



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,

St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734

between 7pm-8pm

Email: stalban@preca.org.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 114 (116):1-6,8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord, my God, deliver me!

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
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Second Reading: James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I

am?’ And they told him. ‘John the Baptist,’ they said ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today’s gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark’s gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions (“Who do people say that I am?” and “Who do you say that I am?”) are addressed to our forbears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what “the people” say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus?

In response to Jesus’ second question (“Who do you say that I am?”), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, God’s anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the Messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first-century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel’s status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God’s Messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God’s empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path to wisdom and life.

Our experience of global conflicts should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. We have learnt from bitter experience that war does little

to bring peace and justice. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to both perceived and real injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean “losing one’s life” for the sake of the gospel. It may call us to ensure that all have access to a more equitable share of earth resources. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. In this Season of Creation, the gospel calls us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of Jesus the Christ, the anointed agent of God’s empire.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

AUSTRALIA IS PLANNING TO ENFORCE AGE VERIFICATION FOR YOUTH IN THE ONLINE WORLD



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“Parents are worried sick about this. We know they’re working without a map – no generation has faced this challenge before,” “The safety and mental and physical health of our young people is paramount. Parents want their kids off their phones and on the footy field. So do I.” These were the words of the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese recently. The proposal is geared toward young people from the range of 13 to 16 years of age although this is not finalized yet. No doubt, social media has been a great tool for everyone in this 21st-century world. However, the downside of it is also affecting young people. As of now, the governments of France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and some American states are also considering forms of age verification. Here close to home, we must not ignore any red flags raised by our youth when social media is affecting their mental health and wellbeing. Moderation of use is always a key here. Let’s protect our young people and accompany and support them when they need us in real conversations. We have a role to play as Church too in journeying with them today.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



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Imagine yourself being asked by Jesus: **“Who do you say I am?”** How would you answer this?

THE POPE'S ASIA TOUR 2024 – INDONESIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TIMOR LESTE & SINGAPORE



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<https://mothership.sg/2024/04/pope-francis-singapore-visit-confirmed/>

Despite the long journey and hectic schedule, Pope Francis continues to show us that age is just a number. With his heart close to the people, this apostolic tour to Asia is undeniably a great way to enter the heartbeat of the multi-cultural Church in Asia. Enriched with a diversity of cultures and languages, Asia is blossoming to be the future of the Church as the Archbishop of Melbourne – Archbishop Peter Comensoli – said recently during His interview with the Vatican news. Archbishop Peter was one of the delegates who accompanied Pope Francis during this tour. The Pope's tour has touched many people from different walks of life through this tour - Pregnant mothers, children and youth, political leaders, church groups, the poor, the disabled, and the marginalized just to name a few. May renewal of hearts and unity continue to be preserved through this tour in bringing the message of God's peace to our world today.

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Holy Eucharist Parish community.

I am writing to inform you about an incredible opportunity that I have been blessed with to represent our school and parish communities. Earlier this year I submitted a detailed application for a pilgrimage to some incredibly sacred sites in Italy. I was successful in my endeavour and feel very privileged to receive generous sponsorship from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and Holy Eucharist School to supplement my expenses.

On Friday, September 20th, I will join a group of 40 pilgrims representing many schools and offices of MACS, visiting Rome, Siena and Assisi.

I would like to invite you to send me your personal and communal prayer intentions. I promise to take these with me on my journey as I visit Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the sacred spaces of Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Clare and other important Catholic sites.

You can send your prayer intentions to annemarie.conte@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

I would like to thank Fr Robin and the parishioners present at mass on Thursday morning, 12/9/24, for the Pilgrims Commissioning Blessing that I received. It was very humbling.

Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you in mine.

Sincerely,
Anne-Marie Conte,
Acting Principal/
Religious Education Leader,
Holy Eucharist School.



CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Dear Parishioners,
The work to repair and replace the remaining portion of the Church roof began on Monday, September 9, 2024. This project is expected to take approximately four weeks to complete. During this time, scaffolding is placed around the church. Thank you all for your patience and constant support. Please keep this project in your prayers, asking that everything proceeds smoothly and safely.

Fr Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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 - 9:00pm

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 18th September 2024
Group 1 - Samoan Community - Jonas & Lia Akenese

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 17-09-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 18-09-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 19-09-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 20-09-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 21-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Wendy Forbes-Perera
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Alaistair Surrao
Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 22-09-24

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

Sun 10:00AM, 22-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Christine Pedroso
Readers: Ed Cablao
Jinky Monteros
Eucharistic Min. Rita Martin
Christine Pedroso
Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 22-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Rod Lalunio
Commentator HEP Youth
Readers: HEP Youth
HEP Youth
Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Lanie Mendoza
Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 21st September 2024

◆5pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 22nd September 2024

◆8.45am - Charlie Schembri

◆10.00am - Fernandes Family

◆6pm - HEP Youth

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

Roque Robas, Terry Cumine

Death Anniversaries

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 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

When Jesus says "Who do people say I am?" We could interpret this as Jesus asking for feedback from His disciples about Himself. If you were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?'

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