



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

14th & 15th December 2024

REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Priest & Mission Leader

Fr Vincent Long Pham, CSsR

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Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Fr. Dominic Carrigan, CSsR

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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

PARISH OFFICE:

Last Day - 24th December
2024

Reopened - 14th January
2025

FOODBANK:

Last Day - 13th December
2024

Reopened - 7th February
2025

SACRAMENTS:

There will be no baptism and Anointing Mass in January 2025. They will resume in the February 2025.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

♦ Reconciliation – 2nd Rite

* English - Wednesdays,

**18th December 2024 @
7.00pm**

* Vietnamese - Thursdays, **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**

THE LIVING WORD

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*The Lord, the king of Israel, is in
your midst*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. Isaiah 12

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise
to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to
the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near

I want you to be happy, always
happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I
want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone:
the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if
there is anything you need, pray for
it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of
God, which is so much greater
than we can understand, will guard
your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to
bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'

When all the people asked John, ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’
A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The third Sunday of Advent used to be called Gaudete (be joyful) Sunday. It provided a mid-term break within a period of austerity or penance in preparation for Christmas. Advent is no longer a penitential period, but rather a reflective time of expectation and hope. The invitation to rejoice nonetheless remains part of the Advent liturgy. This invitation is explicit in the first two readings and implicit in the gospel.

There are ethical demands in the time of waiting. Three times John the Baptist is asked, “What must we do?” In line with Luke’s emphasis on the universality of God’s saving power, the responses are directed to “all the people”. Those with even minimal food (something to eat) and clothing (two tunics) are told to share. Tax agents, caught up in a system notoriously open to abuse, are to be honest. Soldiers are given three directives that provide some insight into the negative way the military was perceived: no extortion, no blackmail, and no complaints about wages. The third directive probably derives from the fact

that soldiers were better off financially than most others. It is in no sense a prohibition on demands for just wages. In Luke’s depiction of John, there is no critique of the harsh Roman taxation system or of the presence of the Roman army. Here as elsewhere, Luke seems to be seeking acceptance for the Christ movement within the Roman Empire by demonstrating that it is no threat to the occupation and its values.

Luke’s John situates himself in relation to Jesus, the anointed agent of God’s liberation. John describes the one to come in much more fiery terms than the Lukan Jesus turns out to be. His description is more like a self-portrait, especially in light of the fact that John addresses the crowds who flock to him as a “brood of vipers” or “children of snakes” (Luke 3:7). In contrast with John’s water-baptism “for the forgiveness of sins”, Jesus will “baptise” with the Holy Spirit and fire. Fire, as we well know in this dry land of ours, is a challenging symbol, both friend and foe. In the first-century Manual of Discipline from the Qumran community by the Dead Sea, water, refining by fire, and “a holy Spirit” are listed together as the instruments of God’s saving and purifying action.

John, who may have been a member of the Qumran community, presents his own role as preparatory to that of Jesus, the Spirit-filled, powerful and enduring agent of God’s refining and purifying work in the world. We know our own ongoing need for a “baptism” with the Holy Spirit and fire. We prepare the way by doing what we must: sharing our goods, treating others with dignity, justice and forgiveness as well as responding to the cry of the earth. The question “What then must we do?” is one that we might ask ourselves each day in the face of a changing world order. .

By Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm

YOUTH
LIFE IS AN OPEN DOOR
(Poem for Young people by Frederick Douglas Harper)
Life is an open door,
Open to our talents or closed forever;
Life is a highway running,
Or exited prematurely, at will or by chance;
Life is seldom flat as a plain
Or straight as a chiseled arrow;
Life turns and dips with time and distance;
Nevertheless, life is an open door,
Open to a future untold, but to a future that
We can mold.



Image Source: <https://www.briantracy.com/blog/personal-success/inspirational-quotes/>

HOW TO TRUST GOD, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES

(Continuation from last week)

4. Remember God and Spend Time With Him



God is bigger than your circumstances. Difficult times may feel like they last forever, but they are temporary. God is present amid the bad times as well as the good. He is always faithful. God wants you to go to Him with your circumstances. He also wants you to come to Him simply to spend time with Him. You should not let your circumstances shape your relationship with God. God can shape your view of your circumstances. Spend regular time with God. Establishing a consistent time with the Lord when things feel good will help you to continue to go to Him when things feel rough. If you have not established that, it is never too late to start. Read His Word. Spend time in prayer acknowledging who He is. Meet with other believers and set your eyes on things that are bigger than your circumstances. Serve those around you. These simple practices will help you see God outside of difficult things, which will establish trust in your heart that He will move in your circumstances.

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

THE NEWLY ELECTED CARDINAL SPENT TIME WITH THE POOR

As the College of Cardinals recently welcomed its new members, one of them celebrated this appointment by sharing a meal with the poor outside St. Peter's colonnades, in collaboration with members of the Vatican's Athletic Club. French-born Cardinal Jean-Paul Vesco, a newly appointed cardinal based in Algiers, Algeria, reminded us that status and titles are meaningless if we forget the marginalized among us today. Born in Lyon, France, in 1962, Jean-Paul Vesco began his career as a lawyer before joining the Dominican Order at the age of 34. Sixteen years later, he was appointed bishop of Oran, Algeria, and served as a delegate for the diocese ahead of the International Assembly of Algeria. In 2022, Pope Francis appointed him archbishop of Algiers.



Cardinal Jean-Paul Vesco receiving his red biretta from Pope Francis

Image Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-12/new-cardinal-jean-paul-vesco-dinner-with-the-poor-algeria.html>

Put together by Fr. Robin Lomangkok CSsR

SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES - 2024

- Tuesday 17th December: **Student's Last Day 2024**
- Wednesday 18th December: **Staff Last Day 2024**
- Wednesday 18th December - **Staff Last Day 2024**

IMPORTANT DATES - 2025

- Sunday 26th January: Australia Day
- Monday 27th January: Australia Day – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 28th January: Staff commence school
- Wednesday 29th January: Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school
- Thursday 30th January: Students in Prep 2025 commence school



CONGRATULATIONS and thank you

Holy Eucharist Parish Raffle Draw 13th December 2024

1. - Mazda CX3

Ticket # 3540 - Phung T Kieu

2. - Flight Voucher(\$2,500)

Ticket # 3045 - Briggs

3. - iPhone 16 Pro

Ticket # 1238 - Tao

4. - Bunnings Voucher (\$1,000)

Ticket # 4252 - Ian P Milford

5. - Gift voucher(\$500)

Ticket # 2919 - Son Tu

Warmest congratulations to all
our **RAFFLE WINNERS**.

To the Holy Eucharist Fundraising Team, words can not express how grateful we are for all the great effort you have put in this 2nd fundraising for Parish Project. Thank you to everyone who have helped with selling and buying the Raffle. Your generosity and support have not gone unnoticed.

Last but not least a big **THANK YOU** to all Sponsors and the Fundraising Team for all your generosity and amazing effort. God bless.

CHURCH CLEANING

Week starting 18 December
2024 Group 2

Jeff & Jenny Colquhoun,
Cherie Surrao & Paul Scerri

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

READERS/COMMENTATOR/ COORDINATOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tues 9:00 AM, 17-12-24

Reader Xuan Duong
Eucharistic Min. Monica Lomen

Wed 9:00 AM, 18-12-24

Reader Carmen Camilleri
Eucharistic Min. Carmen Camilleri

Thurs 9:00 AM, 19-12-24

Reader: Shirley Krizmanic
Eucharistic Shirley Krizmanic

Fri 9:00 AM, 20-12-24

Reader Helen Maddela
Eucharistic Min. Catherine Bartolo

Sat 6.00 PM, 21-12-24

Lit. Coordinator: Charlie Pace
Commentator: Wendy Forbe-Perera
Readers: Carmen Camilleri
Anthony Naidu

Eucharistic Min. Alastair Surrao
Miriam Vella & Reno Attard

Sun 8.45 AM, 22-12-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Mini Eddy,
Susan Fatai & Monica Lomen

Sun 10:00AM, 22-12-24

Lit. Coordinator: Christine Pedroso
Commentator: Rita Martin
Readers: Ed Cablaio
Jinky Monteros

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

Sun 6.00PM, 22-12-24

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

Eucharistic Min. Rod Lalunio
Xuan Duong & Lani Laririt

CHOIR GROUPS

Saturday 21st December 2024

♦ 6.00pm – Volunteers

Sunday 22nd December 2024

♦ 8.45am - Charlie Schembri
♦ 10.00am - Fernandez Choir
♦ 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

*Emille Ranasinghe, 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, Phil-
ip 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 custodi-
ans of the land on which we reside
and worship.*

VOCATION VIEW

Have you ever asked: "What ought
I do?" Simply, tell the good news
to people. Nothing else matters.

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with the terms of our privacy policy.