



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 30/8 & 1/9/2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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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

ANOIDING MASS



**Anointing Mass is next
Friday the
6th of September, 2024
9am here at
Holy Eucharist Church.
All are Welcome!**

"Happy Father's Day"



As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, let us give thanks for the Gift of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and all men who were like fathers for us and most of all, let us give thanks to God, our Greatest Father, who remains faithful and love us unconditionally. We will remember in our prayers especially those who had a loving father that passed away, those who never knew their father, those expectantly waiting to become a father soon, and countless other situations surrounding the father-child relationship. May this Father's Day bring God's peace and glory into your home and life today and always. Happy Father's Day and have a very special day with your families.



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know

of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?"

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Accept and submit to the word

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his

own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

After a lengthy detour over some weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions.

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of

God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless!

For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. For him as for all his people, the heart was the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as the seat of the emotions. In the kingdom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean, not one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important of course, as the experience of pandemic has taught us, but it is peripheral in the context being addressed in the gospel. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God. The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that time and again we are dealing with in-house debates between Jewish groups.

Finally, this episode, with its attention to ritual washing, raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. Plastic free July this year alerted us once more to the problem that the plastic bottling of water has brought to the future of life on our planet. It may be time to bring out our "keep cup" and reaffirm our commitment to protecting God's creation.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH SECTION



As the winter season is coming to an end, there is one thing that must not cease. Our gazes, concerns, and acts must not cease to respond to the plight of those in the peripheries even if it is in a small gesture. As the saying goes, "**Great acts are made up of small acts**". With the awareness coming from these gazes and concerns, our Holy Eucharist parish youth

group, in collaboration with PRECA centre youth group, continued to act by reaching out to our homeless brothers and sisters living in the streets in Footscray and Flinders Street on 17th Aug 2024. It was a profound experience for each of the youth as this took them beyond their comfort zone to see and reflect the reality of life around them today. We are grateful to have Brother Tony and Brother Noel from PRECA joining us as well. Let us continue to show support to our youth group in the parish as they continue to be God's young instruments bringing the message of God's love into the world we live in today.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Image Source: <https://www.thecut.com/2016/11/how-often-should-you-wash-your-office-coffee-mug-never.html>

Dirty cup? Nevertheless, the outer part of it looks clean. What does this remind you of?

POPE PRAYS WITH BEREAVED FAMILIES AMID ONGOING TURMOIL IN LEBANON



Smoldering debris is seen in Beirut on August 5, 2020, following explosions the previous day (CNS/Mohamed Azakir, Reuters)

Pope Francis has met with 30 relatives of victims of the 2020 Beirut Port explosion in a private audience at the Vatican, expressing his sorrow and closeness with families suffering due to the ongoing political turmoil in Lebanon. Source: CNA.

"I continue to keep you and your loved ones in my prayers, and I join my tears to your own," the Holy Father said in yesterday's audience. "Together with you, I think of all those whose lives were taken by that enormous explosion." Four years since the deadly blast that killed more than 220 people and injured some 6,500 people in the country's capital, investigations into the actual cause of the explosion remain stalled due to political wrangling. "Together with you, I ask for truth and justice. All of us know that the issues are complex and difficult and that opposing powers and interests make their influence felt. Yet truth and justice must prevail over all else," the Pope said to the families present at the private audience.

"Four years have now gone by. The Lebanese people, and you above all, have a right to words and actions that manifest responsibility and transparency," he added. Francis praised the

"dignity of faith" and the "nobility of hope" of the families he met on Monday morning, likening their spirit to that of the cedar tree – the symbol of Lebanon. "Cedars invite us to lift our gaze on high, to heaven, to God, who is our hope, a hope that does not disappoint," he said. He also encouraged them to uphold and live their vocation to be people of peace in the Middle East. "Lebanon is, and must remain, a project for peace. Its vocation is to be a land where diverse communities live together in concord, setting the common good above individual advantage, a land where different religions and confessions encounter one another in a spirit of fraternity," he said.

Source: <https://cathnews.com/2024/08/27/pope-prays-with-bereaved-families-amid-ongoing-turmoil-in-lebanon/>

PEACE EFFORT IN UKRAINE BY WORLD LEADERS



Image Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2024-08/world-leaders-hope-peace-effort-can-help-end-war-in-ukraine.html>

The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi visited Ukraine and Kyiv recently as part of the effort to end the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine. The Prime Minister visited Russia in July this year. US President Joe Biden had expressed his hope that this visit would help to end the war between those two countries. As part of our wider Church, we continue to pray for peace in the world, and may this small gesture remind us that we have a part to contribute to peace and justice in this world today.

WHAT WE CARRY FROM WINTER TO SPRING



Image Source: <https://wholebeinginstitute.com/what-comes-after-winter/>

We, too, experience winter as a season of metamorphosis in preparation for spring. Sometimes the metamorphosis is grand and obvious, like the butterfly bursting from its cocoon; other times, the growth is subtle. It can look like tiny posture shifts and we may not even recognize the transformation we're undergoing. Even still—the rest we've taken and the hardships we've endured throughout winter have changed us for the better. Spring reveals this. Winter was never the end; rather, it was always leading us here, to this moment and place, to the spring

equinox and the first day of a new season. How we arrive is just as important as the arrival itself.

Winter can feel impossible and exhausting. It can also feel restorative as we take the time we need to retreat and turn inward. Wherever you are, and however you find yourself entering this season, may it feel like coming up for air. And may you allow yourself to be welcomed in with a gentle gesture and invitation to take baby steps forward. Even when it's still cold or dark, even with one last impending blizzard, may this season be the warm reminder we all need:

Everything is always in transition, and nothing lasts forever. For every winter, there is spring.

Source: <https://www.thegoodtrade.com/features/spring-equinox/> (Excerpts)

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will run two pilgrimages to Rome next year as we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025.

The first pilgrimage will be held in May and June 2025, coinciding with the Jubilee for **Families, Grandparents and the Elderly**.

The second pilgrimage will be for young adults (18-35 years), journeying to the Jubilee of Youth in July and August 2025.

These graced and hope-filled pilgrimages will journey through the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare (and soon to be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati), before walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica.

Be a pilgrim of hope! Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with others.

Be the first to receive the latest updates, including booking information and itineraries, by submitting an expression of interest:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST83H75>

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 4th September 2024
Group 11 - Vietnamese Women's League - Teresa Dinh Thi Ngoan, Ms Maria Pham Thi Tuyen

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 03-09-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 04-09-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 05-09-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 06-09-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 07-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Anthony Naidu
Readers: Wendy Perera-Forbes
Carmen Camilleri

Eucharistic Min. Miriam Vella
Aliastair Surrao & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 08-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Salve Nidea
Readers: Mini Eddy
Hellen Maddela

Eucharistic Min. Wilma Marmur
Shirley Krizmanic & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 08-09-24

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

Pedroso
Sun 6.00PM, 08-09-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lanie Mendoza & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 7th September 2024

◆ 5pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 8th September 2024

◆ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

◆ 10.00am - St Francis Choir

◆ 6pm - Singles for Christ Choir

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Terry Cumine

Death Anniversaries

Francis Pace, Gregory Borg, Jan & Jovan Vala, Jan Danicek, Stefan Kolek, Joseph, Carmen, Victor & Raymond Aquilina, Gumrie Borg, Mark Sheean, Anthony, Charlie, Frank Attard, Anthony, Joseph Zammit, Charlie Grech, Bruce McLean, Charlie, Mary, Ally, Peter Spiteri & Family, Ignatius, Joseph, Easter Borg & Family, Laurance, Elizabeth Zarafa & Family, Aliso, Antonia Spiteri & Family, Rita Buhagiar, Tony Vella, Frd Sammut, Jessie Pace, Carmelo & Henry Faraci, 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 & 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 Cummi, 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

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

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