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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 24 & 25 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

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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

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**PLEASE KEEP
FR. PETER CARRUCAN
IN YOUR PRAYERS, HE
IS NOT IN THE BEST
OF HEALTH.**

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

FATHER PAT CORBERTT CSsR

It is with a heavy heart that we gather our thoughts and express our gratitude as we prepare to bid farewell to an incredible figure in our Parish community – Fr. Pat Corbett CSsR.

Fr. Pat was born on 19th July 1934, and his journey has been nothing short of inspiring. Having been ordained in 1962 in Ballarat, he celebrated an impressive diamond jubilee of 60 years of ordination just two years ago. We are grateful to have had him in our lives for the past seven years, where his gentle spirit and unwavering guidance have touched the hearts of many.

His contributions to the Redemptorists are numerous. For ten years, Fr. Pat taught Latin and French in the minor seminary, showcasing his passion for education and the importance of language. Furthermore, he pursued a Master in Counselling in New York, which equipped him with invaluable skills that he has generously shared with us.

Fr. Pat's leadership qualities were evident through his roles as Master of Novices on three occasions, acting Provincial, and then elected provincial for two terms.

He also served as a superior in Galong for a remarkable 12 years. Upon the elevation of Fr. Paul Bird CSsR to Bishop of Ballarat, Fr. Pat stepped up as provincial once more, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the Redemptorist province.

Last month, Fr. Pat celebrated his 90th birthday, a testament to a life well-lived. He recently expressed that "it is time for him to move on," a sentiment that fills us with mixed emotions. While we understand and respect his decision, his absence will undoubtedly leave a void in our hearts.

To honour his remarkable journey and contributions, Fr. Pat will celebrate thanksgiving Masses during the Weekend Masses on 24th and 25th August 2024 at our church. We warmly invite you to join us in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for his ministry. Following these Masses, Fr. Pat will transit to the Redemptorist house in Kogarah, NSW.

As we prepare to say goodbye, let us remember the profound impact Fr. Pat has had on our lives and the legacy he leaves behind. We cannot thank him enough for his unwavering support, guidance, and kindness. Fr. Pat will be dearly missed, but we wish him all the blessings in the next chapter of his journey.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 33(34):2-3,16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ loves the Church, because it is his body

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ.
Wives should regard their husbands as they regard

the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation of John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

If we have trouble understanding and coming to terms with the teachings of Jesus in the gospel, then we can take some comfort from the reaction of the disciples in John's community some decades after the death of Jesus. It seems that it was not



This recent photo perhaps captures my feeling of sadness as I leave Holy Eucharist parish. There is a genuine sadness in my heart at the thought of leaving my many friends here in the parish. My leaving has been a difficult decision. I have enjoyed every moment of my seven years in Holy Eucharist Parish. From my first days, I experience the 'motto' of our parish: *We welcome the Stranger*. Perhaps, coming as priest may have made it less of a struggle but I found this a most welcoming community. I was coming into a very multi-cultural parish. I remember one Sunday when we especially celebrated our multi-cultural parish, I was the only "Ossie" in the whole Church! And yet, I felt completely at home.

I remember very significant events in the parish. The time Fr **Tuan Anh Do**, the then parish priest, arranged for the Leadership team, made up from the many ethnic groups in the parish, to spend a weekend together. We went by bus to our Redemptorist Retreat Centre in Galong. It was a long journey of many hours. Galong is in NSW, and near Canberra! but the journey was itself the fulfilling of our motto – *We welcome the Stranger*. On the journey, and at the weekend, there was a meeting of minds and hearts and a deep feeling of 'oneness'. We looked to ways of working together as one community- a big first step!

Another significant event for me was the effort by our present parish Priest, **Fr Vincent Long** to plan our future as we looked to the next ten years. Out of those many meetings and gatherings we now have ***A Parish Vision and Mission Statement***. It is perhaps our greatest achievement and the beginning of a new bonding as a multi-cultural community. It continues to be a safe guide for the future.

From the beginning our parish has a proud history of being multi-cultural. The Maltese being the first to bring their rich culture and traditions to this young parish. We are blessed today as our parish embraces many different communities who bring their own gifts and traditions - Samoan, Filipino, Sudanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Sri Lankan, Polish, and Croatian... We are one and we are many and from all the lands on earth we come! AND WE WELCOME THE STRANGER!

Pope Francis has invited us to be missionary: ***All communities must discern the path the Lord points out but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from***

only the members of the Jewish synagogue who were offended by his teaching, but also those Jews who had accepted Jesus as Messiah or Christ and had joined the community of believers. "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" they complain. They are referring to his teaching on the "bread" that he will give them. Once again, Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that can only raise more questions in their minds. He links "spirit" with "life". Having used the term "flesh" of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now "useless"! We must be careful not to interpret this literally. It is typical of John to use the same word in a variety of ways. Here "flesh" is used negatively and metaphorically to refer to human weakness and sinfulness in contrast with "spirit" which evokes the creative spirit of God that moved over the waters at creation and the spirit of God that informed the word of the prophets.

The Johannine Jesus lays the ground for offering progressively deeper insights into his identity and destiny and into the meaning of a gospel way of life. The reference to his "ascending" recalls the earlier part of the gospel where he is presented as the pre-existent one, the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God (John 3:13). Once again, we are confronted with an ancient cosmology that places God in the heavens above. After his death, Jesus will tell Mary Magdalene that he has not yet ascended and instructs her to tell the disciples that he is ascending to God (20:17). It seems that John wants to keep emphasising the origins of Jesus as the eternal Word and the Wisdom of God.

There are many who refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of his teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for himself and his companions when he declares their undying allegiance: "To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." Eternal life is the Johannine equivalent of the "kin-dom of God" or "of the heavens" of the other gospels. Most of us have wanted to abandon our commitment at some time or another. There are times when it seems to be all too hard. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those of us who seek to understand more deeply and to keep believing despite the challenges.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

our own comfort zone in order to reach the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel (The Joy of the Gospel 20) Our St Vincent de Paul group and the Loaves and Fishes are examples of such an outreach. Again, *Holy Eucharist Parish respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we reside and worship,*

Holy Eucharist Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

*Nourished by the Eucharist, we bring a message of care and hope to an ever-changing world. The initial letters of the word **EUCHARIST** show who we are, what we are doing and what we want to achieve. **Evangelisation, Unity, Compassion, Hospitality, Action, Respect, Inclusivity, Service, Trust***

In looking to the future you are building on the strong foundations made by the various parish groups and volunteers for more than 50 years! However, our church and world are now asking deep questions.

Pope Francis tells us "We are not in an era of changes, but in a change of era." Our world is slowly emerging from a pandemic, the likes of which has not been seen in modern history. We have all felt its devastating consequences. Loneliness and the loss of belonging invite us to open our doors and heart to such people. We must seek way of **extending our mission**, encouraging more parishioner to be involved in parish life and reaching out to the wider community in St Albans and beyond.

To all this I say, Amen! The Italian phrase **Avanti, sempre Avanti** captures my own hope for this wonderful parish- Onwards always onwards...

With my special, grateful and prayerful thanks. You will remain always in my thought and prayers.
Fr. Patrick Corbett CSsR

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 28th August 2024
Group 10 - Ed & Joh Cablao family,
Jinky Monteros & family

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 27-08-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 28-08-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 29-08-24

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 30-08-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 31-08-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Fernandez Choir
Eucharistic Min. Nannette

Agatha Saliba & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 01-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Wilma Marmur
Readers: Gerard Bennett
Salve Nidea

Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy

Hellen Maddela & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 01-09-24

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

Faati Ierome & Taoete Afano

Sun 6.00PM, 01-09-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio

Lani Laririt & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 31st August 2024

♦5pm – Fernandez Choir

Sunday 1st September 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 Sande, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Charlie Desira, Alyssa Amanda Kotsopoulos, Carmen Aquilina, Namal de Alwis

Death Anniversaries

Duro Bozickovic, Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Dominic Khat, Dominic Phuc, Maria Tuan Maria Kien, Maria Moc, Maria Hang, Joseph Formosa, George Casar, 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 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 Alphonsus Schiller, Mollie Rice (Marie), Raymond Abela and All Souls

SAFETY FOR ALL

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VOCATION VIEW

Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pray for vocations

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