



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 9 & 10 NOVEMBER 2024

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Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

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Fr Joselito Asis

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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

SOCIAL OFFICE/(JP SERVICE)

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FOODBANK open Fridays
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,

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THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

'Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied'

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ, our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while

making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today’s liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the “greater condemnation”. They “devour the houses of widows” and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus’ words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1).

It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the generosity of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular “destitute” widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy, ostentatiously and out of their excess.

Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a model of discipleship who offers “her whole living” despite the exploitation? Is she refusing to be a victim by making her own choice to contribute despite the unconscionable behaviour of the Temple authorities? We may not need to choose just one interpretation from among the many. Every powerful story allows for multiple interpreta-

tions. It is clear that this woman’s action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Dilexit Nos

of the Holy Father Francis on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

Continue from last week’s Bulletin

[A summary]

Chapter 5: Love for Love

In Chapter Five of “Dilexit Nos,” Pope Francis emphasizes a transformative love that invites a personal relationship with Christ, as exemplified by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. He highlights Christ’s profound longing for our love, which transcends our imperfections, and urges believers to respond with heartfelt devotion rather than obligation.

The chapter discusses how love for Christ naturally extends to love for others, rooted in Scripture and the example of early Christians who cared for the marginalized. This love requires a transformation of the heart, reflecting the mindset of Christ.

The narrative traces the historical significance of this devotion, illustrating how early Church Fathers and saints, such as Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Charles de Foucauld, embodied love through service to others.

Pope Francis also explores the theme of reparation, connecting it to a commitment to building a “civilisation of love” and addressing social injustices. He encourages genuine acknowledgment of wrongdoing and the importance of acts inspired by Christ’s love, which heal both individuals and communities.

Through humility and compassion, believers can engage in reparation, allowing Christ’s love to flow through their actions.

The chapter culminates in a call for all Christians to embrace their missionary role, sharing Christ’s love with others and fostering authentic relationships that reflect the joy of faith.

Ultimately, the chapter illustrates that our love, rooted in Christ’s heart, is essential for addressing societal suffering and deepening our communal mission.

Conclusion

The social teachings of the Church are deeply connected to experiencing Christ’s love, which

motivates communal care and respect for dignity.
In a consumer-driven world, Christ's love is essential for true freedom and fulfilment, contrasting with the emptiness of materialism.

The Church must avoid letting outdated structures overshadow the love of Christ, which fosters joy and community.

Pope Francis prays that Christ's love will heal wounds and inspire collective efforts toward a just and fraternal world, culminating in a hopeful vision of unity in the heavenly kingdom.

YOUTH

AMONG THE GREATEST THINGS

(Poem for Young people by Frederick Douglas harper)

The greatest reality is
Our existence here on Earth;
The greatest resource is
Our ability to create;
The greatest capacity is
Our capacity for love;
The greatest gift to us is the
Gift of life and a capacity to give;
Our greatest resource for good
Is a shining grace upon us.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How are you with your sense of trust in God today?



Image

Source:

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

THE CHURCH IS A FIELD HOSPITAL



Image

Source:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-11/pope-francis-the-church-is-a-field-hospital.html>

During a recent visit to Pope Francis in Rome, a group from Spain, known as the *Mensajeros de la Paz* Association, participated in the Third Meeting of “Field Hospital Churches.” In his address, the Pope commended their work in serving the poor and marginalized. Originating in Spain, the gathering was in-

spired by the Holy Father’s repeated call for the Church to become a “field hospital,” offering care and compassion to those who suffer through love, mercy, and charity. The Pope encouraged the participants to renew their commitment in three key areas: proclaiming Christ, addressing inequalities, and sowing hope. He emphasized that it is through the grace of the Holy Spirit that the group has been moved to transform churches into places of healing and refuge, akin to a field hospital. In concluding the meeting, Pope Francis urged the group to continue their mission of caring for the vulnerable, reminding them that in doing so, they are touching the “flesh of Christ.”

HOW TO TRUST GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Life is not predictable. There are ups and downs along the way. Many of us want to trust God. When times are good, it can feel easier. But when times feel difficult, it is even more important to trust God. God’s unchanging character can give us a firm foundation when things feel unsteady.

Life can be going along smoothly for a season. Your job is satisfying. Your friends and family are enjoyable. Your goals, finances, health and outlook seem bright. Then, all of a sudden, life throws a curveball. Someone you know gets sick. You lose your job. A friend or family member betrays you. The things you felt secure in feel shaky and uncertain.

How do you trust that God is good in these circumstances? How do you trust Him when you do not understand what is happening? When you cannot see a resolution? These are valid questions, and God wants to help you navigate them.

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

To be continued next week....)

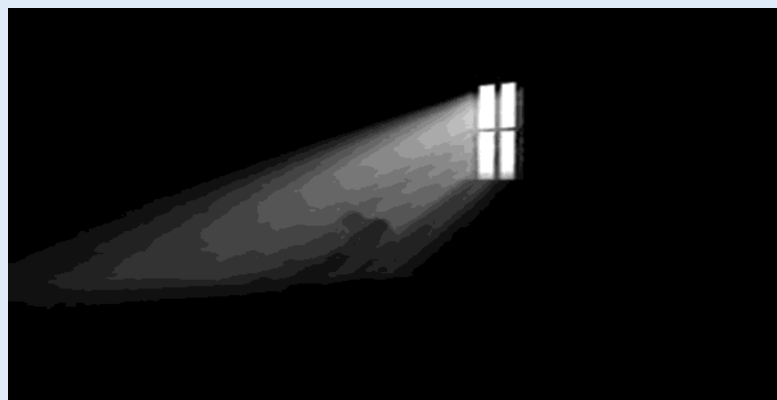


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Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR



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!! 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)

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

ST VINCENT DEPAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend the **9 & 10 November 2024.** The St Albans Conference members will be attending every Mass of this weekend to receive any donation the Parish community will be offering. Any donation given is muchly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 13th November 2024 Group 9 - St Francis Choir
- Lisi McFarland

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 12-11-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 13-11-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 14-11-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
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Fri 9:00 AM, 15-11-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 16-11-24

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard
Commentator: Alastair Surrao
Readers: Miriam Vella
Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Wendy Forbes-Perera
Violeta Montoro & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 17-11-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Wilma Marmur
Readers: Helen Maddela
Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Min. Salve Nidea
Susan Fatai & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 17-11-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Ed Cablao
Readers: Rita Martin
Joh Cablao
Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Br. Tony & Br. Noel

Sun 6.00PM, 17-11-24

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

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 16th November 2024

- ♦ 6.00pm – Tavallo Family

Sunday 17th November 2024

- ♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ♦ 10.00am - The D'Souzas
- ♦ 6.00pm - 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 Passed

Esther Prins

Death Anniversaries

Praxedes & Michael Angelo Leopando, Anton Benic, Ivan Fratric Snr., Ivan Fratric Jm., 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

Jesus says when we give alms we “do not sound a trumpet before [us]” According to St. Ambrose, ‘God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.’ Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

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