refurbish its classrooms, bathrooms and breakout spaces.

Principal Michael Bonnici said the funding was “wonderful news” because it “will assist us by upgrading the building in the junior school and it will also enhance student and staff wellbeing, which in turn help will help achieve student learning outcomes”.

<https://cathnews.com/2024/07/30>

BAPTISM – AUGUST

Congratulations to:
Carter Avery Tran,
Peter Pham, Phero
John An Nguyen,
Nathan Huu
Khang Duong,
Maria Tiffany Bui 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.



Wishing the Holy Eucharist Vietnamese Community a blessed Feast Day of St Bernard Due they are celebrating this weekend and may your love of your Patron Saint bring you happiness and peace today and every day. Congratulations and enjoy your Feast Day!

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 06-08-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 07-08-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 08-08-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 09-08-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 10-08-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri
Readers: Violeta Montoro
Wendy Forbes-Perera

Eucharistic Min. Agatha Saliba
Miriam Vella & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 11-08-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Salve Nidea
Readers: Gerard Bennett
Shirley Krizmanic

Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy
Wilma Marmur & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 11-08-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: St Francis Choir
Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono
Saula Tufuga & Christine Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 11-08-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 10th August 2024

◆5pm – Fernandez Choir

Sunday 11th August 2024

◆8.45am - Charlie Schembri

◆10.00am - St Francis Choir

◆6pm - Singles for Christ

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 7th August 2024

Group 7 - South Sudanese
Community - Peter & John.

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

Charlie Desira, Carmen Aquilina,
Namal de Alwis

Death Anniversaries

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, 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

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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