



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

**Parish Priest & Mission Leader**

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

**Assistants**

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Mary-Lucy Atonio PH: 9366 1310

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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

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Sudanese Mass 3pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Samoan Mass - 2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Filipino Mass - 3.00pm

#### Day Light Saving begins

**At 2am on the first Sunday in October when clocks are put forward one hour.**

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on **6th October, 2024** than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

**Saturday Masses will be moved back to 6pm start, commencing Saturday 12th October 2024.**

#### THE LIVING WORD

**First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

*The wicked prepare to ambush the just man*

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**Responsorial Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**  
**The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

**The Lord upholds my life.**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

**The Lord upholds my life.**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

**The Lord upholds my life.**

**Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3**

*The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom

that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mark 9:30-37

*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and

when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we may not be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the “twelve” engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside “the house” in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had “on the way”. They have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy or status, with power or adulation. It has everything to do with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being “servant of all”. Like us, they have much to learn from “the way” itself, the path they tread through the land.

An engaging scene follows this discussion. They are “inside the house”, an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a child in their midst. The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored.

Jesus, the suffering Messiah or Christ, actually identifies with a defenceless child, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”. His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his

identification with God, “the one who sent me”. As a church, we might well hear today’s gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might also hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God’s people. We think especially at the moment of those who suffer at the hands of the Taliban in Afghanistan. It is time for us to remember that whoever welcomes even one of these into our homeland in the name of the Christ is truly welcoming the suffering Christ.

**By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm**

### YOUTH



**Image Source:** <https://prevents substancemisuse.org/the-surgeon-generals-advisory-on-social-media-and-youth-mental-health/>

How can young Catholics using social media help their peers discover the beauty of the Christian faith and its message of universal fraternity? “We must remember that God’s command is to love one another, so before typing on social media, think first whether our words might hurt others. If we can’t help, at least we shouldn’t be someone who causes others to fall.”

(Words spoken by an Indonesian young singer, Lyodra, who was interviewed recently by Vatican News on her recent experience of meeting the Pope in Indonesia).

**Source:** <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2024-09/indonesia-pope-francis-mass-lyodra-singer-interview.html>

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**Image source:** <https://wordsfromeliab.wordpress.com/2017/01/31/when-god-picks-up-your-broken-pieces/>

God always entices us through love.

Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change, is the experience of love and acceptance itself. This is the engine of

change. If the mystics say that one way, they say it a thousand ways. But because most of our common religion has not been at the mystical level, we've been given an inferior message – that God loves you *when* you change (moralism). It puts it all back on you, which is the opposite of being saved. Moralism leads you back to navel-gazing, and you can never succeed at that level. You are never holy enough, pure enough, refined enough, or loving enough. Whereas, when you fall into God's mercy, when you fall into God's great generosity, you find, seemingly from nowhere, this capacity to change. No one is more surprised than you are. You know it is a total gift.

+ *Adapted from Following the Mystics through the Narrow Gate....  
Seeing God in All Things*

## ARE ALL RELIGIONS LEADING TO GOD?



**Image Source:** <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/pope-in-singapore-speaks-to-youth/>

In an inter-religious dialogue with Pope Francis during his tour in Singapore recently, a group of youth leaders that represented each religion in Singapore had an insightful session with the pontiff. However, the words that he said during the extra session were not taken positively by some. He said this, “

*“If we always say, ‘My religion is more important than yours’ or ‘My religion is true and yours is not,’ where will that lead us?”*

*“Every religion is a path toward God,” who is the creator and father of all, the pope said. And if there is only one God and father, then all people are brothers and sisters.*

*“Have courage to go forward and engage in dialogue.”*

In Australia, the landscape of multicultural and multi-religious society is also a fast-growing phenomenon. As we live in this pluralistic environment, we try to look for common ground to share, to care and to serve one another. In the meantime, dialogue is the key to helping each one to recognise God's presence and His Kingdom among us today. Above all, by the fruit of our lives, we know what is of God or not.

## SUICIDE POD – IS THIS THE ONLY WAY TO EMBRACE THE END OF LIFE?



*The Sarco suicide pod invented by Dr Philip Nitschke, founder of Exit International. Pic: Dr Philip Nitschke.*

**Image Source:**

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/health/health-problems/couples-plan-to-die-in-aussie-suicide-pod/news-story/1677e8dbd0582d1885fde318dce1c9b0>

A couple from the UK who has been married for 46 years will become one of the first to make use of a pod called Sarco to end their lives. It is invented by an Australian doctor. Both have expressed their intention to travel to Switzerland to undergo the procedure. The couple has said they don't want to go through the indignity of potentially years of hospital treatment and the crippling costs of care which could whittle away their life savings.

The Church has always been very strongly opposed to ending one's life as such. Our care and concern for the sick and dying must not be compromised despite the prevailing challenges that may arise. Perhaps, our sincere accompaniment toward the sick and dying may turn every darkness into hope in finding a deeper meaning in one's life.

***Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR***

## 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

**1st Fridays** the Parish Youth will gather in the church for Adoration 7.00pm- 7.45pm (*Fellowship & games thereafter*)

**4th Sundays** the Youth serves at the 6:00pm Mass as Readers and providing music. 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](mailto:russelferns@hotmail.com)

## MIGRANT YOUTH FESTIVAL

“God walks with His people”

29 September 2024 - Cathedral Hall, ACU Melbourne

9:00am Registration, Keynote

Address. A Conversation with

Archbishop Peter. Group

Activities, Lunch and Concert at Cathedral Hall, ACU

1:30pm Pilgrim Walk from ACU to St Patrick's Cathedral

Visit [trybooking.com/CSAYK](http://trybooking.com/CSAYK)

Tickets \$30 Reg. close 8/9/24

## 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Celebrate with migrant communities from all over the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

SUNDAY 29 September 2024

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

2pm Procession & Rosary in various languages

3pm Mass for all Nations

celebrated by Archbishop Peter

A Comensoli and Migrant

Chaplains of the Archdiocese

## CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 25th September

2024 Group 2 - Jeff & Jenny

Colquhoun, Cherie Surrao, Paul

Scerri, Hong Tran

## READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 24-09-24

Reader Xuan Duong

Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 25-09-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri

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Thurs 9:00 AM, 26-09-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic

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Fri 9:00 AM, 27-09-24

Reader Helen Maddela

Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 5.00 PM, 28-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace

Commentator: Violeta Montoro

Readers: Alastair Surrao

Agatha Saliba

Eucharistic Min. Nanette

Miriam Vella

Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 29-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen

Commentator: Wilma Marmur

Readers: Shirley Krizmanic

Susan Fatai

Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy

Helen Maddela

Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 29-09-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso

Commentator: Rita Martin

Readers: Susan Hallorina

Christine Pedroso

Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono

Br. Tony Gatt

Christina Pedroso

Sun 6.00PM, 29-09-24

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt

Commentator Rod Lalunio

Readers: Xuan Duong

Larnie Mendoza

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio

Lanie Mendoza

Lani Laririt

## CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 28th September 2024

◆5pm – Volunteer choir

Sunday 29th 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

Roque Robas, Chris Kotsopoulos

### Death Anniversaries

Alyssa Kotsopoulos, George, Angela, Maria & Charles Bugeja, John, Rose & Georga Frendo, Lucy & George Cauhi, Carmen Cassar, Ian Ness, Kouna Muscat, 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, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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