

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 



## PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 18 May 2014: Fifth 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.

### Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 6:1-7 Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22  
Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jesus, a living cornerstone.  
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6  
Gospel Jn 14:1-12 Jesus the way, truth, and life

### Next Week's Readings

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.  
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23  
Gospel Jn 14:15-21 Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete

### Parish Information

Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham  
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### Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Weekday Masses  
Fri 9.15am

Communion Services  
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.15am

Reconciliation  
Saturday 9:30am

### Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke  
Parish Worker - Gina Ang  
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 4.00pm)  
Parish Secretary:  
Angela Vines - (Mon & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm)  
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email: [olhc@alphalink.com.au](mailto:olhc@alphalink.com.au)  
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### School Team

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### 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

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord; no one comes to the Father,  
except through me.  
*Alleluia!*

### URGENT

#### ST VINNIES NEEDS FOOD

Our food stocks for St Vinnies (Eltham)  
are low.  
We particularly need: breakfast cereals,  
milk, tea, coffee, sugar, rice, pasta,  
pasta sauces, cans of tuna, soups, tinned  
meat and vegetables.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF  
CHRISTIANS - ST JOHN BOSCO  
*Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,  
how sweet it is to come to your feet  
imploping your perpetual help.  
If earthly mothers cease not to remember  
their children,  
how can you, the most loving of all  
mothers forget me?  
Grant then to me, I implore you,  
your perpetual help in all my necessities,  
in every sorrow, and especially in all my  
temptations.  
I ask for your unceasing help for all who  
are now suffering.  
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert  
sinners.  
Grant through your intercessions many  
vocations to the religious life.  
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,  
that having invoked you on earth we may  
love and eternally thank you in heaven.  
Amen.*

A warm welcome to Fr Paul Castley who is celebrating Masses this weekend.

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MALAWI GROUP - MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE RESULTS  
Apologies for the oversight last week when last year's winners were published. This year's winners are: Marg O'Meara, John Dodd and Noreen Healey. An excellent total of \$552.50 was raised from the raffle. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets or made donations.

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Fr Kevin celebrates his 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary next Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Turkey, where the group of 32 will visit Sardis and Izmir (ancient Smyrna), two of the seven famous churches of the Book of Revelation; Saturday at Ephesus and Sunday the Greek island of Patmos, where St. John was exiled and wrote Revelation (Apocalypse).

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ON THE GATHERING AREA TABLE are copies of

- Obituary for Fr Frans Van der Lugt who was murdered in Syria
  - Statement by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on Asylum Seekers
  - **A report from 'the Echo' on PNG Catholic Bishops Conference call for Manus Island closure**
  - **Julian Burnside's invitation to write letters to asylum seekers**
  - Information about the Chaplaincy Appeal.
  - Prayer for the Synod on the Family
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CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2014 - THIS WEEKEND Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to assist chaplains to provide hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness, mental health challenges and HIV/AIDS.

More information: 9926 5731 or [www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy](http://www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy)  
Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
  - Those affected by mental illness
  - Men and women in Prisons
  - Young people in youth justice facilities
  - Seafarers
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THE MASS COUNT IS ON AGAIN TODAY

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SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB PARTY NIGHT  
**Over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics: 28-60 years.**  
When: Sat May 24, 8.00pm  
Where: Benedict House, St Benedict's, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood (Melways M61H6)  
Cost: \$13 (includes lucky door prizes & supper)  
Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 (A/H)

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We could do with a few more Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 11.00am Mass. If interested, contact **the parish office or Marlis Dopheide who'll soon be training a group of our Ministers.**

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RETREAT WORKSHOP FOR MARRIED COUPLES  
**"Living in Love"**

Holy Saviour Parish, Vermont May 24-25, 2014

More information: [abro6450@bigpond.net.au](mailto:abro6450@bigpond.net.au) / 9800 0851  
[www.livinginlove.org](http://www.livinginlove.org)



ROSARY -

Monday night at 7.30pm

Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

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IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT ME — BEYOND NARCISSISM

Dear Friends,

We live in a culture which is obsessed with 'image'. From every angle we are told to 'look good' and to shun and hide any acknowledgement of our flaws. 'Self-actualisation' and appearing to have it all 'together' is the supposed ideal.

What is more, our mass media positively delights in humiliating people when it discovers their weaknesses. As it relentlessly 'deconstructs' public person after public person to supposedly reveal the 'truth' — our society becomes every day more of a 'jungle' — where 'survival of the fittest' is the main game to play if you want to get ahead. The virtue of mercy is increasingly despised as weakness or 'cover-up'.

There is a clinical category for all of this behaviour being promoted 'en masse' — the dis-ease of narcissism!

As a theologian once amusingly pointed out — all the people in hell have great 'self-images'! Only people who freely with full knowledge consented to totally contradict their nature and their relationship with God are in hell. Only people who want to be there are there. There are no psychotics there, no immature, unintelligent, or any in any way incapacitated. They are all 'champions', 'gold medal winners' in self-image!

A nearly illiterate Carmelite Saint, an Arab Christian who died in Bethlehem, Marie of Jesus Crucified, said it very well: "There is room in heaven for every vice except pride. There is room in hell for every virtue except humility."

I think that is why so many of us instead are responding to the humble and merciful leadership style of our Pope Francis. What an antidote he is to the culture of narcissism!

Someone I know told a story recently about Francis. They had the opportunity of living in the same house — i.e. Santa Marthae — as the Pope (with 120 others!). Pope Francis would come in everyday for meals in the cafeteria and when he didn't have special guests, would simply come to an empty spot at a table and say, "Is this seat open?" He would then sit down, take off his sash and his skull cap, tuck his napkin in and get to work...

For Pope Francis the church is not a small chapel filled only with pure people but a church that is a big tent, a church of sinners, a church open to all who seek it. It is a community of mercy.

There are no mirrors in heaven — hell is full of them.

Br Mark O'Connor fms. Published: 14/05/2014  
[www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Resources/Reflections](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/Resources/Reflections)

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*Thank you to the generous person who left a great number of excellent books for the library.*

*Trish would appreciate you calling her 9439 4817.*

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SENIORS HEALING MASS AND LUNCHEON

The next healing Mass is on Wed June 4th at 11.30am, followed by a delicious 3 course lunch. Please sign up if you are coming to lunch.

ST PIUS X SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
Keep Sunday 24th August free to attend St Pius X Primary School West Heidelberg's 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Please join us for Mass at 10.30am, followed by a BBQ lunch and gathering. To receive further information or if you have school memorabilia to share please send an email with **Subject: "St Pius X School 60th Anniversary" and your name** and postal address details to: [principal@spheidelbergwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spheidelbergwest.catholic.edu.au) or call 9457-3776. Please also search Facebook for the school.


**'ONE' YOUNG ADULTS**  
**'ONE' is a gathering of young adults from a combined group** of churches, all working together to influence this generation of young adults. ONE meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm to empower young adults to live a life of purpose, on purpose. Come and meet other young adults and engage in a thriving community.  
Where: Lower Plenty Senior Citizens Hall, 86 Main Rd, Lower Plenty  
Contact: Shey Hall 0403 015 613 ([info@ya.com.au](mailto:info@ya.com.au))  
[www.facebook.com/1.YoungAdults](http://www.facebook.com/1.YoungAdults)  
Next meeting: May 28th

*Thank You*  
*...to all those who responded to our request for help with the bread run. We will be contacting you next week.*

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN: ASYLUM SEEKERS HELD ON NAURU OR MANUS ISLAND  
**Julian Burnside's invitation to write letters to asylum seekers** is on the gathering area table. A similar campaign in **the early 2000s was very valuable in helping to keep up the spirits of asylum seekers.**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
The Parish of St Gregory the Great, Doncaster will host a formation afternoon for the accreditation and re-accreditation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick on Sunday 1 June 2014 at 2.15pm. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend.

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
*Book of the month for May:*  
*John Henry Newman* by Austin Cooper.  
A beautiful commentary on an extraordinary and insightful man.




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STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRIESTS OF AUSTRALIA ON ASYLUM SEEKERS  
The National Council of Priests of Australia would like to endorse the statement by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (issued 8 May) and express our concern also about the Australian government's treatment of asylum seekers.  
Some of our members minister to these asylum seekers in detention centres and are very concerned for their welfare. The hard-line policies of the current Australian government towards asylum seekers and refugees is extinguishing the Christian virtue of hope for many of these people: some of whom have risked their lives for a new and better life after experiencing oppression and extraordinary deprivation both of rights and resources.  
Like our Bishops, many of us have seen the faces and heard the stories of these people and cannot hide our shame at the way some are being treated.  
We stand with our Bishops in entreating our nation to relook at the way we are currently treating asylum seekers and ask the Australian government to change its cruel and inhuman policy towards those seeking asylum in Australia.  
We do not believe that concealing their stories or faces, or keeping secret what the Australian government has been doing to deter these asylum seekers is helpful. We ourselves as a church know the danger of secrecy in dealing with those who have been abused or mistreated in any way.  
We call upon the Australian government and all politicians of goodwill to seriously review these policies in order to respect the human dignity of these asylum seekers both in Australia and those transported by the government to other lands.

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
Next Saturday is the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians - Australia's and our Parish's patron. The parish is celebrating at the Mass on Friday 23rd which the school children will attend.

**INSTITUTION OF THE FEAST**  
The feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, was instituted by Pius VII. Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pope Pius VI who died in goal, after which Pope Pius VII was elected. Just a short time later, he too was jailed by Napoleon, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau, 35 miles from Paris. The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. Military reverses forced Napoleon to release the Pope, and on May 24th 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians, be kept on the 24th of May.

**PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA**



The decision to place the Australian Church under the patronage of the Virgin Mary invoked by the title Help of Christians was made in 1844 at the first provincial synod. This decision was confirmed by the Holy See in 1852.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principle Patroness.

Australia also became the first country to have a cathedral dedicated in Our Lady, Mary's name. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry who arrived in Sydney in 1820.

(<http://www.columban.org.au/archives/features/2012/feast-day-24-may-our-lady-mary-help-of-christians>)

| PARISH SCHEDULE  |  |  |
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| <u>Baptisms</u><br>On 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm.<br>6 weeks notice required. Baptism preparation held last Saturday of the month at 10:00am.<br>On the 4th Sunday of each month Baptism candidates are welcomed during Mass. |  |  |
| <u>ST. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses -</u><br>Donations for next week:<br>Tinned Food – soup, fruit, tuna, salmon, meat, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned vegetables etc.   |  |  |
| <u>Altar Society</u><br>May 25                    G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough<br>June 1                    T. Daw, L. Bignell  |  |  |
| <u>Counters</u><br>May 18                    A. & K. Conte<br>May 25                    D. Scannell, N. Walker   |  |  |
| <u>Pilgrim Rosary Statue</u><br>May 18                    Ryan Family<br>May 25                    Zavadil Family  |  |  |
| <u>Caring Group Co-Ordinators</u><br>Jayne Britton            9431 2667<br>Barbara Bibby           9439 8594   |  |  |
| <u>Sunday Morning Tea</u><br>May 18                    9.00am            Trish & John Joss<br>11.00am           Volunteer<br>May 25                    9.00am            Trish & Roger Daw<br>11.00am           Suzie Grounds                  |  |  |

| Diary Dates  |  |
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| <u>All meetings in Gathering Area unless otherwise specified</u>   |  |
| Meditation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5.30pm;<br>Wednesday: 6.30pm - All welcome<br>Stations of the Cross: Friday: 8.45am<br>Adoration: First Friday of the month 7-8pm  |  |
| May 2014<br>Mon May 19            Rosary 7.30pm<br>Thurs May 22           Liturgy Committee 7.30pm<br>Fri May 23            We celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day - 9.15am Mass<br>Mon May 26            Rosary 7.30pm<br>June 2014<br>Wed June 4 <b>Healing Mass and Seniors’ Luncheon</b><br>W/E June 7/8 <b>St Kizito’s Parish collection</b><br>Thurs June 12           St Vincent de Paul 7.45pm<br>Sat June 14            G.S.A. 1st Reconciliation 10.00am |  |
| Feast Days<br>Mon May 26            St Philip Neri   |  |
| PRAYERS PLEASE<br>We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for those who are sick and in need of our care.<br><i>Recent deaths</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fr Frans van der Lugt SJ</li></ul> <i>Sick</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kathleen Nolan</li></ul>  |  |

"WALKING HAND IN HAND WITH GOD"  
Mass of Remembrance for those who have experienced the death of a child.  
This includes the death of a child before or 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 for those children you hold so dear but are no longer with you. The Mass will be at St Francis Xavier Church, 86 Mayona Rd, Montmorency on Friday 23rd May at 7.30 pm.  
We warmly invite you or anyone you know who have lost a child, to join us on this evening. If you require further information do not hesitate to contact St Francis Xavier Parish Office on 9435 2178.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
St Vincent de Paul Society operates over 100 Vinnies Shops throughout Victoria.  
Our shops raise funds for the Society to provide those we assist with recycled clothing, furniture and other essential items. We are welcoming volunteers to help with our good works at Vinnies Briar Hill located at 23 Sherbourne Road, Briar Hill.  
This is a fantastic opportunity to gain personal satisfaction from making a positive contribution to St Vincent de Paul Society and your local community.  
If you can help, please contact: Volunteer Hotline - 1300 736 933 or email [volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au)



| LITURGY ROSTER                   |                  |                  |   |
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|                                  | COMMENTATOR      | LECTOR           | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS                                      |
| May 17/18 - 5th Sunday of Easter |                  |                  |   |
| 6.00pm                           | Lorraine Furtado | Phil Stewart     | Beverley Gillard, David Scannell, Maureen Scannell          |
| 9.00am                           | John Bylsma      | Kathleen Nolan   | John, Natasha & Karen Gaspersz, 2 volunteers                |
| 11.00am                          | Linda Dunell     | Jennie O'Dell    | Marian Goss, Samantha Rawlinson, Colleen Egan, 2 volunteers |
| May 24/25 - 6th Sunday of Easter |                  |                  |   |
| 6.00pm                           | David Scannell   | Vicki Jordan     | Marianne Hadley, Mary Snipe, Paul Crowle                    |
| 9.00am                           | Trish Taylor     | Michelle Donahoo | Maria Scali, Marlis Dopheide, Denice Donellan, 2 volunteers |
| 11.00am                          | Neil Walker      | Clare Zavadil    | Angelo & Kerry Conte, Anne Thompson, 2 volunteers           |