



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B, 12 & 13 OCTOBER 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

Assistants

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr. Dominic Carrigan, 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

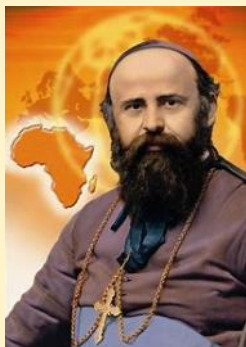
- ♦ **Tues-Fri:** 9:00am
- ♦ **Saturday:** 6:00pm
7.30pm Vietnamese
- ♦ **Sunday:** 8:45am, 10:00am,
6:00pm
12:00pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

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

ST DANIEL COMBONI

The South Sudanese Community will gather this Sunday to celebrate the feast of their Patron Saint.



May St Daniel Comboni's mission remind all of us that God can do wonders when we let him act in us. Wishing a Happy feast to all!

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: Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89(90):12-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation1 Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in

heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will

do it hard: “not without persecution”. It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our privileged country has still to learn that lesson, even with respect to global vaccine accessibility. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH

Advice to young people

(Poem by Frederick Douglas Harper)

(Continuation from last week)

Be courageous in life, while always respecting
Death's luring and lurking;
Rest when tired and think when you are uncertain;
Be kind to the sacredness of life and respect the
Natural order of the universe;
Follow no one or no thing except your own judgment
And your own divine wish;
Love and respect yourself and your family;
Be all you can by developing yourself;
Do all you can in helping worthy others;
And live a quality and meaningful life

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What does wealth and riches mean to you today as followers of Christ?



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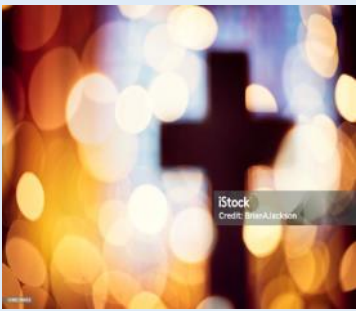


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PRAYING FOR THE HOLY LAND



Iranian ballistic missiles launched against Israel
Image source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-10/iran-israel-attack-custody-holy-land-prayer-peace.html>

The Vicar of the custody of the Holy Land had asked earlier this month for prayers as millions of innocent people in the Holy Land are still fearful for their lives as tension continues between Israel and Iran. He said, “***We rushed outside and saw the bright trails, both from the rockets intercepted by the Iron Dome and—most of them—flying over Jerusalem, targeting military bases in the Negev to the south. Shortly after, a second wave came. Now there's an eerie silence over the whole city. People are very afraid, fearing it could happen again if Israel retaliates.***” The 180 ballistic missiles launched by Iran recently were a form of retaliation toward Israel. Many of these missiles were intercepted by Israel’s air defense system. Much earlier, Israel had attacked Lebanon, an Iranian ally, to pursue Hezbollah militia. As we reflect on this in solidarity with our fellow brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, we continue to pray this tension will end soon through proper dialogue.

PENITENTIAL LITURGY AHEAD OF THE
SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON SYNODALITY



Image Source: <https://cathnews.com/2024/10/02/only-by-healing-sick-relationships-can-we-become-a-synodal-church-pope/>

“The Catholic Church cannot be credible in its mission of proclaiming Christ unless it acknowledges its mistakes and bends down “to heal the wounds we have caused by our sins”. These were the words of Pope Francis when he presided over a penitential liturgy at the Vatican before the opening of the Synod of Bishops on synodality recently. This synod will end on October 27, 2024. During this liturgy, the Pope also asked seven cardinals to read requests for forgiveness which the pontiff himself wrote. These include forgiveness from the sin of abuse, a lack of courage and commitment to peace, lack of respect for every human life, mistreatment of women or failure to acknowledge their talents and contributions, using Church teaching as weapons to hurl at others, lack of concern for the poor and a failure to recognise the dignity and role of every baptised person in the Church. The pope mentioned that synodal church can only happen when sick relationships are being healed. Indeed, this is what we need in the life of the church today to bear witness as Christ’s agent of peace, hope, and love.

“GOD’S LITTLE NINJA”



Image Source: <https://cathnews.com/2024/10/09/kirks-mission-to-lead-people-into-prayer-through-music/>

Stephen Kirk, An Australian Catholic composer, singer,

musician, and worship leader refers to music as “God’s little ninja”. He aptly said this recently regarding the ability of music to touch hearts by stealth, manoeuvring past the conscious mind. He will give his full concert in Hobart on November 8, 2024. In addition, he will also be running a free workshop at the Cathedral Centre in Hobart on November 9, 2024, with the theme “Music in the Eucharist”. It is aimed at helping people see how music can draw people into the mysteries being celebrated and bring transformation to their lives.

Put together by

Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

ST GERARD MAJELLA

This Wednesday, **October 16**, Redemptorists also celebrate the Feast Day of one of St Alphonsus’s first companion: **ST GERARD MAJELLA**. Both in Italy and around the world, St Gerard is actually better known than St Alphonsus. In many catholic Maternity hospitals there is often an Icon or statue of St Gerard because he is the Patron saint of Mothers. Many Children are baptised using his name Gerard for boys and Majella for girls.



The Redemptorists in Australia, have a Family Magazine called the Majellan. It has as a title the ***Champion of the Family***. It is devoted to help-

ing families understand their faith and live a Christ-centred life. We entrust the families of our parish to his care and protection. St Gerard pray for us.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 16th October 2024
Group 5 - Xuan Dung Huynh, Phuong Ung, Margaret Bajada, Tran Thi Kim Hao, Hong Thuy Tran, Nguyen Thanh Tao

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 15-10-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 16-10-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 17-10-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 18-10-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 19-10-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri
Readers: Anthony Naidu
Agatha Saliba

Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Violeta Montoro & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 20-10-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Helen Maddela
Readers: Gerard Bennett
Susan Fatai

Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic
Mini Eddy & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 20-10-24

Lit. Coordinator: Taoete Afano
Commentator: Christina Afano
Readers: Christine Pedroso
Rita Martin

Eucharistic Min. Br. Tony Gatt
Saua Tufuga & Taoete Afano

Sun 6.00PM, 20-10-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Larnie Mendoza & Xuan Duong

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 19th October 2024

♦6pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 20th October 2024

♦8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦10.00am - The D’Souzas

♦6pm - Angeline Veigas

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

Joe Mizzi, Manuel Camilleri, Maria Ivankovic

Death Anniversaries

George, Angela, Maria, Charles & Reno Bugeja, Alyssa & Christopher Kotsopoulos, Georga, John & Rose Frendo, Carmen & George Cassar, Kolina, Angela & George Muscat, Lucy & George Cauchi, Soma Therese Ranasinghe, 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 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

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise: "Go and sell everything you own ... then come; follow me."

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