



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

30th November & 1st December 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. Alan 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:** 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

REDEMPTORIST CHAPTER AND ASSEMBLY

- ♦ Fr. Joseph, Fr. Robin and Fr. Alan will be away from 2/12/24 until 6/12/24.
- ♦ Fr. Vincent and Fr. Dom will be away from 1/12/24 until 13/12/24.

Please pray for our priests that their gathering will strengthen their faith and continue to experience joy in their ministry as they continue leading us in our spiritual journey.



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Friday 13th December 2024

- ♦ 6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass
- ♦ 7.00pm Christmas Carols & Drawing of the Raffle with refreshments provide.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

♦ Reconciliation – 2nd Rite

* English - Wednesdays,
11th & 18th December
2024 @ 7.00pm

* Vietnamese - Thursdays,
12th & 19th December
2024 @ 7.00pm

♦ Christmas Eve – Tuesday, 24th December 2024

* 6:00pm in English
* 8:00pm in Vietnamese
* 12:00am in English
(midnight)

♦ Christmas Day – Wednesday, 25th December 2024

* 9:00am in English
* 11.00am in Vietnamese
* 6:00pm in English

♦ Dawn Masses

* 16th – 24th December
2024, 5.00am



PARISH FUNDRAISING – RAFFLE TICKETS UPDATE

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets to support our Parish project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

However, we still have many tickets left to sell. Out of the 6,000 tickets printed, only 3,015 have been sold so far.

We kindly encourage everyone to buy tickets and share this opportunity with family and friends. Every ticket purchased brings us closer to achieving our goal and supporting the Parish project. Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you abundantly!

!! 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 are 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)

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 92(93):1-2,5

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high,

because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today’s gospel passage, with its vivid description of the end-time signs, may seem a strange choice of reading for Advent and the beginning of the Church year. Its depiction of global devastation has a particular resonance in a post-industrial world faced with climate crisis. Some may be tempted to interpret “apocalyptic” events of today as the judgement of an interventionist God. This is far from the truth. Our mindless exploitation of planetary resources has brought its own judgement and we must struggle together to save our planet from further destruction.

Advent and Christmas are about the coming “in power and great glory” of the One who brings the liberation of God. The earliest Christians believed that Jesus would soon return and bring everything to completion. Some decades after Jesus’ death, Luke’s community had come to realize that the “final” coming of Christ was not just as imminent as they had expected. They needed to be reminded that a delayed return was no excuse for lack of vigilance. Luke warns against activities and attitudes that de-sensitize the heart or the human spirit. For Luke, an attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes is the proper stance for the Christian believer. An attentive heart will be attuned to the cry of the earth and the cry of those rendered poor by those who exploit the goods of the earth. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds belongs within an ancient understanding of the structure of the world in which God and God’s heavenly court are located in the heavens above. It might function in our times as a reminder that the Incarnation, “God’s becoming material” (Karl Rahner), is an ongoing cosmic event, not just a once-off event limited to one place and one time.

We might do well to read this gospel passage against the backdrop of today’s first reading from Jeremiah that looks to the fulfillment of God’s promise of the “virtuous branch for David”. The organic metaphor of the branch reminds us of the interconnectedness of God’s people and of all being across the ages. The virtue of the expected descendant of David finds expression in honesty and integrity, literally “justice and righteousness/right relationship”. Justice in the Hebrew tradition is about redress in the law courts for the most vulnerable. Righteousness is about right relationships as well as the equitable sharing and proper use of Earth’s resources. Justice and righteousness are two sides of the one coin. Where they are absent, there is no liberation. Our prayer and practical action this Advent might em-

brace the plight of the earth itself and the concerns of those who yearn for liberation from various forms of oppression. We might remember those seeking asylum among us and those who have been granted refugee status yet still await the justice of resettlement in our country. Our Advent could make a difference to their Christmas.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH

DO YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BE?

(Poem for Young people by Frederick Douglas Harper)

Do you have the strength
To be that self you really are—
Not to be influenced unduly
By the worlds of others?

Are you confident to follow your own mind's
Energy—to be, to act in accord
With your own interests and needs?
Don't fool yourself by your thoughts and words;
Look into my pen's eye and be truthful
To the self you really are.
Do you have the wisdom and courage
To do what you want to do,
To do what you must do—
Unfettered by false advice and biased notions?
Simply tell me, do you have the strength
To be?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What are you looking forward to this Advent season?



Image Source: <https://www.istockphoto.com/search/2/image-film?phrase=catholic+advent>

HOW TO TRUST GOD, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIME

(Continuation from last week)

2. Confess Unbelief

Be honest. Allow God to remind you who He is and what He promises, and then be honest with Him. You can tell God how you feel and in what areas of your life you are struggling to trust Him. First, it is good to acknowledge that His character is good and trustworthy. You can agree with Him that all He says is true. You can also tell Him when it's difficult for you to believe. According to Mark 9, a man brought his son to Jesus for healing from being possessed by a demon. He asked Jesus to heal him "if you can." Jesus

asked the man if he did not believe that Jesus could heal, and this was his reply. He believed, but it was a difficult thing to believe. So He asked for help. It is one thing to know the truth. But it is sometimes hard to believe it when life takes unexpected turns. You're human. You're able to confess to God when your feelings and beliefs are not lining up with His Truth. You can ask Him to help you believe what He says is true. This helps you accept that God is bigger than you could ever understand. Confession helps you to humble yourself and allows you to grow in trust. He hears your requests and answers them. He wants to help you grow your faith.

Source: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/trust-god.html>

4. Pope: 'Never lose hope' when a loved one abandons their faith

"What will Jesus think of all this?" wrote an Italian grandmother, Oliva from Bergamo, in a heartfelt letter to Pope Francis. Her anguish stemmed from her granddaughter's parents deciding not to baptize their child. The letter, published in the inaugural issue of *Piazza San Pietro*—a new magazine by St. Peter's Basilica—revealed her deep sorrow over the family's choice. In his reply, Pope Francis offered a message of hope and compassion. He encouraged Oliva not to despair but to follow the example of St. Monica, who prayed for years for her son St. Augustine's conversion. While acknowledging her pain, the Pope emphasized that baptism should never be imposed on unwilling parents. Instead, he urged Oliva to engage her children with love, dialogue, and patience, reminding her that "gratuitous love is more persuasive than many words." Pope Francis closed with a powerful reassurance: "Love for God plants seeds of the future, of friendship, of the search for Him." His words serve as a gentle reminder to all to nurture faith through love, not force.



Image Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-11/pope-replies-letter-italian-grandmother-baptism-of-grandchildren.html>

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR

SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 3rd December: Orientation Day
- Wednesday 4th December: 5 – 6:30pm Family BBQ 6:30 – 7:30pm Christmas Carols
- Thursday 5th December: Whole School Fun Day
- Tuesday 10th December: Grade 6 Orientation Day
- Friday 13th December: Parish Mass at 6:30pm and Christmas Carols at 7pm
- Tuesday 17th December: Student's Last Day 2024
- Wednesday 18th December: Staff Last Day 2024



CHRISTMAS EVE
CHILDREN'S ROLE PLAY
6PM 24/12/24

Registration of Children at the
foyer every **Sunday after**
845am and after 10am Masses
with Preca Youth.

Rehearsals dates as follows:

- ♦ **7th December @ 10:00am**
Preca Centre 29 Rosslare
pde, St Albans
- ♦ **14th December @12:30pm**
at Holy Eucharist Church.
- ♦ **21st December @ 10am at**
Holy Eucharist Church.

Enquiring:

Br Tony on 0419115692

or

Ms Phung on 0434728620

ANOINTING MASS

Due to priests attending
Chapter and Assembling,
anointing Mass will be moved
to **Friday 13th December**
2024 here at Holy Eucharist
Church at 9:00am.

SOCIAL OFFICE/(JP SERVICE)

Contact: Son Nguyen

Phone 9366 1310

Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays
10.30am until 2.00pm. More de-
tails call 03 9366 1310. **Last Day**
will be 13th December 2024, start
back 7th February 2025

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 27th Novem-
ber 2024 Group 11
Vietnamese Women's League
- Theresa Dinh Thi Ngoan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We kindly asking for vol-
unteers to join the clean-
ing team. If you wish to
assist the parish in this
way, please contact the
Parish office or see Lily
Disco for more details.



READERS/COMMENTATOR/
COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 03-12-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 04-12-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 05-12-24

Reader: HEP School
Eucharistic HEP School

Fri 9:00 AM, 06-12-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 07-12-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Alastair Surrao
Readers: Carmen Camilleri
Anthony Naidu

Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Miriam Vella & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 08-12-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Mini Eddy
Readers: Gerard Bennett
Wilma Marmur

Eucharistic Min. Shirley Krizmanic
Helen Maddela & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 08-12-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

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

Sun 6.00PM, 08-12-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Xuan Duong & Lani Laririt

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 7th December 2024

♦ 6.00pm – Samoan Choir

Sunday 8th December 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - St Francis Choir

♦ 6.00pm - Single for Christ

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Fr. Peter Carrucan, Marlene Ferdi-
nand, Pam Norris, Pauline Storace,
Toni Antonowicz, Anna, Maria Kim,

Yulette Tanner, Stella Sandle, Frank,
Doris Carabott.

Recently Passed

Gavan John Harrington, Pauline Storace,
Emmanuel Hili

Death Anniversaries

Elizabet Danicek, Maria Lojdl, Mavis
& Mark Mantel, Anton Benic, Ivan
Fratric Snr., Ivan Fratric Jrn., 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 Schil-
ler, 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 respect-
fully acknowledges the Wurundjeri
people as the traditional custodi-
ans of the land on which we reside
and worship.*

VOCATION VIEW

Make your decision to follow Jesus
during THIS Advent Season. De-
laying until "one" of these days is
"none" of these days. Follow now.

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