

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 5th May, 2019 - Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

Parish Vision Statement

A loving parish,
centred in Christ,
that is welcoming,
inclusive and connected,
and relevant to the needs
of our world.

Parish Information

Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham
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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

Weekday Mass	
Tues - Fri	9.15am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
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(Tues, Wed & Thu 9.00am - 3.30pm)
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Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.
Resp. Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, Rv2
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Second Reading Rv 5:11-14
John hears the voices of angels.
Gospel Jn 21:1-19
Jesus questions Peter.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52
Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3, 5. R. v.3
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17
John sees people of every race before the throne.
Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14
Gospel Jn 10:27-30

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
on the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all
creation;
he has shown pity on all
people.
Alleluia!

We pray for those who are sick
and in need of care.



Alan Bradley
Teresa Revitt
Derek Warman
Ryan Laurey

We pray for the
recently departed.
We pray for those whose
anniversaries fall at this time.



Congratulations to the families of

**Abigail Scannell
Perry De Fazio
Archie Bottomley
Mia Stepancic**

... who are celebrating their baptism this weekend.

May God keep them in his love.

Several years ago **The Way** Prayer Group could no longer access their weekly meeting place so Eltham Parish happily accommodated them in our Gathering Area and Church on Thursday evenings - now they have the opportunity to return to St Thomas' Church, North Greensborough so they have just made the move.

Available on the table in the Gathering Area are copies of:

- Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Easter message as well as letter to Eltham and Montmorency Parishioners with plans for the future;
- Tropical Wilderness Retreat in Far North Queensland - Cairns, 15-22 July;
- Several articles from Jesuit publication, Eureka Street:
 - * "The great Murray-Darling swindle"
 - * "Australia needs its own Green New Deal"
 - * "Is the legal tide turning on climate change?"
 - * "New old old news for Palestinian apartheid"
 - * "Can the Church survive it's terminal self-harm?"
 - * "Trump's new Cold War"
 - * "The gifts of poetry and Down Syndrome"
 - * "Sense and censorship in the social media crackdown"
- * 6 articles on various aspects of the ANZAC Day narrative including one from Jesuit priest Andrew Hamilton and Fr Kevin's homily "Lest we forget".

The **Eltham Refugee Support Network** is looking for men in the community to help out in organising games (cards, chess, etc) and a cuppa for Refugees (men's group). If you are interested, even on a one-off basis, please put your name and contact details on the Sign Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. For further details, please contact Gina Ang, 9439 9206 or gina.ang@cam.org.au.

Sands Memorial Service

Sunday 5th May @ 1.30pm

Marwal Centre, Marwal Ave, Nth Balwyn
Stillborn and Newborn Death Support - further information available on noticeboard.

Vinnies Food Appeal

The Eltham St Vinnies food reserves are almost exhausted due to high demands for assistance. We seek your help to provide us with basic foodstuffs. In particular, we are very low in **pasta, pasta sauce, long-life milk, tins of fruit & vegetables, breakfast cereal, tea, coffee, sugar and tins of baked beans**. If you can help us, please be aware that we cannot use goods that are past the USE BY date or BEST BEFORE date. Thank you for your generosity in the past.



Fr Kevin's Farewell Mass will be on Sunday, 26th May at 2.30pm.

Catholic bishops' federal election statement.

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

Please note that from now on the Prayer Shawl meetings on Thursdays will be in the Church, not in the Hall.

The COUNT begins today: Once again we've been asked to count the number of people at Mass over the four weekends of May.

On Wednesday 1st May, Fr Michael Sierakowski moved in to the presbytery at Montmorency parish beginning his term there as Moderator; Fr Terry Kean is no longer in charge though they are happily working together collaboratively. When Fr Kevin retires on May 29, Fr Michael will become Moderator of Eltham parish. Fr Michael will join Fr Kevin in concelebrating Masses here in Eltham next weekend May 11/12; Fr Kevin will be on a weekend holiday May 18/19 when Fr Michael will celebrate the weekend Masses, and he and some other priests will concelebrate with Fr Kevin at his Farewell Mass on Sunday May 26 at 2.30pm.

Book of the Month : MAY



Thomas Merton's **1st book** explores his faith journey: **The Seven Storey Mountain.**

It's an interesting exercise to follow that journey through to some of his latest books.

It shows us how much our church has evolved over the last 20+ years and reminds us it continues to evolve, as indeed, we do personally.

'HOW TO WIN AN ARGUMENT WITHOUT LOSING A SOUL': THEOLOGY @ THE PUB

Monday 6 May, 6.30–9pm

The Royal Melbourne Hotel, 629 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Theology @ the Pub and Catholic Vocations Melbourne are proud to be hosting internationally renowned author, podcaster and speaker Matt Fradd on his Melbourne tour. Matt's podcast 'Pints with Aquinas' receives hundreds of thousands of downloads every month. Join us as Matt shares from his vast experience on the topic.

Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBABQ>

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES: FORMING DISCIPLES FOR MISSION – A SCRIPTURAL LENS

Wednesdays 8, 15, 22 and 29 May, 7–8.30pm (registration and light refreshments from 6.30pm)

Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

This four-week series is for parish leaders and all those interested in exploring what Christian leadership looks and feels like in the context of 21st century Australia. This year's series will focus on scripture, offering participants a survey of key books, themes and figures from our biblical tradition. Guided by some of the country's leading biblical scholars, participants will explore a range of topics from creation through to the prophetic movement, the Lukan narrative and key figures in the formation of the early Church. Guest speakers include: Dr Mary Coloe PBVM, Rev. Assoc. Prof. Mark O'Brien OP, Rev. Dr Chris Monaghan CP and Dr Rosemary Canavan.

Topics:

- Session 1: God and creation
- Session 2: Prophetic voices
- Session 3: God-with-us

Session 4: Christ-centred identity

Cost: Individuals \$50 for all sessions or \$20 per session; group rate (5–10 people): \$200 for all sessions.

Registrations: www.trybooking.com/BBRXJ

Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon evangelisation@cam.org.au

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2PGdyjv>

SEA TO SEA MARIAN PILGRIMAGE IN THE CBD

Saturday 11 May, 11am–4pm

St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne

Join the Dominican Sisters in Melbourne to honour Our Lady with a day of prayer, pilgrimage, witness and fellowship. The day begins with 11am Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea followed by a pilgrimage (on foot or by tram) to historic, beautiful shrines dedicated to Our Lady. No registration required. Wear comfortable shoes!

Enquiries: melbourne@op-tn.org

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2v3wpvn>

SPACE, RUMOUR AND HOSPITALITY

Monday 13 May, 7.30pm

Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University

A public lecture by John Bell, Scottish theologian, musician, hymn writer, pastor and poet. This lecture will explore the importance of space, hospitality and rumour in the liturgical life of Christian communities.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/bayhu>

Download flyer: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/Space%20Rumour%20Hospitality%20flyer.pdf>



Reflection by artist Jenny Close

There is a curious combination of fishing and shepherding imagery in this evocative story from John's gospel. Peter is a fisherman, but he is appointed as shepherd to Jesus' flock. Fishing is essentially a gathering role, while nurturing, guiding and protecting are associated with shepherding.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Baptisms

On 1st Sunday of each month at 11.30am.

Six weeks notice required.

Baptism preparation held last Saturday of the month at 10:00am.

Baptism Welcome held on 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses

washing powder or liquid, dishwashing liquid,
paper towels, chux, plastic wrap, aluminium foil, etc

Altar Society

May 4	Carmel Saltalamacchia, Linda Dunell
May 11	Gianna Milwain, Vali Hall
May 18	Carmel Saltalamacchia

Counters

May 5	Kevin Meehan, Vin McHugh
May 12	Peter Rigg, Peter Reardon
May 19	David Scannell, Neil Walker

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

May 4	Stewart Family
May 11	Ryan Family
May 18	Zavadil Family

Sunday Morning Tea

May 5	Reardon Family
May 12	Scully Family
May 19	Smith Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinator

Gina Ang 9439 9206

Playgroup Enquiries

Loretta 0412 273 794

Diary Dates

Stations of the Cross: Friday: 8.45am (*Not Good Friday*)

Adoration: First Friday of the month: 7-8pm

May

Tue 7th	11.00am	Prayer Shawl (Gathering Area)
	7.30pm	Malawi Support Group
Wed 8th	6.00pm	Meditation (Gathering Area)
	7.30pm	Liturgy group (Presbytery)
Thu 9th	7.30pm	Prayer Shawl (Church)
Sat/Sun 11th/12th		Fr Michael concelebrates Masses with Fr Kevin
Wed 15th	6.00pm	Meditation (Gathering Area)
Sat/Sun May 18th/19th		Fr Michael celebrates Masses
Fri 24th	9.15am	OLHC Fest Day, Mass co-celebrated with Bishop Terry Curtin
Sunday 26th	2.30pm	Fr Kevin's farewell Mass

Believing in people

It can happen that we lose interest in people,
And even become blind to their strengths,
When we discover their limitations.

During his passion Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter.

Yet he didn't write him off.
He continued to believe in him,
And in time he came good.

Like Peter, we are weak human beings,
Who are inconstant in our beliefs.

We need someone who understands our weaknesses,
Who realises that it may take time for us to overcome them,
And who doesn't write us off because
We don't produce the goods at once.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
May 4th & 5th - Third Sunday of Easter - Year C			
6.00pm	David Scannell	Volunteer please	Beverley Gillard, Marianne Hadley, Yvonne Iliffe
9.30am	Trish Taylor	Claire Walker	Hugh Azzopardi, Paul Crowle, Anne Stevens, John Stevens, Frans Zylstra
May 11th & 12th - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
6.00pm	Jennie O'Dell	Kathleen Nolan	John Gaspersz, Karen Gaspersz, Natisha Gaspersz
9.30am	Peter Beckford	Tanya Murigan	Denice Donnellan, Joan Gilbert, Marian Goss, Greg Northrop, Sharon Northrop