

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



## PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 21st May, 2017: - 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A

### 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  
House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham  
Phone: 9439 9206 Fax: 9431 3755

### Liturgy Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9am & 11am

#### Weekday Masses

Tues - Fri 9.15am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

### Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke  
Parish Worker - Gina Ang  
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm)  
Parish Secretary - Loretta Marazzato  
(Mon, Wed & Fri 9.00am - 3.30pm)  
email: olhc@alphalink.com.au  
web site: www.olhc.info

### School Team

School Principal: Chris Ray  
School Secretary: Liz Cox  
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### Diamond Valley Deanery

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### Today's Reading

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17  
The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.  
Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20 R. see v.1  
Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18  
Suffer for good deeds, not evil.  
1 Pt 4:13-16  
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23  
See Jn 14:18  
Gospel Jn 14:15-21 Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete. Jn 17:1-11

### 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.

### Next Weeks Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11  
Jesus is taken up into heaven.  
Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6  
Second Reading Eph 1:17-23  
Christ is head of the church.  
Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19.20  
Gospel Mt 28:16-20  
Jesus sends forth the apostles with the  
promise to be with them always.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to  
God with joy.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
All who love me will keep my  
words, and my Father will love  
them and we will come to them.  
*Alleluia!*



### BAPTISM

*Congratulation to the family of  
Eloise Mae Scannell  
&  
Ivy Mila Lemire  
We pray for Eloise & Ivy, their  
parents and Godparents.  
May God keep them always  
in his Love*



We pray for those who  
have died  
*Lien Fa*  
(Gina's mother-in-law)

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

*Peter Quinlan  
Jason Dean  
Florina Azarcon  
Linda & Tom Bistricic & family  
Jobe Warden*

**Collectors - please count Mass numbers again this weekend. - Thank you**

### **Gina**

Gina will be in Malaysia for another week or so following her mother-in-law's unexpected death. Gina expects to return to the parish on Wednesday, May 31st. Please remember Gina and her family and in-laws in your prayer.

### **May - the Month of Mary**

The Rosary continues every Monday at 7.30pm in May for the Month of Mary.

### **Chaplaincy Sunday - this Sunday - May 21st**

The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will conduct its annual Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in parishes to support the vital work of Catholic chaplains in youth detention centres, prisons, hospitals and the support of seafarers this weekend. This year the focus will be on youth justice. We're the Church and our lay chaplains are our ambassadors who gently enable the lived expression of the values of the gospel among those who sit at the edges of our society. Please give generously to the appeal so that our chaplains may also press on, and not be robbed of hope! **Details:** Linda Stephens on 9926 5731 or [linda.stephens@cam.org.au](mailto:linda.stephens@cam.org.au)  
**Flyer on noticeboard.**

### **Parish Feast Day - 24th May**

At the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 24th May we celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Feast Day. Children and staff from our parish school will be participating.

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Fr Kevin celebrates his 47th Anniversary on Tuesday, May 23rd - on Monday he is joining former seminarians, ex-priests and priests from his year for a tour of the Glen Waverley Police Academy where they studied theology in years 1967-1970.

### **Letter & Article**

Copies of Archbishop Hart's Pentecost letter to youth are available on the table in the gathering area along with the article "Can't Outsource Motherhood"

### **Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria - Push to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide**

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter, the Bishops of Victoria have released a pastoral letter with copies available in parishes. Please read the pastoral letter and if you would like to get involved, speak with Colin & Michelle Leahy or Fr Kevin. You can also obtain more information from the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or alternatively visit: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily).

### **Popular Homily**

Some people have asked for a copy of Fr Kevin's homily of two weeks ago - typed copies available on table in gathering area.

### **KidzInC Volunteer Needed - once a term**

Our Kids in Church program is in need of a volunteer to facilitate sessions for our children at the 11am Mass. Sessions run for half an hour. You would be rostered once a term. All materials are given to leader prior to date. No experience needed. You are invited to sit in on a session to see how it is run although everyone has their own way of delivering the message. Children really enjoy this program. Please see Julie Myers or Fr Kevin if interested.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

#### **Thursday, 25th May - 7.30pm Church Hall**

You are invited to come along and join us in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. No experience necessary. Come give it a go, challenge yourself for someone in need. You can support the group in many other ways, donate balls of wool, wrap up the shawls, make/write a card, etc. We would love to see you!! Please call Gina Ang, 9439 9206 or email [Gina.Ang@cam.org.au](mailto:Gina.Ang@cam.org.au) for more information

### **Prison Fellowship**

Prison Fellowship has sent us copies of its publication "Set Free" - it is very informative. Copies are available on the table in the gathering area along with copies of "In Our Backyard" News and Updates.

### **The Journey - Catholic Radio Program**

This week, on **The Journey**, Teresa Brierley, Vice Chancellor of Pastoral Ministries in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle shares with us her reflection on the Gospel for this week; John 14:1-12. Also Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes **The Catholic Guy**, the Pirolas, Sam Clear, and Pete Gilmore. All that and fantastic Christian music! Faith, hope, love, and life, this is **The Journey**! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### **Carmelite Symposium: The Once & Future Reformation: The Way of the Spirit**

**Thursday 25th May, 10.30am to Saturday 27 May, 12pm**  
**The Carmelite Centre, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park**  
An opportunity to talk about the current need for renewal and reformation today, in the churches and in the world. This symposium will be diverse, ecumenical and imaginative. Join us for three days of lectures, reflections and discussion on ways of learning from the past, of living in the present and of looking to the future. Three days of speakers, with Salerian Priest and Scripture Scholar Francis Moloney. On the Thursday evening he will speak on 'Reform: Spirituality and the person of Jesus: Christian holiness as deification (theiosis).' **Cost:** \$150 all sessions; \$65 Thursday or Friday only; \$120 Thursday and Friday; \$25 individual sessions; Saturday retreat \$30 including a light lunch. **Details:** 9690 5430 - **more information on noticeboard**  
**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/273099>  
Flyers available on the table in the gathering area.

## **CAPSA Training Available**

As members of the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA), this Office & the Office for Justice & Peace in the Archdiocese are hosting Community Action Training –

**Wed 24th May - 6-7.30pm & Sun 4th June - 2-3.30pm**  
**Facilitating Community Conversations**

Community Conversations are a great way for people to learn about issues and initiate constructive discussions. This training will give people the tools & process to organise their own Community Conversations.

**Meeting your local MP – Wed 31st May - 6-7.30pm & Sun, 4th June - 4-5.30pm**

Members of Parliament have a responsibility to listen to their constituents concerns. This session aims to give people the confidence to go see their local federal MP/ Senator to discuss their concerns about the current treatment of asylum seekers.

All workshops will be held in the Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

## **Catholic Theological College Public Lecture**

**Wednesday 31 May - 7.30pm**

**Gateway Lecture Theatre-Trinity College, Royal Pde, Parkville**  
Rev. Prof Denis Edwards presents Ecumenical Priorities after 50 years of ARCIC. Bookings and Information: Email [jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au) or phone 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: Friday 26 May.

**"Walking Hand in Hand With God"** Mass of Remembrance for those who have experienced the death of a child.

**Friday 2nd June at 7.30pm**

**St Francis Xavier Church, Mayona Road, Montmorency**

This includes the death of a child before birth after birth, or at any age. Father Terry Kean and the Bereavement Support Team are offering the opportunity for family members to participate in a gentle healing remembrance mass. This Mass is for those who have experienced the grief associated with the loss of a child. We warmly invite you or anyone you know who has lost a child, to join us on this evening. If you require further information do not hesitate to contact Kaye Lock on 9431 4041.

## **Refugee Week Event**

**Sunday 25th June, (1:45 for 2:00pm) start at St Francis Xavier Church Hall, Montmorency.**

Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group and the Social Justice Group from St Francis Xavier Church invite you this free, open meeting. **Voices from Detention.** Sharing Stories from They cannot take the Sky. It is a new book from Behind the Wire.

People being held in Mandatory Detention on Nauru and Manus tell their stories in their own words.

**Please book your place to help arrangements**

**Email [massginfo@gmail.com](mailto:massginfo@gmail.com)**

## **Employment Opportunities**

Housekeeper, Corpus Christi College, Carlton

Administrator for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Thornbury

Coordinator: Parish Leadership Formation, East Melbourne

Care Coordinator-Carelink, East Melbourne

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese

website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Book of the Month for May**

Father Kevin spoke of Doubting Thomas a few weeks ago, and reminded us that we all carry doubts about many things. He reminded us that it is good to question; to search for our truth; to become 'searching Christians'. Many of us grew up in a system that discouraged questions. The book for May will challenge many beliefs. Trish



### **Don Bosco Camp - Safety Beach**

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) 3rd to 6th July and 13-16yo (Senior) 10th to 13th July, during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information. To book or for more information visit [www.donboscocamp.org.au](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au) or call 03 5987 2692. More information on noticeboard.

### **Volunteering Opportunities**

Volunteering opportunities with member organisations of Catholic Social Services Victoria. There are plenty of ways to volunteer and get involved with our member organisations, whether by working in the many Op shops, serving meals, visiting the elderly or participating in social activities with them, or perhaps helping to maintain the gardens of a home or centre. And whether it be for just 30mins or a few hours, once a week or once a month, every bit helps. Help yourself to a flyer on the table in the gathering area that mentions nearly 50 organisations where you can help.

Volunteers make the wheels turn faster. In addition to the 17,000 volunteers that contribute to the work of our member organisations, Catholic Social Services Victoria, as a peak body, relies on volunteers for some of our advocacy and organisational work. We would be much less productive and less effective without volunteer input on our committees and working groups, in organising our forums for parishes and agencies, in drafting our various advocacy papers, etc. We are in their debt.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!  
**28-30 July, 17-19 November, 2017**

**Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.**

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733

0997 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### Baptisms

On 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm.  
6 weeks notice required. Baptism preparation held last Saturday of the month at 10:00am.  
On the 4th Sunday of each month Baptism candidates are welcomed during Mass.

**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 20th Gabrielle Frediani  
May 27th Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully, Mary Snipe  
June 3rd B Morganti, L Dunell, C Saltalamacchia

### Counters

May 21st Greg Northrop, Brian Wordsworth  
May 28th David Scannell, Neil Walker  
June 4th Greg Scully, Lyn/Neil Smith

### Pilgrim Rosary Statue

May 21st Zavadil Family  
May 28th Rough Family  
June 4th Rigg Family

### Sunday Morning Tea

May 21st 9.00am Jane Medeira  
11.00am Lyn & Neil Smith  
May 28th 9.00am Beth & Dennis Morganti  
11.00am Angelo & Kerry Conte  
June 4th 9.00am Michelle & Colin Leahy  
11.00am Duncan & Natalie Bucknell

### KidzInC

May 21st 11.00am Mark Noonan  
May 28th 11.00am  
June 4th 11.00am Natalie Bucknell

Caring Group Co-Ordinators  
Tanya Murugan 0402013048

Playgroup Facilitator  
Loretta Marazzato  
0412273794

## Diary Dates

**Meditation:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5.30pm;  
Wednesday: 6.30pm - All welcome  
**Stations of the Cross:** Friday: 8.45am  
**Adoration:** First Friday of the month 7-8pm

### May

Thurs 25th 7.00pm Formation Session for OLHC school families of Confirmation children in school Community Centre  
7.30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in hall

### June

Thurs 1st 10.30am Mass at St Vincent's Care Services  
Fri 2nd 7.00pm Adoration  
Sat/Sun 3/4th Collection - St Kizito Parish  
Tues 6th 7.30pm Malawi Support Group  
Thurs 15th 7.30pm The Way Prayer Group  
8.00pm Healing Mass  
Thurs 22nd 7.30pm Parish Support Group  
Sat/Sun 24/25th Collection - The Holy Father  
First Eucharist Celebration at all three weekend Masses for OLHC school children & GSA

### Feast Days

Wed 24th Our Lady Help of Christians  
Sun 28th The Ascension of the Lord

## Reflection - Learning from the Seagulls

It's a chilly day by the sea-side, far too windy for my comfort.  
But the gulls don't seem to mind the wind.  
In fact, they seem to enjoy it.

I watch them flying about: they go with it, they go against it, they soar into the sky, they plunge back to earth.  
All the time they are using the wind, they are availing of its power.  
And I reflect on how we, the disciples of Jesus, are so easily blown off course by the winds of adversity.  
Lord, send us the Holy Spirit who will enable us to turn the hard and easy to our advantage,  
so that everything that happens to us may bear us along the road to your kingdom.

## LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>May 20th &amp; 21st - 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A</b>			
6.00pm	Vicki Jordan	Beverley Gillard	Paul Crowle, Beverley Gillard, Marianne Hadley
9.00am	Anne Stevens	Trish Taylor	Helen Scully, Greg Scully, Ruth Decker, 2 volunteers needed please
11.00am	Jennie O'Dell	Volunteer	Marian Goss, Joan Gilbert, Linda Dunell
<b>May 27th &amp; 28th - The Ascension of the Lord</b>			
6.00pm	David Scannell	Dianne Zylstra	John Gaspersz, Karen Gaspersz, Natisha Gaspersz
9.00am	Greg Scully	Marlis Dopheide	Frans Zylstra, Hugh Azzopardi, Iris Azzopardi, 2 volunteers needed please
11.00am	Linda Dunell	Clare Zavadil	Sharon Northrop, Greg Northrop, Joan Gilbert