



## HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

7th & 8th 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

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

### BAPTISM – DECEMBER

Congratulations to:

Sage Yu, Stella Nin Tran, Anna Nina Trieu, Cecilia Vivien Phan, Joseph Kingston Pham, Luca Luke Hoang, Gioan Phaolo II Thien Ai Hoang, Bernadette Avalina Nguyen, Dominic Haby Le, Catarina Hoang Bao Lam Le, Dominique Arvie Nuyen, Joseph Maison Dinh Pham, Phero Kingsley Nguyen, Maria Mila Nguyen, Maria Ly Vo, Harper Vu, Maria Hailey Nguyen 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.

### 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 Dec. 2024, 5.00am

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass here at Holy Eucharist on Monday 9th December 2024.

- ♦ 9am in English
- ♦ 7.30pm in Vietnamese



**Anointing Mass is Friday the 13th of December 2024**

**@ 9am here at Holy Eucharist Church. All are Welcome!**

### 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)

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

*God means to show your splendour to every nation*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 125(126)**

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**

*May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God

knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 3:1-6**

*The call of John the Baptist*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has called us to look into our hearts and to bring the compassion and mercy of God to our troubled planetary home. Care of our common home and of all that inhabits our planet is both a gospel imperative and an urgent call to the whole human community. Our courageous pope gives extraordinary leadership in this respect.

Like Luke, author of the third gospel, Pope Francis recognises that the message is for the whole world and not simply for the Church community. Luke situates his gospel drama on a national and international stage and in relation to global events. He wants to insist that religion is no private affair and that the story of the movement around Jesus of Nazareth is no ordinary, everyday story. It is, rather, a story with momentous political and religious significance. His references to Herod Antipas and to Pilate foreshadow the imminent fate of John and the eventual fate of Jesus. Luke is strong on dramatic impact and less concerned about the facts. He situates events in the "pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas", implying that there were two high priests at the same time. In fact, Caiaphas succeeded his father-in-law Annas as high priest, even if the influence of the latter persisted into Caiaphas' pontificate.

Luke presents John the son of Zechariah as a prophet in the long line of prophets that culminates in the appearance of Jesus of Nazareth on the global stage. Jesus is the one who truly brings the salvation of our God. It is worth noting



that prophecy in Luke is not reserved to the male characters. With the shift from private to public space in Luke 3, however, women prophets who featured prominently in the earlier chapters (Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna) now disappear from the narrative.

Luke 3:1-6 contains some of Luke's favourite themes: prophecy and its fulfilment; the word of God; reversal of expectations; conversion or repentance; proclaiming the good news; forgiveness of sins; salvation. As in Israel's past, the wilderness or desert is the locus of God's revelation. The prophet John calls on the people of the region around the Jordan River to turn their hearts and their lives around, to accept "a baptism of metanoia/conversion for the forgiveness of sins".

We listen to the Isaiah citation that follows ("Prepare the way...") against the backdrop of the first reading from the prophet Baruch. While we might critique the violent metaphorical language that speaks of God's salvation in terms of filling the valleys and levelling the hills, we yearn for a time when "all flesh", human and other-than-human, will see the salvation of God. God's way involves putting on the "cloak of integrity" or the "robe of righteousness" and allowing God to provide an escort of mercy and right relationship. If we take seriously the call to live the gospel, we shall surely search for ways to heal the broken relationships within our ailing planet.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

## YOUTH

### CONFRONTING THE FUTURE

(Poem for Young people by Frederick Douglas Harper)

Let us confront the future—

Not with our backs to darkness,

But our faces to the light of the future;

Knowing that we are vulnerable and frail,

But courageous in will and perseverance;

Knowing that we must love Earth,

As we love or should love ourselves.

Let us confront the future within us

And the future within our young—

Confronting and painting our future

As artists who are bold enough to be free,

And moral enough to be responsible;

Let us confront and compose beautiful music

Of our future, with a courage to make us free

And at peace with each other and ourselves.

Let us confront our future, the future,

With a sense for doing that which is right.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



## HOW TO TRUST IN GOD.

(Continuation from last week)

### 3. Share Your Concerns With Your Community



Image source:  
<https://www.istockphoto.com/search/2/image-film?phrase=community>

You are not facing these difficult times alone. The Lord is walking with you every step of the way. He also gives you other believers to walk with.

Paul was a follower of Jesus and a leader in the early church. He shared this with a fellow believer as encouragement.

***I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. (Philemon 1:6, NIV)***

Paul reminded his friend that partnership is important and helps us have a greater understanding of God and His plan. When you are struggling, share those concerns with another follower of Jesus whom you trust — someone you know is pursuing a relationship with God regularly and who knows God's Word. You do not have to share struggles with everyone, but find those people who will encourage you and share the truth with you — not just tell you what you want to hear. Fellow believers can remind you of God's character through encouragement and accountability. They can pray for and support you. They can remind you of the truth when you're struggling. Community reminds you that you are never alone, even in hard times.

### 4. Synod redefined disability in the Church

The final document of the Synod on Synodality marks a quiet revolution in several areas, including the Church's approach to disability. Paragraph 63 of the document states:

***"In promoting co-responsibility for the mission of all the baptised, we recognise the apostolic capacities of people with disabilities who feel called and sent out as active agents of evangelisation. We appreciate the contribution that comes from the immense wealth of humanity they bring with them. We acknowledge their experiences of suffering, marginalisation, and discrimination, sometimes even within the Christian community itself, due to well-meaning but paternalistic attempts at compassion. To foster their participation in the life and mission of the Church, we propose establishing a Church-based research centre on disability."***

Father Justin Glyn, a Melbourne-based Jesuit priest who is legally blind and a lawyer, described the Synod's message as timely. He noted that perceptions of disability have evolved, moving away from seeing it as a consequence of original sin or as a "privilege to suffer" as so-called "victim souls." He added that the recent celebration of the International Day of Disabled People provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the

unique gifts and contributions of people with disabilities.



***\*Father Justin Glyn, SJ is a legally blind Jesuit priest and lawyer based in Melbourne. He is an honorary fellow of The Loyola Institute at Australian Catholic University and a consultant to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.***

Source: <https://cathnews.com/2024/12/03/synod-redefined-disability-in-the-church/>

**Put together by  
Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR**

### SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

**Rehearsals dates as follows:**

- ♦ **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**

### CHURCH CLEANING

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
CHURCH CLEANING, PLEASE  
SEE LILY OR CALL THE PARISH  
OFFICE. THANK YOU**

### READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Tues 9:00 AM, 10-12-24**

Reader Xuan Duong  
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

**Wed 9:00 AM, 11-12-24**

Reader Salve Nidea  
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

**Thurs 9:00 AM, 12-12-24**

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic  
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

**Fri 9:00 AM, 13-12-24**

Reader Helen Maddela  
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

**Sat 6.00 PM, 14-12-24**

Lit. Coordinator: Reno Attard  
Commentator: Carmen Camilleri  
Readers: Alastair Surrao  
Agatha Saliba

Eucharistic Min. Violeta Montoro  
Anthony Naidu & Reno Attard

**Sun 8.45 AM, 15-12-24**

Lit. Coordinator Monica Lomen  
Commentator: Wilma Marmur  
Readers: Shirley Krizmanic  
Helen Maddela

Eucharistic Min. Salve Nidea,  
Mini Eddy & Monica Lomen

**Sun 10:00AM, 15-12-24**

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

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

**Sun 6.00PM, 15-12-24**

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio  
Larnie Mendoza & Lani Laririt

### CHOIR GROUPS

**Saturday 14th December 2024**

- ♦ 6.00pm – Tavalo Family

**Sunday 15th December 2024**

- ♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
- ♦ 10.00am - The D'Souza
- ♦ 6.00pm - Volunteers

### LET US PRAY FOR

**The Sick**

Fr. Peter Carrucan, Marlene Ferdinand, Pam Norris, Toni Antonowicz,

Anna, Maria Kim, Yulette Tanner, Stella Sandle, Frank, Doris Carabott.

### Recently Passed

Gavan John Harrington, Pauline Storace, Emmanuel Hili

### Death Anniversaries

*Vincent Chuc, Franjo Grbesic, 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, Simon Ngo Dong Thoi, Anna Nguyen Thi Quoi, Phanxico Xavie Huynh Huu Hau, Anna Tram Thi Tham, Macco Ngo Van Thinh, Lucia Huynh Thi Kim Hue, Maria Huynh Thi Thanh Kieu, Phero Ngo Minh Truong, Phero Le Nghia, Matta Le Thi Linh, Phero Le Quang Tuan, Theresa 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

Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would.

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