

Monty & Eltham

The Catholic Parishes of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders past, present and emerging of the Kulin Nation.

Reflection: (Distractions) This short episode, unique to Luke, has had a chequered history - and at first glance seems a simple domestic and appealing story involving Jesus, two sisters and their different forms of hospitality. One interpretation of this famous story established the superiority of the contemplative life as represented by Mary over the active life as represented by Martha.

Just a bit of history on this, might be helpful to know that it was the role of a male religious elder (the rabbi and his disciples) to spend time in contemplation. Thus, you won't be surprised to know that this role was not given to the women of ancient middle Eastern culture (the time of Jesus). As the Church established itself throughout Europe in those early centuries, Convents and Monasteries flourished with women and men living out contemplative life. Dotted throughout Europe today are many reminders of this ancient 'art form' spirituality, now in ruins - watch 'Tour de France' to see some!

Today people who are trying to cope with the modern demands of family-life - raising children, earning a living, driving a car and the extraordinary new presence of instant communication plus every other issue around food, drink & drugs - social behaviour and legal requirements of suburban society!

Distractions are everywhere and a strong presence in living each day. Not surprisingly the rise in Meditation groups and Mindfulness exercises are important tools to learn. Did Richmond football club really win a recent AFL Premiership with the secret ingredients of Mindfulness and Meditation?

Can learning to be 'still' and spending time listening to your body & soul really be that beneficial to personal health and wellbeing?

Yes, and it's not a secret - it's ancient wisdom! Listening to the God who resides in you is today's gift from this short Gospel.

Yes, this Gospel may be understood in a common-sense way. Mary is praised for offering more fundamental hospitality than Martha - that of choosing to be attentive to their guest and his presence. For Christians, Jesus is always present - we just need time! Try not to be too distracted.

Michael



Eltham - Confirmations:

Advance notice:
Confirmations will be during
next weekends Masses



Montmorency - Confirmations:

Rite of Enrolment for
Confirmation Candidates
this weekends Masses

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

For more information visit www.sfxmonty.org

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School



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LITURGIES ~ 22nd - 28th July

Mon	9:15am	<i>Communion Service</i>	Monty
Tue	9:15am	Mass	Monty
	9:15am	<i>Communion Service</i>	Eltham (V Jordan)
Wed	9:15am	<i>Communion Service</i>	Monty
	9:15am	Mass	Eltham
Thu	9:15am	<i>Communion Service</i>	Eltham (P Rigg)
	9:15am	Holy Trinity Class Mass	Monty
Fri	9:15am	<i>Communion Service</i>	Monty
	9:15am	Mass	Eltham
Sat	6:00pm	Mass	Monty
	6:00pm	Mass	Eltham
Sun	8:30am	Mass	Monty
	9:30am	Mass	Eltham
	10:30am	Mass	Monty



RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 10:30am Monty ~ Terry
1/2 hr prior to any mass said by Michael

Liturgy of the Word: We now Celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Mondays, as well as Wednesdays and Fridays. You are always welcome to join us for reflection and experience of Jesus in the Scripture and in each other. This is another beautiful way of being Church for each other.

In future, the Sunday collections will be placed in this box for your information and in gratitude for your contributions.

Needed - Good Quality Men's Clothing

Do you have any men's warm jumpers, jackets, long sleeve shirts or long sleeve t-shirts/tops? Your clothing donation will be welcomed and appreciated by residents of Bapcare Sanctuary which provides accommodation and services to people seeking asylum.

Sanctuary thanks the Parish of St Francis Xavier for previous clothing donations which were very gratefully received by residents.

Please phone Barb Jackson on Wednesday or Thursday on 0406 588 417 to arrange collection of your donated clothing.

Please note business jackets and pants are not needed.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith.

Have you or someone you know ever thought of becoming Catholic but not sure how to do this?



Maybe you have some questions that first must be answered?

If you would like to find out more or register your interest in joining our group please contact ...

Beth on beth.krolikowski@cam.org.au or 9435 2178.

St Francis Xavier Passionist Family Groups' Activities for JULY
Why not join us?



Date	Group	Activity
25	Lanigan	Dinner at Iggy's Restaurant - Loyola College

If you would like to join one of the planned activities, if you are interested in learning more about Family Groups OR if you would like to join a Family Group, please call coordinators.

Joan & David Muller 9438 2748

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency

Trivia Night—A Touch of Sparkle for Everyone

Date: Saturday, 17 August 2019

Tickets: \$30pp + booking fee

Book on: trybooking.com/bdaxo

Ticketing opens: Tues, 11 June, 2019 at 7pm

Venue: SFX Hall, 90 Mayona Road, Montmorency

Hosted by the SFX Parents Association

featuring Funky Bunch Entertainment

TRIVIA NIGHT LINK to trybooking website is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=510316&>

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION link:

<https://www.32auctions.com/sfxtrivianight2019>

July Book of the Month

Anam Cara [soul friend]

by John O'Donohue;

Grace notes by Brian Doyle



Both men died prematurely in the last decade and left a beautiful legacy of faith in their writings.

Support ...

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School, Eltham

Again this year you can support our school with the purchase the Entertainment Book.

There are thousands of exciting and savvy dining, travel and retail offers to enjoy all year. \$70 each.

Voucher expiry June 2020 so plenty of time to use the offers - lots of local businesses to enjoy!

Copies are available from the school office 9439 7824

Small Church Community

Dear Friends, there will be a gathering of SCC Facilitators, or anyone else interested in coming along, on **Sun 28th July**, in the Meeting Room underneath the Church, after the 8.30am Mass. We will look at how we might approach our upcoming awareness/invitation weekend to Small Church Community, (10/11 Aug) also our Annual Celebration of Eucharist & Meal on Tue 13 Aug. I look forward to seeing you who are able to come along. Patsy Ph: 0429 439 675; email: patsy_skipper@hotmail.com

When we gather for Sunday Mass, there is much more happening than meets the eye. To recognise the depth of what we are doing, we need attentive faith.

Sunday after Sunday, we come to church - it is easy to let it become routine or empty ritual.

Yet we are in the very presence of God in the sacred assembly of God's beloved people, to whom God speaks through Word and Sacrament.

Deanery Retreat on The Plenary Council - What Do You Think God is Asking of Us in Australia at this time?

(Arranged by St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park)

All parishioners and friends are invited to the 2019 Deanery Retreat on **Saturday, 17th August, 9am - 3pm, at the beautiful country Retreat Centre, 'Amberley', Lower Plenty.**

Praise and Worship followed by Mass will start at 9 am. The presenter is Fr Anthony Girolami, Parish Priest, St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park.

'Come apart for a day to spend with the Lord'

*Cost: \$6 * Shared Lunch - bring a plate
* Tea & Coffee provided

***Booking Essential – RSVP: Tuesday, 13th August.**

Contact: 9407 6700 / Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

Cookhouses 'n Tanks a Lot

Clean drinking water and communal cookhouses in remote PNG villages

Sr Margaret Ryan, of the Sisters of Mercy, sends news and thanks to all those Monty parishioners (and their fathers, fathers-in-law, grandparents, etc, whose tool sheds were emptied) as the third cookhouse nears completion in the PNG Highlands. Good second hand tools we sent last year are being used to teach building skills to local villagers so they themselves can provide the facilities that make life easier and healthier. (Sets of tools are then left with young village men so that they can find local employment rather than drifting to Port Moresby where they often end up unemployed and in trouble with authorities.)

Goglme Cookhouse Nears Completion!

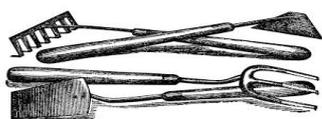
Fr John Bike, parish priest of Goglme texted Sunday 23/6/19 "about the cookhouse project at Goglme parish: this week we'll work on plumbing system and painting and to install tables, shelves, gas stove and cylinder. Generally the house will be complete at the end of this week – its our pride, it already took shape, thanks a lot. God bless." He will thank the workmen on our behalf and congratulate them on completing the project so quickly. As it rains most afternoons in that high mountainous region, this community has enthusiastic workers!! We will have photos of them and their cookhouse later this year.

Sr Margaret Ryan, RSM

Need help around your house and garden?

Do you need:

- * windows washed;
- * general tidying up;
- * light gardening; or
- * help with house cleaning and vacuuming?



Please contact Barbara at **Baptcare Sanctuary** on 0406 588 417 to chat about your requirements. **Baptcare Sanctuary** provides transitional accommodation and case management services for people seeking asylum. Finding employment is one of the most effective ways of helping newcomers settle into our community.

Monty & Eltham Calendar		
Wed	Monty: Early Meditation 45 minutes Eltham: Meditation, Gathering Area	6:30am 6:00pm
Sat	Monty: Rite of Enrolment - Yr 6s	6:00pm
	Eltham: Special Collection: Propagation of the Faith	6:00pm
Sun 21	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Eltham: Special Collection: Propagation of the Faith	9:30am
	Monty: Rite of Enrolment - Yr 6s	10:30am
	Monty: Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30am
Thu 25	Eltham: Prayer Shawl - Gathering Area	7:30pm
	Confirmation Faith Night	7:30pm
Fri	Eltham: 5/6AH Class Mass	9:15am
Sat	Kadasig Christmas in July	6:30pm
	Monty: Birthday blessings	6:00pm
Sun	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Monty: Birthday blessings	8:30am
August		
Fri	Eltham: 5/6OP Class Mass	9:15am

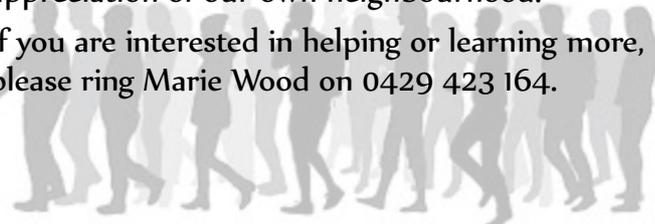
Friday Morning Walks

from 43 Diamond Street, Eltham at 10:00am

In 2016/17, refugees and asylum seekers moved into medium-term accommodation at St Vincent's Care, Eltham. Many have now moved on to permanent living arrangements elsewhere, but there is still a small number remaining in Rundle House, Eltham.

Recently a few long term locals have been accompanying a group of our new Syrian & Iraqi neighbours on walks in the local area. The many benefits for all include engaging in healthy exercise, enjoying social involvement with others in the community and gaining a greater appreciation of our own neighbourhood.

If you are interested in helping or learning more, please ring Marie Wood on 0429 423 164.



To the parishioners of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians, and the families at St Francis Xavier, Holy Trinity, Our Lady Help of Christians & CLC schools Hayden's Helping Hands would like to share with you our gratitude and thanks for your ongoing support.

Hayden's Helping Hands was founded five years ago by two young members of the parish with the principal purpose to provide for the relief and alleviation of poverty, distress and misfortune suffered by people experiencing homelessness or disadvantage, to enable youth under the age of 18 to volunteer, and to raise awareness and understanding of homelessness in Australia, particularly among young people. Today it has grown into a community that is passionate, dedicated and making a difference.



With the broader communities support, if we convert all your donations into monetary value, Hayden's Helping Hands has provided over \$45,000 of relief in the last 12 months alone, including >6,000 clothes/toiletries items and >1,800 food items, amongst other things. This is through donations like yours, with everything passed on directly to those in need. In addition we now have over 40 volunteers, many of whom are under the age of 18 and attend our parish schools. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please email us at info@haydenshelpinghands.org

This dedication and passion of the entire Hayden's Helping Hands community has recently been acknowledged globally after HT teacher Clare Canty nominated Hayden and Stephanie Rujak for a Diana Award for which they were successful. The Diana Award is considered the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts and in our case reflects the action and efforts of many youth. This year The Diana Award celebrates its 20th anniversary year after it was established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and has the support of both her sons, The Duke of Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex.



Hayden and Stephanie's dream remains that one day there will be no homeless people in Melbourne, but the reality is the number of homeless people continues to rise and we need your help to continue to make a difference. But for now, THANK YOU.

Keep this Date - Important Gathering

A Parish invitation is extended to 'all' to touch base on the past 3 months and the journey ahead.

Let's begin with two open meetings:

One held at Eltham on Thursday night August 8th. at 7:30pm and the other held at Montmorency on Sunday 4th. August at 11:45am.

After conversations with the Montmorency parish leadership team and the Eltham Friday morning large mass group held in this past week, Terry and I would cherish an opportunity to spend time with parishioners to 'check in' on all or any matters concerning the running of the parishes of Eltham & Montmorency.

Three months have passed by quickly and we understand that any changes to life in each Catholic community might need some forum for open expressions of concerns and future directions to be offered.

These occasions are at different times and places to cater for the many needs and availability of parishioners and their family obligations. Each community will welcome members from St. Francis Xavier or Our Lady Help of Christians, but the venue will clearly indicate the concerns and interest from that community.

Terry and I look forward to catching up with you on these times and offer you this time and space to ask questions and share Catholic life in Montmorency and Eltham.

Warmest regards,
Michael

MONTY & ELTHAM ROSTERS 27 & 28 July

Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Capuana, Marisa	BPTZ
Davidson, John	CNTR
Dean, Mary	W10:30
Dounis, Danielle	E8:30
Emslie, Maureen	E6:00
Evans, Gail	E8:30
Farrell, Sue	E6:00
Fraser, Bob	E8:30
Hally, Laurie	E8:30
Hannon, Gennie	E8:30
Hannon, Kevin	E8:30
Kitch, Loretta	E6:00
Kozak, Peter	CNTR
Kulkens, Mark	W8:30
Kuppe, Andy	E6:00
Lister, Kerry	E8:30
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Meredith, Jeanette	E6:00
Percy, Julie	E6:00
Ramsdale, John	PRYR
Roy, Yvonne	E10:30
Shirbin, Olesia	E10:30
Siciliano, Ines	E10:30
Siciliano, Pat	E10:30
Thornton, Catherine	E10:30
Toscano, Frances	E10:30
Turner, Jenny	W10:30
Vander / Mitcham, Family	CLNR
Wallace, Kathryn	W10:30
Williams, Anne	E10:30

Sat 20 July - 6:00pm	
Jordan, Vicki	C6:00
Furtado, Denzil	L6:00
Volunteer Please	E6:00
Volunteer Please	E6:00
Volunteer Please	E6:00
Furtado, Ramos	S6:00
Sun 21 July - 9:30am	
Jakubik, Paul	C9:30
Murugan, Tanya	L9:30
Arneson, Sheilah	E9:30
Scully, Greg	E9:30
Scully, Helen	E9:30
Zavadil, Clare	E9:30
Donnellan, Denice	S9:30
Frediani, Gabrielle	AS
Jakubik	MTEA
Rough Family	PRS
McHugh, Vin	CNTR
Meehan, Kevin	CNTR
Sat 27 July - 6:00pm	
Furtado, Lorraine	C6:00
Furtado, Lionel	L6:00
Gillard, Beverley	E6:00
Volunteer Please	E6:00
Volunteer Please	E6:00
Saltamacchia, Carmel	S6:00
Sun 28 July - 9:30am	
Taylor, Trish	C9:30
Zavadil, Wen	L9:30
Azzopardi, Hugh	E9:30
Stevens, Anne	E9:30
Stevens, John	E9:30
Zylstra, Frans	E9:30
Volunteer Please	E9:30
Reardon, Kathy	S9:30
Reardon, Kathy	AS
Scully, Helen	AS
Joss	MTEA
Rigg Family	PRS
Reardon, Peter	CNTR
Rigg, Peter	CNTR
Sacristan	Sx:xx
Altar Society	AS
Morning Tea	MTEA
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	PRS
Counter	CNTR

CATHOLIC? SINGLE? *Would you like to meet other people who share the same values?*

- Calling all those who find themselves single (*for one reason or another*) in their 30s/40s/50s who would like to meet new people in a similar situation. **Come and join us at St Mary's Greensborough 10am Mass on Sunday 28th** and/or for coffee afterwards at Mable Jones (*67 Grimshaw St*) around 11am for a relaxed catch up.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 ~ The Breath of Peace ~ National Theme for Discernment #6

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



RECENTLY DECEASED

St Francis Xavier Parish offers its sincere condolences to the families and friends of:

Spiridione Bonello

husband of Censina, father of George & David.

Reg Caulfield

husband of Patricia, father of Shane & Kimberley.

Michael Heagerty

father of Luke & Julie, brother/brother in law of Patrick (dec) & Vinka Heagerty, Matt & Gen Giddens.

Greg Livy

Brother of Brenda Andreatta

Maria Antonitta Schipano

Sister of Rosa Arena

our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.



**In recognition of the First Anniversary of
Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli
as Archbishop of Melbourne
you are warmly invited to the**

**Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium
celebrated by His Excellency,
Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana
Apostolic Nuncio in Australia.**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Thursday 1 August commencing at 7.00pm
Followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral
Room, Cardinal Knox Centre.**



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
2019 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE
WED 21 AUGUST AT 7.30PM
DR TRUDY DANTIS**

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THEOLOGICAL
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THE VOICES OF PLENARY COUNCIL
BOOKINGS & INFO:



SARAH.STYRING@CTC.EDU.AU OR
PHONE 9412 3366

R.S.V.P.: TUE 13 AUGUST
Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre,
Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street,
East Melbourne

To include an anniversary please contact **Kate** by
Wednesday 3pm of the week prior at the Parish
House, or email montmorency@cam.org.au.



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

*Spiridione Bonello, Reg Caulfield,
Michael Heagerty, Greg Livy,
Maria Antonitta Schipano.*

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Sr Sabine de Croos, Michael Perera,
Millicent Perera, Yanthi Perera, Patrick Pinghe,
Glenn McCormack, Shannon Risson, Lino Zini.*

For those in need of healing,

remembering especially:

*Hasti Momeni, Jeanette Steward, John Tobin,
Kristina Brazaitis, Baby Finn Doolan, Baby Kylie,
Therese Moore, Susan Phelan, Ian McCabe,
Gennie Hannon, John Kean, Patricia Mulholland,
Mary Said, Sheryn Zurzolo, Montagna Mustica,
Nikki Attwood, Anthony & Mary Salvatore,
Eva Crowe, Patsy Leed, Colleen & Jim Hussin,
Tina Inserra, Maria Schroeders, Desmond Deehan,
Remi Vulich, Marilyn Fairbank, Adrian Jones,
Graham Neal, Renee Eastwood, Julian Forrester,
Daniel Brewis, Danielle Gray, Sriyani Algama,
Edwinda Bacani, Andrew Pighin, Geoffrey Nyssen,
Debbie Edgley.*

Eltham

For the recently deceased, and

for those whose anniversaries are at this time:

For those in need of healing,

remembering especially:

*Hergielyn Rapa, Fay Dobson, Ak Callaghan,
Teresa Revitt, Frans Zylstra.*

Stewardship Reflection "Thoughts on Giving"

*"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship
given to me to bring to completion for you the word of
God." (Colossians 1:25)*

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow
in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with
others. We may not be called to evangelize like St.
Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share
our faith with those closest to us, like our family,
friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share
your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Development Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

TODAY'S GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42*

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the

serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and

yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Reflection on today's Gospel:

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

www.liturgyhelp.com / Diane Bergant CSA

Monty & Eltham Bulletin

Parishioners and friends of Eltham and Montmorency
If you would like the bulletin emailed to you on a Friday
please email kate.kogler@cam.org.au

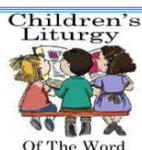
Congratulations to the family of

Scarlett Ellis



*who is celebrating her
baptism this weekend.*

May God keep her in His love.



**The children will be invited to join
the leaders to reflect on the gospel
of the day at Monty 10:30am Mass.**



ST VINCENT de PAUL - ASSISTANCE

Parishioners, assistance is always promptly

available by contacting

1800 305 330, 10am - 3pm weekdays