



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

16 & 17 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 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

SOCIAL OFFICE/(JP SERVICE)

Contact: Son Nguyen

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Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

FOODBANK open Fridays

10.30am until 2.00pm. More details call 03 9366 1310.

RCIA: Please contact Br. Anthony

Gatt on 0419 115 692 or call the

Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Preca Centre, 29 Rosslare Parade,

St Albans – Ph: 9356 0734

between 7pm-8pm

Email: stalban@preca.org.au

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

*Some will wake to everlasting life,
some to shame and disgrace*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 15 (16):5,8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

*When all sins have been forgiven,
there can be no more sin-offerings*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will

send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. ‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the opening lines of today’s gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first Isaian passage reads, “For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light” (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah 13 present an unravelling of God’s work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: “All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree” (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God’s judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.

The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the “time of distress” associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God’s people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give hope to Mark’s persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ’s coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the “time of distress”. The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the scientifically sophisticated modern reader from hearing the call to

trust in God no matter what. This reading reminds us that the unravelling of God’s work is more than a poetic image in our times. The experience of pandemic, the freak storms, the cyclones and other signs of climate crisis we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the “other-than-human” Earth elements can tell us about God and God’s ways.

Tim Winton’s memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever imagined. As COP26 in Glasgow draws to a close, we pray for the grace to hear and respond with urgency to the cries of the earth and of those rendered poor.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH

HOPE FOR HOPE

(Poem for Young people by Frederick Douglas Harper)

Hope that you will always have hope for your
Expectations and dreams;
To hope for naught is to be hopeless of trust
In yourself and your humankind;
To hope for naught is to be hopeless of trust
In a superior order of faith.
If defeated by yourself, try again when in a
Better mood;
If you fail in one arena, try in another;
If you fail at one task, try again or plant your
Foot to another.
Keep your confidence, self-reliance, and optimism;
Hold on to the strong rope you are, when your
Hands are burning and your
Arms numb from fatigue;
Rest along the mountainside, and climb once more
When fresh.
Hope for hope,
Hope for hope,
For without it, your spirit will die;
For without it, your dream will die.

Cherish every moment with
those you love at every
stage of your journey.

Jack Layton

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRUST GOD?

(Continuation from last week)

To trust is to believe in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of something. So, when it comes to trusting God, that means believing in His reliability, His Word, His ability and His strength. The Bible says that God cannot lie. That He always keeps His promises. That He loves you and has good in store for you. Trusting in Him means believing what He says about Himself, about the world and about you is true.

Trusting God is more than a feeling; it's a choice to have faith in what He says even when your feelings or circumstances would have you believe something different. Your feelings and circumstances matter and are very much worth paying attention to. God cares about them both. But those things alone are not reliable enough to base your life on. They can change at any moment. God, on the other hand, does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and therefore is worthy of your trust (Hebrews 13:8).

Trusting God is not about ignoring your feelings or reality. It is not pretending that everything is OK when it isn't. Trusting God is living a life of belief in and obedience to God even when it's difficult.

(To be continued next week...)

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

POPE FRANCIS: 'FAMILIES AND HOMES MUST REDISCOVER THE ROSARY'S BEAUTY'



Image Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-11/pope-francis-commemorates-our-lady-of-pompeii-painting-jubilee.html>

In a recent letter to Archbishop Tommaso Caputo of Pompeii, marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the painting of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Francis called for a renewed focus on the Rosary's power to evangelize and deepen the people's faith. The painting, enshrined at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompeii since November 13, 1875, was brought to the city by Bartolo Longo, a lawyer who founded the shrine after rediscovering his faith.

Pope Francis reflected on the Rosary's role in helping the faithful contemplate the mysteries of Christ's life through the eyes of Mary. He emphasized that the Rosary not only strengthens personal devotion but also serves as a vital tool for evangelization. In closing, the Pope prayed that the message of Our Lady of Pompeii will continue to resonate with today's world, offering guidance for humanity to rediscover the path of peace, unity, and fraternity. This powerful message reminds us that the Rosary is not just a prayer, but a call to deeper reflection and a means to foster harmony and hope in the world.

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S ROLE PLAY

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

Rehearsals will take place on the 14th Dec at 1230pm
and 21st Dec at 10am at Holy Euch Church.

You can call Ms Phung on 0434728620 or Br Tony
on 0419115692 for more details.



JOIN US FOR FUNDRAISING RAFFLE TICKETS II

!! 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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 20th November
2024 Group 10
Ed & Joh Cablao & family, Jinky
Monteros & family

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 19-11-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 20-11-24

Reader Salve Nidea
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 21-11-24

Reader: HEP School
Eucharistic HEP School

Fri 9:00 AM, 22-11-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 23-11-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Violeta Montoro
Readers: St Francis Choir
St Francis Choir

Eucharistic Min. Nanette M.G.

Alaistair Surrao & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 24-11-24

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen
Commentator: Shirley Krizmanic
Readers: Gerard Bennett
Susan Fatai

Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy
Wilma Marmur & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 24-11-24

Lit. Coordinator: Saua Tufuga
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: Christine Pedroso
Susan Hallorina

Eucharistic Min. Christine Pedroso
Rita Martin & Saua Tufuga

Sun 6.00PM, 24-11-24

Lit. Coordinator Lani Laririt
Commentator HE Youth
Readers: HE Youth
HE Youth

Eucharistic Min. Larnie Mendoza
Xuan Duong & Lani Laririt

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 23rd November 2024

♦ 6.00pm – St Francis Choir

Sunday 24th November 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri

♦ 10.00am - Samoan Choir

♦ 6.00pm - HE Youth

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

Ivica John Ramljak, Aquilina Family, Carmen, Joseph, Raymond Victor, Praxedes & Michael Angelo Leopando, 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 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

'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

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