



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 7 & 8 SEPTEMBER 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. Allan Hewen, 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

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Dear Parishioners,

The work to fix and replace the remaining portion of the Church roof will take place on Monday, 09/09/24 and is expected to take approximately four weeks. Scaffolding will be placed around the church during this time.

Thank you all for your patience and constant support. Please keep this project in your prayers, asking for everything to go smoothly and safely.

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

WARM WELCOME FARTHER ALLAN

As we bid a heartfelt farewell to Father Pat Corbett, who has been a blessing to us during his time here, we now turn our hearts to warmly welcome Father Allan Hewen. Father Allan will be with us until Christmas.

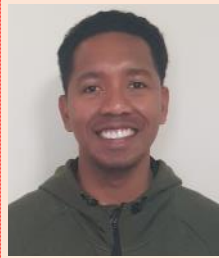
We are blessed and excited to have Fr. Allan join us, and we look forward to the many ways your leadership, wisdom, and spiritual guidance will enrich our parish.

Your presence is already a source of inspiration, and we are eager to walk together on this journey of faith. May your time here be filled with joy, growth, and many fulfilling experiences.

Welcome once again, Father Allan. We are excited to share this path with you!

Blessings and peace,

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR



Father Allan shares these heartfelt words as he joins us:

"Hello My name is Alan Hewen, a Redemptorist priest. I am from Indonesia, born on the island of Flores, a small island in the province of East Nusa Tenggara, in the eastern part of Indonesia.

I first joined the Redemptorists in 2008, took my first vows in 2010.

I was ordained as a priest in 2018. After being ordained a priest, I assigned in a parish as an assistant parish priest for 4 years and 6 months in Sumba. And this is my first time serving overseas, in Australia. I first arrived in Perth in February this year and stayed there until after Easter.

My hope with this new assignment is that I can add to my pastoral experience and hopefully my presence can bring blessings to many people.

Fr Allan Hewen CSsR"

BAPTISM – SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to: **Mackenzie Chorley, Joseph Vincent Hoang Chu, Lucas Do, Maria Chloe Nguyen & Peter Johnathan Pham** 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: Isaiah 35:4-7

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

From September 1 to October 4, we join with Christians across the globe in celebrating the Season of Creation. The 2021 theme, "A Home for All, Renewing the Oikos [household] of God" invites us to attend to those rendered homeless, birds and beasts and humankind alike so that there might be a home for all the species of the earth. Today's gospel draws attention to the profoundly deaf who find themselves on the edge of the earth community. Without access to bird-song, to spoken discourse, to music and to the vast range of media communication, they often struggle to understand and to be understood. Their capacity to communicate their deepest wisdom, their hopes and dreams, their anxieties and fears, is limited not only by personal disability but also by the incomprehension and impatience of others.

Whatever degree of deafness is experienced, relief from such an affliction offers far more than physical healing. It brings insertion into the life of family, community, workplace and the wonderful world of God's other than human creation. It opens up new horizons and unimagined possibilities. Sophisticated hearing aids and cochlear implants can transform the lives of those who suffer from serious hearing loss. We give thanks for the earth elements in cochlear implants, the silicone, platinum, titanium and ceramics and the rare earth elements in hearing aids.

In first century Palestine, chances of relief from hearing deficiency and associated speech impairment were minimal. Desperate people put their faith in folk healers who used their healing hands and drew upon their knowledge of the medicinal properties in certain herbs and other plants. Many turned to Asclepius, the Greek god of healing, or his daughter Hygieia. Jesus was an effective healer who used some of the same methods as other healers of his time. He turns to the God of Israel ("looking up to heaven...") as the source of healing power.

There is layer upon layer of meaning in today's healing story. Habitat features significantly. Jesus travels from Tyre on the northern Mediterranean coast to the Sea of Galilee via the non-Jewish territory on the eastern side of the lake. The gospel writer is stressing the all-embracing nature of Jesus' healing ministry. Land belongs to God and territorial claims on land are no barrier to Jesus' healing ministry, a lesson Jesus himself has just learned from the Syro-Phoenician woman of Mark 7:26-30.

In Mark's gospel, the healing power of God is available to Jews and Gentiles, male and female, young and old alike. It is available to those with bodily afflictions and to those who are paralysed by anxiety and fear. There is irony in the telling of the story: a Gentile

deaf man can be brought from no hearing to hearing, from “speaking with difficulty” to clarity of speech, but Jesus’ own disciples will shortly fail to hear and understand, “Do you have ears and not hear?” (Mark 8:18). Let us open our ears to hear in the hope that we might understand what we have done to our planetary home and how we might renew the oikos of God.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

CELEBRATING OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY’S BIRTHDAY – 10TH SEPTEMBER

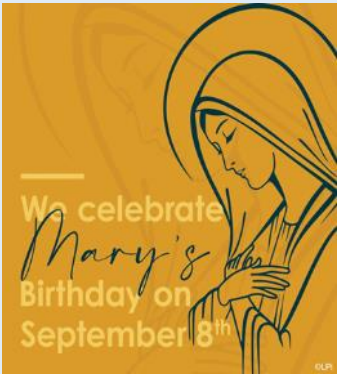


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Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother Mary! We are truly grateful for the gift of her as our Spiritual Mother as we celebrate her birthday today. Her birthday reminds us of the theme of **light** and **joy**. The theme of light is because while the world was in darkness due to sin, her birth preannounces the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World. We can see this in the prayer in the breviary (the prayer book of psalms that priests, monks, and nuns pray), **“Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, proclaims joy to the whole world, for from you arose the glorious Sun of Justice, Christ our God; He freed us from the age-old curse and filled us with holiness; he destroyed death and gave us eternal life.”** Mary’s birth is also a pathway for us to experience the second theme which is the joy of Christ. As the entrance antiphon at Mass states, **“Let us celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord.”** Let us take this time to thank Our Blessed Mother for all her prayers to us and our loved ones.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Ting in Mandarin language means “listening”. Every stroke of this Mandarin script character has its mean-

ing. Take notice of each component and the meaning behind them. Most of all notice the word **“heart”** at the bottom of this script. It means an invitation to listen not just with our physical ears but listening with compassion and understanding. *When God gives us our gift of listening, how do we use it today?*

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY: 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024



“We all have a role to play.”

Image Source: <https://www.suicidepreventionaustralia.org/world-suicide-prevention-day/>
<https://accesswellbeingservices.com.au/events/world-suicide-prevention-day/>

Think of someone who lost their life due to suicide. As a Church within our society, how do we take our part to respond to this? In Australia, nearly 10 million people have been affected by suicide, which equates to almost half of the nation. A number that we should not ignore. As this is part of a larger global concern, the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASC) has chosen the triennial theme from the year 2024-2026 as **“changing the narrative of suicide”**. It prompts us to reflect and act by starting a conversation about suicide to reduce stigma, advocate policy change, encourage help-seeking, honouring those who died due to suicide, those who have survived suicide attempts, and those who bear the weight of grief due to losing their loved ones in suicide. So, let us not turn our back on those who suffer silently. **“We all have a role to play”** as this is also the theme chosen by Suicide Prevention Australia for this year. We all can do this by starting small and extending the hope of the love of Christ to our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering silently in the midst of us. It’s a life-saving gesture that we must not underestimate.

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok RSsR

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH YOUTH

Every 4th Sunday of the Month the Parish Youth serves at the 6:00pm Mass as Readers and providing music. We kindly ask the many talented youth and young adults in our Parish Community to please feel free to come join and keep the Youth ministry growing. For more details please contact Tammy on 0415599413. THANK YOU!

menALIVE Men's Weekend

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th

October 2024

CRC Cafeteria—28 College Street

Caroline Springs

PROGRAM

Saturday & 5th October

8:00am - 9:00am

Sunday 6th October

8:30am—1:30pm

(including Mass @ 12:30pm)

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

Enquires:

Russel Fernandes - 0481 245 758

russelferns@hotmail.com

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 11th September 2024 Group 12 - South Sudanese Community - Peter & John

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 10-09-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 11-09-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
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Thurs 9:00 AM, 12-09-24

Reader: HE School
Eucharistic HE School

Fri 9:00 AM, 13-09-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 14-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Miriam Vella
Readers: Alaistair Surrao
Agatha Saliba
Eucharistic Min. Violeta Montoro
Carmen Camilleri
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 15-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Mini Eddy
Readers: Hellen Maddela
Wilma Marmur
Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic
Susan Fatai
Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 15-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Joh Cablao
Commentator: Preca Community
Readers: Preca Community
Preca Community
Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Br. Noel Debono
Preca Community

Sun 6.00PM, 15-09-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 14th September 2024

◆5pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 15th September 2024

◆8.45am - Charlie Schembri

◆10.00am - The D'Souzas

◆6pm - Volunteer 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

Josip Dorinko, Rebecca McNally, Olinka Vika, Family Valentic, Family Rakonic, Francis Maher(5yrs), Vincent Censu Grech & Grech Family, Sunta Briffa & Briffa Family, Tonna Family, 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 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 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

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

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