

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 22 Sep 2013: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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
House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham
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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Communion Services

Tues - Thurs 9.15am

Weekday Mass

Fri 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm)
Parish Secretary:
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Today's Readings

First Reading Am 8:4-7 The Lord will forget nothing that the wicked do.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7
Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8 Pray often, free of anger and dissension.
Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9
Gospel Lk 16:1-13 Parable of the wise manager. Lk 16:10-13

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7 Woe to the complacent.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2
Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16 Fight the good fight.
Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9
Gospel Lk 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may attain eternal life
We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

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.

Parish News

Today we welcome as our celebrant Fr Anthony Walsh, a Dominican priest from East Camberwell.

FR KEVIN WILL RETURN TO THE PARISH EARLY THURSDAY EVENING.

FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Support Group are sponsoring a forum on Sunday October 27 from 12 noon to 1.00pm. Members of the P.S.G. advise Fr Kevin on major issues in our parish and help with planning for future directions. We invite parishioners to suggest some big ideas for the parish for the next five years.

Families of children of primary school age seeking to be baptized are asked to contact Fr Kevin, or speak to Marlis Dopheide who is offering a 4 week course for child and parent, possibly starting in October.

APRONS PLEASE!

The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre needs aprons for its volunteers who provide meals for asylum seeker families. (Cotton, no bibs, any colour). Look in your cupboard for old ones; look in op-shops; or if you can sew make one/some. The goal is 50 aprons. Aprons can be left in the basket at the back of the church or contact Fay on 9439 8961.

BAPTISM WELCOME

Congratulations to the Webb, Small and Farebrother families as we welcome to our parish community their children Noah, Emma and Luca who will be baptized shortly.

MALAWI GROUP NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped out last Sunday at the Bunnings BBQ which netted a record \$1595. This splendid result ensures we can continue to fund projects that otherwise would not be possible without your support. Fr Taylor uses these funds for educational and sustenance needs in your sister parish for a growing number of girls and boys of which forty are orphans. More than ever, following a recent 49% devaluation of the Malawian Kwacha our dollar goes a long way. Currently one Australian dollar buys \$320 kwacha. The warm heart of Africa says thank you.



MISSING TABLECLOTHS

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the beautiful cream coloured tablecloths that belong to our parish and are usually kept in the hall kitchen cupboards?

At times these tablecloths have been used for other functions at school or through the parish.

If anyone has them in the ironing pile or in their linen cupboard – could they please be returned to the school office or parish house.

PRAYERS PLEASE

We pray that those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time will **enjoy God's loving presence.**



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

- Philomena Harding
- Gordon Pearce

The CAMPION CENTRE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY in Studley Park Rd, Kew offers various retreat programs:

- *My Relationship with God*

Fri Oct 4 (7.30pm) - Sun Oct 6 (3pm) \$230.00 (live-in)

To deepen your relationship with God, we offer you silence, a spiritual direction and ample time for prayer and reflection. No input or group work - just silence and guidance.

- *God's self-revelation in creation*

Fri Oct 18 (7.30pm) - Sun Oct 20 (3pm) \$230.00 (live-in)

Take time to pray and explore the mystery we call God within the context of the universe story. An opportunity to situate **ourselves in the unfolding nature of creation and God's self** revelation through this amazing story.

- *Women's Spirituality retreat*

Fri Oct 25 (7.30pm) - Sun Oct 27 (3pm) \$230.00 (live-in)

Have you reached a plateau in your life? Where do you go from here? This weekend for women will honour and celebrate your life so far and will seek to find meaning in the next part of your journey. We will draw from the stories of women in scripture as we reflect on our own lives and discern where God might be leading us.

CAROLINE CHISHOLM CENTRE FOR HEALTH ETHICS offers a **one day conference "Talking about End of Life: Bioethics and Palliative Care"**

When: Thursday October 3 9.00am-4.30pm

Where: **Mary Aikenhead Conference Centre, St Vincent's Hospital, 27 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy**

Registration: closes Sep 26. Cost: \$165.00

Leaflets are available in the gathering area.

ST JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE - 120TH ANNIVERSARY.

A mass will be celebrated on October 13th at 2pm followed by an afternoon tea. Contact Maria Ang (nee Casamento) angfamily@people.net.au for further details.

AWAKEN TO THE RICH LIFE: A JOURNEY WITH TERESA OF AVILA

By attending to her life experience Teresa of Avila learned to read her eventful journey with God. Spend the day coming to know Teresa through her writings and how they resonate with our life experience, the stuff of our journey with God. Bring writing material for use in your reflections.

Facilitator Adrian Jones has had a keen interest in and has read widely in Carmelite spirituality. He has presented reflection days in this area at the Carmelite Centre since its beginnings.

Adrian's present involvement with the ecumenical and inter-faith spiritual direction community reminds him how well the Carmelite tradition speaks to people on diverse life paths.

When: 10.00-3.30 pm Saturday 12 October

Where: **O'Connor Pilkington Rooms, 214 Richardson St, Middle Park**

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS



Catholic Theological College
mid-November – mid-December 2014
Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories and Greece.

Tour Leaders: Rev Anthony Dean cm & Dr Rosemary Canavan.

Information Session:

Friday 18 October 7.00pm

RSVP & further information:

Jenny Delahunt Phone: 9412 3314

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We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But

we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel, who was only concerned with his own well being.

LIBRARY NEWS - September

Because 'change' is imperative for a fully alive church, and because change happens at grass roots (us) level, Bishop Robinson's books will remain on the top shelf for September.



- For Christ's Sake
- Confronting Power & Sex in the Catholic Church
- Love's Urgent Longing

Deanery News

DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY 2013 RETREAT

All are invited to the Diamond Valley Deanery 2013 Retreat - A day of quiet reflection on the theme "All Shall Be Well" - God's Care in the writings of Julian of Norwich led by Janette Bredenoord on Saturday 12 October from 10 am to 3 pm in the Gecco Community Centre, St Martin of Tours Parish (5 Silk Street, Rosanna). BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Any queries, contact Susan Kempen on 9435 1543.

YOUTH GATHERING - ST MARTIN OF TOURS

For Secondary and Tertiary students and young workers

When: Sat Oct 19, 4.30pm

- 4.30pm: Nibbles & drinks
- 5:00pm: Reflection NET Team
- 5:30pm: Q & A Time Fr. Dan Harding
- 6:00pm: Mass Fr. Michael
- 7:00pm: BBQ - Sausages (Music & Singing)
- 8:00pm: Conclusion

RSVP: Oct 11 (9457 1275/maria.bui@cam.org.au)

See flyer on noticeboard

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Loyola Ex Students Association proudly presents its inaugural Family Movie Night on Friday 18 Octo at 7.00pm in the **Loyola College Theatrette**. Tickets to the movie 'The Odd Life of Timothy Green' and free sausage sizzle are available via www.trybooking.com/52993 - \$25 family, \$10 adult, \$5 child.

WALK OR RIDE TO WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Everyone is invited to walk, cycle or use other environmentally friendly transport options to go to Church on Sunday, Oct 6. For the planet, the poor and your health. In October we will join people across Australia to celebrate Walk or Ride to Worship, organised by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC, www.arrcc.org.au). For more information, please contact Marguerite Marshall 9439 3232 / 0422 042 099.

FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

To mark the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Pastorelle Sisters Foundation, all young people from the Deanery are invited to a thanksgiving prayer and afternoon tea on Sunday 6 October at 3.00pm in the chapel at 5 Nash Court, Bundoora. Please rsvp by Friday, 5 October pastorel@netspace.net.au or ring Sr Ignacia 0434102637 or Sr Nelia on 0422672368.

'So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.'

'Peace to the whole world, torn apart by violence linked to drug trafficking and by the iniquitous exploitation of natural resources! Peace to this our Earth! May the risen Jesus bring comfort to the victims of natural disasters and make us responsible guardians of creation.'

Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Message, Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013

'Faith, as remembrance of the future, is closely bound up with hope.'

Pope Francis, June 29, 2013,

POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU, SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.



5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

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 -

Donations for next week:

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

Altar Society

September 21/22 G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough
September 28/29 T. Daw, L. Bignell

Counters

September 22 Kyoong Family
September 29 V. McHugh, K. Meehan

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

September 22 Scannell Family
September 29 Donahoo Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

September 22	9.00am	T. & J. Joss
	11.00am	C. Lewin
September 29	9.00am	T. & R. Daw
	11.00am	C. & N. Walker

Diary Dates

All meetings in Gathering Area unless otherwise specified

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

September 2013

Thurs Sep 26 Fr Kevin returns (evening)
W/E Sep 28/29 Social Justice Weekend

October 2013

Tues Oct 1	Malawi Group 7.30pm
Wed Oct 2	Liturgy Group 7.30pm
Fri Oct 4	Adoration 7-8pm
W/E Oct 5/6	Collection St Vincent de Paul
Wed Oct 9	St Vincent de Paul 7.25pm
W/E Oct 19/20	Collection World Missions
Sat Oct 19	Confirmation 3.30pm & 6pm
Sun Oct 20	Respect Life Sunday
Sun Oct 27	Parish Meeting - Future Directions 12.00noon

Feast Days this Week

Mon Sep 23	St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina
Fri Sep 27	St Vincent de Paul

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A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story. In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God. The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them. Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is. By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
September 22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	L. Furtado	V. Jordan	J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz
9.00am	J. Bylsma	M. Armstrong	A. Stevens, J. Stevens, F. Zylstra, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	L. Dunell	W. Zavadil	K. Reardon, L. Dunell, M. Goss, 2 volunteers needed
September 29- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	F. Zylstra	D. Furtado	M. Snipe, Y. Illiffe, B. Gillard
9.00am	T. Taylor	M. Snipe	P. Rigg, R. Decker, B. Mofardin, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	C. Egan	J. O'Dell	K. Reardon, S. Rawlinson, C. Egan, 2 volunteers needed