



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B, 5 & 6 OCTOBER 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

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Parish Secretary

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

BAPTISM – OCTOBER

Congratulations to:

Peter Nguyen, Anton Ayden Zhang, Teresa Mina Zhang, Teresa Elli Zhang, Anthony Henry Tran, Anthony Kenny Tran, Martino Henry Le, Maria Milly Nguyen, Aria Nguyen, Anna Rylee Rose Dang, Maria Anna Nguyen, Maria Teresa Faustina Katherine An Nhien Tran, Matta Jolie Nguyen, Teresa Evie Tran, Pio Tran 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.

JOIN US FOR FUNDRAISING RAFFLE TICKETS II

Dear our Parishioners,

We are excited to announce “Fundraising Raffle Tickets 2” to support the ongoing repairs and restoration of our church.

As many of you know, we have been working diligently on various phases of this project for nearly a year, and we are currently replacing the church roof. Financial support

is essential to complete this communal project. Our Parish has faced the common challenge of securing adequate funding for these necessary repairs. The priests and finance committee have dedicated themselves to this mission, and we believe that together, as a community, we can contribute to building

our shared home. As Saint Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:2, “Help each other when you face difficulties; in this way, you fulfill the law of Christ.” This raffle is not just about raising funds; it’s about coming together to support our parish with joy and gratitude. “Each person should give what they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

!! Raffle Details:

✓ **Ticket Price: \$25**

✓ **Exciting Prizes:**

- ⇒ Prize 5: \$500 Gift Voucher
- ⇒ Prize 4: \$1,000 Bunnings Voucher
- ⇒ Prize 3: iPhone 16 Pro, valued at over \$1,799
- ⇒ Prize 2: \$2,500 Flight Voucher
- ⇒ Prize 1: Mazda CX3, valued at \$29,990

!! **Drawing Date:** Tickets will be drawn on Christmas Carol Night at the Parish, 7 PM on Friday, December 13, 2024.

We encourage everyone to join us for a joyful evening of carols and community spirit. If you purchase tickets but cannot attend, the organizing committee will notify the winners that evening.

!! Ticket Sales:

- ◆ Tickets will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses starting the first week of October until December 13.
- ◆ You can also purchase tickets by calling:

☎ 0466 055 077 (English)

☎ 0415 599 413 (Vietnamese)

Please help us spread the word and invite others to support this important project. Together, we can make a difference for Holy Eucharist.

In Christ’s love and our Mother Perpetual Help,
Leadership Team & Parish Fundraising Committee



THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

A man and his wife become one body

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127(128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified. We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The question of gender inclusivity in decision-making has been much in the news of late. The maleness of political and church institutions has been highlighted in my country as a serious contributor to the disorder that finds expression in both bullying and abuse. Since the creation of patriarchy in the Bronze Age, some 3000 years ago, lack of gender inclusivity has posed a challenge, particularly for those who find themselves excluded.

The "test" question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context, as is the reference to women divorcing their husbands. While there is no evidence that anyone in Jewish circles questioned the legality of divorce, there is plenty of evidence for lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, however, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds at all. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only permitted divorce as a concession to "hardness of heart": it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of "one flesh", of partnership, of equality and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew word 'ezer which is translated as "helper" in the first reading from Genesis is used in the Psalms of God's

relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men as is sometimes suggested. A better translation might be "companion".

Human limitation is just as much a reality now as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of life. The parties involved often become the "little ones" whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a particular way for everyone affected by divorce, especially the children. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce feel alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a time when they need the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged.

The story about marital commitment leads immediately into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples' attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are never to be excluded from the inner circles of love, compassion and care. We might hear today's gospel as a call to be inclusive in all our relationships and to remember the children no matter what happens.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH

Advice to young people (*Poem by Frederick Douglas Harper*)

Be true to your eyes, ears, thoughts, and feelings;
Listen to your heart but yield to your mind's best Judgment;
Be kind and wise in spoken words, for surely your Words will follow you;
Be not afraid of risks but be cautious of actions
Driven by emotion, confusion, and false friends;
Avoid jealousy of others' achievements and possessions;
Don't live with an insatiable greed for more than You can appreciate or use;
Don't eat more than your hunger's call or
Drink beyond your thirst's needs;
Listen to spirits that favor you and offend not Those that oppose you;
Absorb yourself in an activity worthy of your unique Talent, and develop as many common Potentialities as you desire and can;
Whatever you do, do it as well as you can;
Live comfortably with your conscience,
And be at peace with your soul;.....(*To be continued*)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

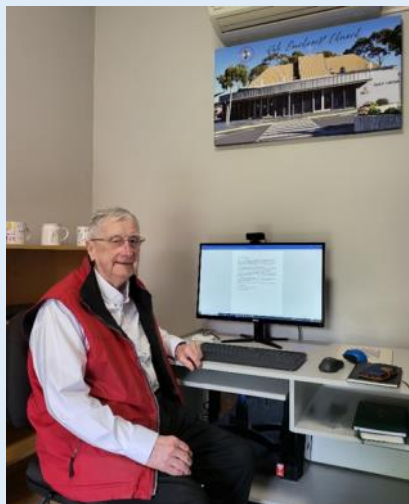
How do you harness marriage commitment amid trouble?



Image Source: <https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/golden-ring-on-red-broken-heart-gm915462626-251943671?searchscope=image%2Cfilm>

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

JOURNEY END- A NOTE FROM FR PAT



Thanks for many enquiries about my whereabouts and health. A month has slipped by since celebrating my 90th Birthday and my leaving St Albans. The first stop was at our "Retreat Centre" in Galong. We have a Monastery there about an hour and half from Canberra. Fr

Dom and I drove there to celebrate the 100th birthday of a great benefactor of our Redemptorist Congregation. My 90th had to take second place!

Having spent so much of my life in Galong - I went there to complete my secondary Education and after Ordination I taught there for ten years and finally spent 12 years as the Rector, parish priest and Retreat Director. It was not hard to extend my visit to more than a month!

But now, I have arrived at our Retirement Community in Kogarah in Sydney. Our house is not far from Botany Bay where the First Fleet anchored on the 18 January 1788. Governor Arthur Phillip **rejected** Botany Bay choosing instead Port Jackson as the site for the new colony and they arrived there on **26 January 1788**.

It is the right time to return home to Sydney. My sister, Margaret, next month will be 96! And my brother Michael- while still working as a solicitor at 86- is undergoing treatment for a rare blood cancer. You might keep all of us in your prayers.

As you can see I writing this under a photo of Holy Eucharist Church above my desk- a gift from the parish! so I keep you all in prayers.

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ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN WEEKEND 5&6 OCTOBER

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelization ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Day Light Saving begins

This Sunday October 6th, 2024 the clocks are put forward one hour. There will be more light in the evening.

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

Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 9th October 2024
Group 4 - Otilia
& Tufuga Family

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 08-10-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 09-10-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 10-10-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 11-10-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 12-10-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Alaistair Surrao
Readers: Miriam Vella
Violeta Montoro

Eucharistic Min. Anthony Naidu
Agatha Saliba & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 13-10-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Wilma Marmur
Shirley Krizmanic & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 13-10-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Br. Noel Debono
Christine Pedroso & Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 13-10-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Larnie Mendoza & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 12th October 2024

♦6pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 13th October 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 Sande, Frank, Doris Carabott.

Recently Deceased

Maria Ivankovic

Death Anniversaries

Lucky Ellawala, Ana Krajina, Maria Vu Thi Hue(6yrs), Dominic Kinh & Anne Marie Bui, Vincent Chuc, Dominic Phuc, Dominc Khat, Maria Tuan, Maria Kien, Maria Moc, 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

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

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