

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 24 Mar 2013: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 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

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Tues - Wed 9:15am
Holy Thursday 7:30pm

Reconciliation

See notice on page 2

Parish Team

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Today's Readings

First Reading Is 50:4-7 Despite rejection,
Isaiah does not abandon his call.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-
24. R. v.2
Second Reading Phil 2:6-11 Jesus made
himself lowly and was exalted.
Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9
Gospel Lk 22:14 – 23:56 The Passion. Lk
23:1-49 The Passion - Shorter Form

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43 Peter re-
counts the deeds of Jesus.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.
R. v.24
Second Reading Col 3:1-4 Set your heart on
the greater gifts. 1 Cor 5:6-8
Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8
Gospel Jn 20:1-9 Mary Magdalene finds the
tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.
Mk 16:1-7The women find the tomb empty.
The women meet an angel at the empty
tomb. Lk 24:13-35

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

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| Penitential Service | March 26th | 7:30pm (Tuesday) |
| Holy Thursday | March 28th | 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Good Friday | March 29th | 11:00am Stations of the Cross; 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion |

EASTER CEREMONIES

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| Easter Saturday | March 30th | 7:30pm Vigil Mass |
| Easter Sunday | March 31st | 9:00am & 11:00am Masses |

OPENING PRAYER

Life-giving Father, you gave the world a model of humility when your Son was incarnated in our flesh and embraced the Cross; grant us the grace to take into our hearts his example of patient acceptance of suffering so that we can share in the NEW LIFE OF HIS RESURRECTION. Through Christ our Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**THE CELEBRATION
OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2013**

Lent - the annual time of renewal for the faith community – is drawing to an end. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we are warned that time is running out. ‘See, the day is coming’.

Soon it will be **PALM SUNDAY** (24th March). At the 11 am Mass, we will gather for a reading, after which we will process into the Church with olive branches, to commemorate the Lord’s triumphal entry to Jerusalem. But the gospel reading of the Passion of Christ will soon quieten our mood.

‘Now, the hour has come.’

How have we spent these last few weeks? Are we ready for what lies ahead? Are we ready to fully, actively, consciously participate in this journey? Have we prepared ourselves? Do we plan to attend the Easter services? Have we volunteered to help?

On Tuesday 26th March, we will hold a penitential service at 7.30 pm. A time to reflect on our lives, and especially the last few weeks, as we move to the three days that are the centre of our Church's year – the Easter Triduum - a three day celebration of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



ON HOLY THURSDAY (28th March) we gather at 7.30 pm to celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The mass will include the moving ritual of the humble washing of the feet of parishioners by our priest and in the spirit of service and good works, we are encouraged to return our Project Compassion boxes to be offered and blessed at this mass. With the consecrated hosts removed and the altar stripped, we will leave the Church in stillness and silence, to watch and pray.

ON GOOD FRIDAY (29th March) we continue to watch and pray with the Lord. We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 11 am, and at 3 pm, we will venerate the holy wood of the cross. We will listen again to the Passion of Christ and take communion, as we keep watch, in stillness and silence.

This is the Passover of the Lord. It is our Passover into new life.

THE EASTER VIGIL (30th March) will start at 7.30 pm when we gather in silence for the blessing of the fire and the procession of the Paschal candle. We’ll proclaim the story of salvation – from the roll-call of creation and the testing of Abraham to the liberation of Israel from Egypt. The Prophets will expound on the fidelity of Israel’s God and the gift of God’s own spirit.

And then, the Resurrection!

There are no baptisms this year, but to mark this night of nights, we will renew our own baptism vows.

Parishioners are invited to bring some food and drink to share after the Vigil.

Sunday Mass times on 31st March will be as usual, at 9 am and 11 am.

Please set these Three Days aside, to gather together, to keep watch, and to hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures.

This is **THE** time for renewal, for rebirth, for new life, and for welcoming people to the community of **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, ELTHAM.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Please donate to Project Compassion to allow Caritas Australia to continue development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes at the beginning of Holy Week.

Available on the gathering area table are

- copies of a page with all the **DETAILS OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM** and informative context.
- copies of a number of reflections on the upcoming celebrations of Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land and provides welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times and natural disasters which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a **reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the “Prince of Peace”.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS
Mercy Connect Project - Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions in secondary and primary schools across Melbourne. the volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted in June 2011. Contact: Sr Mary Lewis , Mercy Connect Project 9326 1895 / somml@bigpond.com. More information on noticeboard.

WONDER WOMAN, AGILE ATHLETE, MIGHTY MASTER!
Parishioner Claudia Neale won three gold medals and a **silver medal at last weekend’s Victorian Masters Athletics Championships** - husband Peter picked up three silver and bronze medals in total - inspiring for Jessie and the five boys. Once her calf muscle heals, perhaps Claudia should try the international competition!

For those who volunteered as ministers for Holy Week/Easter ceremonies, please check the noticeboard for confirmation.

RECONCILIATION

Please note that there will not be Reconciliation available next Saturday March 30 at 9:15am - we have a penitential service this Tuesday night at 7:30pm as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation available this Tuesday-Wednesday at 9:45am. From Holy Thursday onwards, our reconciliation opportunities have passed as we focus on the major celebrations of the Triduum.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

URGENT NEED FOR BILLETS OF AUSTRIAN YOUTH WIND SYMPHONIC BAND

The Eltham Orchestra is hosting the Don Bosco Youth Wind Ensemble from Graz, Austria. They will be arriving on Saturday 23rd March 2013 and stay until Friday 5th April, 2013. The group consists of youth and adult members ranging in age from 12-36 years and we are in need of families especially in the North East Suburbs interested in billeting one or two musicians each from this group which will have Eltham as their base. The group will be performing 5 concerts in and around Melbourne, with a school workshop at Montmorency Secondary College, Royal Children's Hospital and Eltham Community Centre on the 24th March. Hosts will be expected to either provide transport or advise on suitable public transport to venues in the Eltham area or to the Main Rd Eltham rendezvous point from where coaches will be provided for transport to concerts outside the area and to and from the airport. Musicians will be expected to be part of the host family for the 13 day stay during which time the Easter weekend will be kept free of musical commitments.

Contact: marielouise.wright@bigpond.com / 9434 2147.

MALAWI SUPPORT GROUP - CRAZY WHIST RESULTS

Another very enjoyable and successful event last Saturday evening with 37 tickets sold and some lovely donations made through the Jelly Bean Box by people that could not make it along on the night. Unfortunately we lost a couple on the night through illness but finished up with 8 tables being played and a lovely supper break along the way.

Progressive score prizes were won by Margaret Shepherd and visitor **Fred Bunyard with the final winner's prize being claimed by Mike Croft with a massive 120 points.** Lucky door prize winner was Shirley Hall, one of several **visitors from St Thomas' Retirement Village who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.**

The event raised a terrific \$370 on tickets sales and a further \$139 in very kind donations for a total of \$509 that will certainly go a long way in support of our sister parish at the current exchange rate to US dollars.

Thank you all once again for your ongoing support.

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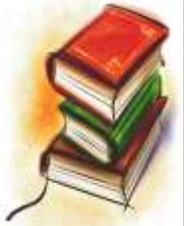
Vinnies shelves are quite depleted. If parishioners can bring along something to fill them it will be much appreciated.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the month for April "Francis (a saint's way)"

If you truly want to know what kind of a pope we might now have, who has chosen Francis (of Assisi) for his name, you will surely find out in this book by James Cowan. I have just read it again and have left two Introductions from the book on the Gathering Table. Please return them if you take them home to read so that others might be inspired. I was.

It helps to realise that the world in Francis' time [12th century] was very different to the one in which we live. Trish



Notices for the Easter Bulletin should be submitted by 9:00am next Wednesday March 27.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Network Ten presently broadcasts Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 on Sundays at 6:00am. Southern Cross Network presently broadcasts Mass For You At Home in regional areas on Channel 11 on Sundays at 5:30am. Network Ten has advised that on and from Sunday 7 April, Mass For You At Home will be broadcast on Channel 11 at 5:30am.

From 7 April, Mass For You At Home will be broadcast throughout Australia in both city and regional areas on Channel 11 on Sunday mornings at 5:30am.

Network Ten have undertaken to inform viewers of the change at the broadcast time the week before the change. The website for Mass For You At Home is <http://www.mfyah.com.au/>

The most recent Sunday Mass is available for viewing at the website at any time.

REFLECTION



Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. **The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement.** However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the conse-

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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:

Breakfast cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, spreads – jams, honey, peanut butter, vegemite. Sugar, tea, coffee etc.

Altar Society

Mar 23/24 K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe
Mar 30/31
Apr 6/7 B. Morganti, L. Dunell

Counters

Mar 24 P. Stewart, L. & N. Smith
Mar 31 W. Zavadil, G. Mithen
Apr 7 P. Wenn, A. Conte

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Mar 24 Rough Family
Mar 31 Rigg Family
Apr 7 Scannell Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

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| Mar 24 | 9:00am | M. Snipe |
| | 11:00am | K. & P. Reardon |
| Mar 31 | 9:00am | M. Donahoo |
| | 11:00am | L. & N. Smith |
| Apr 7 | 9:00am | M. & T. Pereira |
| | 11:00am | M. & C. Gaffney |

Diary Dates

All meetings in Gathering Area unless otherwise specified

Meditation each week Wed. 6.30pm - All welcome

March 2013

Lent and Holy Week and Easter ceremonies
See schedule on page 1

April 2013

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| Tues Apr 1 | Malawi Group 7:30pm |
| Fri Apr 5 | Adoration 7:00pm-8:00pm |
| Tues Apr 9 | Thanksgiving Meeting 8:00pm PH |
| Wed Apr 10 | St Vincent de Paul 7:35pm |
| W/E Apr 27/28 | Malawi Mothers' Day Raffle tickets on sale |

PRAYERS PLEASE:



We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also remember those who are sick and in need of care.

ILL:

- Jodie Kelly
- Maria George
- Vera Fletcher

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quences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and **confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.**

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

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LITURGY ROSTER

| | Commentator | Lector | Gospel Narrator | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 23/24 - Palm Sunday | | | | |
| 6:00pm | D. Scannell | B. Gillard | D. Scannell | V. Jordan, P. Crowle, C. Baker, Y. Illife, volunteer needed |
| 9:00am | G. Scully | M. Armstrong | M. Armstrong | P. Shea, P. Rigg, R. Decker, H. Scully, T. Taylor |
| 11:00am | L. Dunell | W. Zavadil | W. Zavadil | I. Ashworth, R. Ashworth, B. Toone, C. Zavadil, K. Reardon |
| Mar 30/31 - Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday - Special Rosters apply - see noticeboard | | | | |
| April 6/7 2nd Sunday of Easter | | | | |
| 6:00pm | F. Zylstra | D. Zylstra | | J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, M. Snipe, V. Jordan |
| 9:00am | T. Taylor | M. Snipe | | A. Stevens, J. Stevens, F. Zylstra, G. Scully, H. Scully |
| 11:00am | N. Walker | P. Reardon | | G. Northrop, S. Northrop, J. McGinty, M. McGinty, C. Zavadil |