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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

3 & 4 JULY 2010

"We welcome the stranger"

Parish Team

Fr Minh Tran SJ
Parish Priest

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fcJ
Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)
Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

Chaplains

Fr Lois Philippines
Fr John Malabar

Refugee Worker

Mathew Bul
Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12 noon

Business Manager/Secretary

Sue O'Loughlin/Angela Lian
Office Hours 9:30am/3:30pm Mon–Fri

Parish School

Principal - John Steele
Phone: 9366 2899

Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm
2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm
3rd Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:

By request – contact Fr Minh any time

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on a Saturday morning at 11am or 1:30pm. Preparation - Thursday evening before the first weekend at 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made prior to making any other bookings.

It is always an experience for people who are committed Christians to be living among people for whom God in practice hardly exists, people who seem to have little direction and meaning in their lives beyond having a job, getting money and indulging in some level of enjoyment. For such Christians the words of Jesus in today's Gospel passage have much meaning: "The harvest is great and the labourers are few." Certainly those words must have seemed so true for the early Christians as they lived in relatively tiny communities in a sea of paganism and religions steeped in superstition and fatalism. At the time, the Church was truly like the tiny mustard seed or the small measure of yeast swallowed up in a large batch of dough.

Fruitful harvest Today, there are reportedly about one billion Christians in the world. That is about one fifth of the world's total population. Those early labourers clearly did not work in vain. The mustard seed grew into a large tree providing shelter for thousands. The invisible yeast worked its influence on the seemingly inert dough. Yet, put another way, four out of five people have not yet accepted the Way of Jesus. (Of course, a large proportion of these are committed to other faiths and many of them are deeply religious. But there is still a large proportion which is agnostic or are practical atheists - they live their lives as if God did not exist).

Who are the 'labourers'?

Among so many who do call themselves Christians, how many could be deemed active labours in God's vineyard? For the harvest is still great. Quite often, by "labourers" we think of priests, or religious brothers and sisters, those who have a "vocation". One hears people expressing regret that today there are so few "vocations". What will the Church do? How will it carry on? However, it is doubtful that Jesus was thinking of priests and religious when he spoke those words. In fact, in the world of the New Testament there were no priests or religious as we understand those terms today. In the mind of Jesus - and in the mind of the early evangelists - everyone who was known as a follower of Christ was expected to be a labourer in the harvest field.



OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
Father,
you call your children
to walk in the light of Christ.
Free us from darkness
and keep us in the radiance of
your truth.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may this sacrifice and
communion
give us a share in your life
and help us bring your love to the
world.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER - THOUGHTS ON GIVING

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals..." Luke 10:4

The story of Jesus sending out the 72 disciples reminds us that, as Christ's disciples, we should not be overly concerned with material possessions. We also are expected to willingly share what we have with those who bring God's message to us.

Rosters next weekend

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C SATURDAY/SUNDAY 10/11 JULY

6:00 PM

Readers: Alaistair Surreo
Daniel Attard
Head Spec Min: Marlene Bartolo
Spec Min: Nanette Micallef-
Grimaud
Delia Ryan
Dominic Bui
Hann Nguyen
Cathy Bartolo
Angelo Bartolo

9:00 AM

Reader: Leanna Surrao
Wilma Marmur
Head Spec Min: Monica Lomen
Spec Min: Mary-Anne
Schembri
Anthony Naidu
Kim Bui Quang
Nalini Cruse
Edith Gauci
Mini Eddy

10.30 AM

Reader: Roslin Botlero
Ed Cablao
Head Spec Min: Isabella Barreca
Spec Min: Nina Desira
Susan Hallorina
Fedele Hallorina
Linda Fernandez
Beth De La Cruz
Mary Giuffrida
Tony Randich

6:00 PM

Reader: David Garrata
Head Spec Min: Joanne Azzopardi
Spec Min: Lucy Bosjnak
Ralph Perena

PIETY STALL 6 pm - Janie Gatt
9 am - Janie Gatt
10.30am - H. Maddela
- Lily Disco

CHURCH CLEANING

Week Beginning 5 July 2010
Group 12 Alma Manlapid &
family

SINGING GROUPS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 10 July 6pm - Carmen
Sun 11 July 9am - Charlie
10.30am - Hong & Laririt family
6pm - YFC

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues. - Friday 9:00am

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Mt. 9:8-26
Tue: Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Mt 10:16-23

July Activities

STATUE OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Statue will now stay permanently at the back of the church. If you have any further ideas, please let Fr Minh or Sam Tabone know on 0412 555 510.

ALTAR

Sam wishes to renovate the altar using the existing facade and granite top. Let Fr Minh or Sam have your ideas!

PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Anyone interested in forming a group to recall and document the history of the Parish, please put your name on the noticeboard or speak to Sr Margaret.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

It is proposed to introduce "Greeters" to undertake welcoming of parishioners at each weekend Parish Mass, distributing bulletins etc. Please put your name on the noticeboard.

FREE PASTORAL CARE COURSE

6 x 2 hour sessions over 6 weeks 27 August to 1 October at Sunshine Hospital, Ground Floor Meeting Room.

Application forms available on the table in the foyer.

WANTED - MUSICIANS

Please contact the Parish Office if you can volunteer your services in this area.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2011

Now open. Please contact the School Office for an enrolment form for Prep and other grades.

BAPTISMS - JULY

Congratulations to the following children and their families

Martino Andy Lam - Luc & Thuy
Jayden Van Le - Quang & Lan-Anh
Christine Hoang Minh Le - Khung & Trinh
Jordan Le - Phon & Tram
Benedict Thomas Mariano - Jasper & May

FOOD BANK SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks for your donations to the special collection of \$595.00.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Philip Coleiro died recently. Anniversaries - Tomasi Family, Ivan Zgela, Philip Gauci, Farije Rockovic, Pham Cong Noi, Joseph Agius, Anthony Bartolo, Jerry & Paul Grima.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Tenuous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef, Matija Latjman, Wasyl & Maria Lusak, Ana Brkljavic, Hannah Luka, Helen Tay, Mary Farrugia (Furlong Rd), Janja Rakonic, Tim Smiley.

Other Activities

DINNER DANCE - A CELEBRATION IN AID OF THE ALFRED TRANSPLANT FAMILY

FINAL OPPORTUNITY
Saturday 10 July Dinner Dance at Lakeside Banquet & Reception Centre, Taylors Lakes. Cost \$75 Bookings: Sam 0412 555 510 or Alfred 9390 2403.

PARISH ANNUAL RAFFLE (COUPLES FOR CHRIST)
Volunteers wanted to assist selling tickets after Masses. Excellent prizes. Parish retains all funds from tickets sold.

PARISH THANKSGIVING
New parishioners are welcome to join the Program, which forms the financial structure of the parish. Budgets can be prepared and revisited in the light of your regular contributions, which are currently well under the promises made in September 2009. Over the past 16 weeks giving is \$22,014.50 in arrears of pledges.

JESUS' LOVE IS TRUE RECONCILIATION
Lord, we felt your love as You walked with us across the bridges on the Journey towards Reconciliation years ago. Lord, open all our hearts to Aboriginal People seeking sanctuary within the Catholic Church, without prejudice and with heartfelt welcome. They offer You their pride, their colours and their celebrations which are Aboriginal Peoples' contribution to us all. May this Sacred land be always etched into our hearts and our history, this Sacred land which teaches Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal People the struggles for justice and reconciliation.

Bless and honour our Elders as we listen to the stories they have to tell, stories which can empower all children to live their dreams. Help us to recognise the past and share the present with them as we work towards a better future together.

Jesus, through your love, help us to continue this walk of Faith and Reconciliation together. As we stand on Sacred Land, we ask this in your name, Jesus.

Amen. *Victorian Aboriginal Catholic Council 2010*

SUDANESE MASS
Next Sunday 2:30 p.m. Mass.

OFFICE HOURS
Please note change of office hours - 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday - Friday.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 3/4 JULY 2010

FIRST READING IS 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his
hand.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 65:1-7. 16. 20.

R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with
joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your
deeds! *(R.)*
2. ‘Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. *(R.)*
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. *(R.)*
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. *(R.)*

SECOND READING GAL 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Galatians

*The marks I carry on my body are those
of Jesus Christ*

The only thing I can boast about is the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through
whom the world is crucified to me, and I
to the world. It does not matter if a
person is circumcised or not; what
matters is for him to become an
altogether new creature. Peace and mercy
to all who follow this rule, who form the
Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody
after this; the marks on my body are
those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my
brothers. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL Lk 10:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others
and sent them out ahead of him, in
pairs, to all the towns and places he
himself was to visit. He said to them,
‘The harvest is rich but the labourers
are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers to his harvest. Start
off now, but remember, I am sending
you out like lambs among wolves.
Carry no purse, no haversack, no
sandals. Salute no one on the road.
Whatever house you go into, let your
first words be, “Peace to this house!”
And if a man of peace lives there, your
peace will go and rest on him; if not, it
will come back to you. Stay in the same
house, taking what food and drink they
have to offer, for the labourer deserves
his wages; do not move from house to
house. Whenever you go into a town
where they make you welcome, eat
what is set before you. Cure those in it
who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of
God is very near to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

THE POPE AT THE ANGELUS
THE FIRST WORKERS OF THE CIVILIZATION
OF LOVE

On Sunday, 13 June, before leading the recitation of the Angelus with the pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square, the Holy Father commented on the Year for Priests and on the celebration for its closure on 11 June, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. The following is a translation of the Pope's Reflection, which was given in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Year for Priests came to an end a few days ago. Here in Rome we lived unforgettable days, with the presence of more than 55,000 priests from across the world. Therefore, today I would like to thank God for all the benefits that this Year has brought to the universal Church. No one will ever be able to measure them but they can certainly be seen and their fruits will be even easier to see.

The Year for Priests ended on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, which is traditionally the "day of priestly sanctification"; and it was so this time in a quite special way. In fact, dear friends, the priest is a gift of the Heart of Christ: a gift for the Church and for the world. From the Heart of the Son of God, brimming with love, flow all the goods of the Church. In particular, originates in it the vocation of those men who, won over by the Lord Jesus, leave all things to devote themselves without reserve to the service of the Christian people, after the example of the Good Shepherd.

The priest is moulded by the charity of Christ himself, that love which impelled him to lay down his life for his friends and also to forgive his enemies.

For this reason all priests are first and foremost workers of the civilization of love. And here I am thinking of so many priests, known and less known figures, some of whom have been raised to the honour of the altars, others whose memory lives on indelibly in the faithful, even in a small parish community, as happened at Ars, the French village where St John Mary Vianney exercised his ministry.

There is no need to add further words to what has been said in these past months. However, from now on this Saint's intercession must accompany us even more frequently. May his prayer, his "Act of Love", which we have so often recited during this Year for Priests continue to nurture our conversation with God. Another figure I wish to remember: Fr Jery Popieluszko, a priest and martyr who was

proclaimed Blessed in Warsaw precisely last Sunday. He exercised his generous and courageous ministry beside all those who were working for freedom, for the defence of life and for its dignity. His work at the service of goodness and truth was a sign of contradiction for the regime governing Poland at the time.

Love of the Heart of Christ led him to give his life and his witness was the seed of a new springtime in the Church and in society.

If we look at history, we can note how many pages of authentic spiritual and social renewal were written with the crucial contribution of Catholic priests, motivated solely by passion for the Gospel and for human beings and for their true freedom, both religious and civil. How many initiatives of integral human promotion have been born from the intuition of a priestly heart!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us entrust all the priests in the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose liturgical Memorial we celebrated yesterday, so that they may continue with the power of the Gospel to build everywhere the civilization of love.

After the Angelus the Pope said:

I would like first of all to recall with joy the Beatification of two new Blesseds, both of whom lived in the past century. Manuel Lozano Garrido, a layman and a journalist, was beatified yesterday in Spain. He worked in the field of social communications with a Christian spirit and successfully, despite his illness and disability.

Cardinal Bertone presided as my Legate in Slovenia, on the other hand, at the celebration for the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress during which he beatified a young martyr, Lojze Grozde. He had a special devotion to the Eucharist which nourished his steadfast faith, his capacity for sacrifice for the salvation of souls and his apostolate in Catholic Action, in order to lead other young people to Christ.

I am happy to greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors present for this Angelus prayer, especially the group of faithful from Seychelles. Last Friday, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I had the joy of concluding the Year for Priests, marked by moving moments of community prayer and adoration. Let us continue to remember all priests in our prayers, thanking Christ for this great gift of his love and asking him to keep them in his grace as faithful friends and ministers. I wish you all a pleasant stay in Rome and a blessed Sunday!