

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 27 Jan 2013: Third 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.

Today's Readings

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 Ezra reads from the book of the Law.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63
Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 One body, many members. 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27
Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18
Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21 Jesus announces the fulfilment of Isaiah.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Jeremiah is given his mission and promised protection.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v. 15
Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Love is patient 1 Cor 13:4-13
Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18
Gospel Lk 4:21-30 No prophet gains acceptance in his own land

Parish Information

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Tues-Fri 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
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OPENING PRAYER

Life-giving Father, we ask that the spirit direct our actions according to your will, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, all powerful God, that, receiving the spirit by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.

WELCOME TO NEW SCHOOL FAMILIES

In 2 weeks, at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday February 10, the Parish community is pleased to welcome the new families beginning at our parish school this year. The welcome will continue after Mass when we gather for a BBQ, so please join us. BBQs will be available, or you may like go bring your own. Please bring your own food and drinks.

PARISH PICNIC

Please keep Sunday March 24 available when we will have our **Parish Picnic** at a local venue.

DISABLED PARKING

We have a number of disabled parishioners who attend Mass with us, Quite often both parking areas are occupied by cars without a disabled permit. So, please do not park there unless you or a passenger is disabled.

A CARING PARISH?

A delightful Dutch woman is looking for a lift to Mass. She lives in Research, just off Reynolds Rd, near Main Rd. Eltham. If you can help out monthly, or more regularly, please tell Fr Kevin or the parish office.

12 HENRY STREET

Parishioners are advised that in December 2012 the Parish lodged with Council a proposal to develop the 12 Henry St site with 3 (three) by 2 bedroom units. Please be aware that although the proposal is with Council the Parish is no way locked into any firm commitment at this point. Any enquiries can be addressed to Peter Rigg, Graeme Price or Fr Kevin.

HOSPITALITY ROSTER VACANCIES

There are vacancies on the hospitality roster for the **9:00am & 11:00am Mass. If you'd like to help out**, contact the parish office or Fr Kevin - preferably by this Wednesday January 30.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

The Ministers' rosters for the first 6 months of this year were emailed or posted at the end of December. **If you haven't got your copy, please inform the parish office this week.** A copy is also posted on our web site.

PERSPECTIVES

On the gathering area table is a "Tablet" article: "Pray for us sinners" by theologian Tina Beattie in which she calls for a restoration of a modern Mary to the heart of the Church.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL APOSTOLATE

Information and registration forms are available from the gathering area table - please collect, fill in and return with the fee in the next few weeks.

OLHC SCHOOL FESTIVAL 24TH FEBRUARY, 2013 (SAME DAY AS ELTHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL)

Are you interested in having a stall to sell your wares? Stalls are \$30 each. For information contact Martine: 0409 384 611 or Gina: 0411 675 303.

SPONSOR A GAZEBO

We are looking for families/local businesses to sponsor a Gazebo for the school festival on February 24th. The school is going to purchase 8 new gazebos to provide shelter at the festival. For \$100 we will advertise and display your business sign or family name on a gazebo. Your business will be proudly advertised for the duration of the festival. If you are interested send your \$100 to the office in an envelope with your business **name and the heading 'Sponsor a Gazebo'** or contact Clare Way 0415941515.

YOUNG MENS' RETREAT

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for young men aged 18-30 at Nazareth House, 16 Cornell Street, Camberwell, from 22-24 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Anthony Walsh, Fr Dom Murphy and Fr Paul Rowse. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$50 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 10 January. Spaces limited. Contact: Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au

CAMPION COLLEGE

See the notice-board for information about retreats and workshop at Campion College, Kew in February, March and April along with details of an open day on Sunday February 17 from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

COMMUNITY CONCERT - KYNETON MECHANICS INSTITUTE MONDAY JANUARY 28. Presented by Friends of the Kyneton Mechanics

Institute: a programme of experienced and young musicians and a brief melodrama by the U3A group. See gathering area table for more details. Our parishioner Michael Kennedy is involved in this.

Information on pilgrimage tours of the Way of St James (El Camino de Santiago) is available on the gathering area table.

MELBOURNE SINGLE CATHOLICS is holding their 4th annual Catholic Speed Dating event for 18-55s. Cost: \$60 - proceeds to the Jesuit Mission in East Timor. Where: Sacred Heart, 116 Cotham Road Kew. When: Saturday February 9th 2013 - 7pm. Bookings essential. www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics / email melbournesinglecatholics@hotmail.com



Congratulations to the Alberico, Bacarella and Vanderpoel families as they prepare for the baptisms of their children: Quinnten, Alice and Jude.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

WE THANK YOU, GOD OF THE UNIVERSE,
FOR THIS LAND,
FOR ITS CONTRASTS OF LANDSCAPE AND CLIMATE,
FOR ITS ABUNDANCE OF WEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY.
WE THANKYOU FOR OUR HISTORY,
WITH ALL ITS STRUGGLE IN ADVERSITY,
ITS COURAGE AND HOPE,
GIVE US IN OUR DIVERSITY
TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER
AND A PASSIONATE COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE FOR ALL.
BLESS US SO THAT WE MIGHT BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.
WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD.
AMEN.

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Service Desk Analyst, Information Systems - East Melbourne
- Housekeeper, St Joseph's Parish Chelsea
- Administration Assistant, St Patrick's Cathedral
- Catechist for Sacramental Programme, St Joseph's Parish Malvern
- Cook - Sisters of Mercy, Fitzroy
- Volunteer Coordinator, Xavier College

Further detail: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

LEARN ABOUT LOYOLA COLLEGE

Information Evening is to be held on Monday 18 February, 2013 in the Companions Hall. Tours of the school commence at 6:30pm, followed by a Presentation at 7:30pm. Applications for Year 7, 2014 close on Friday 1 March. Families with children of all ages are most welcome. For more information please contact Community Liaison - Maureen Lonsdale on 9433 0228

REFLECTION

I was fascinated to read the background to today's first reading from Nehemiah.

For 70 years the Jews were exiled with the Babylonian Captivity. Some small farmers remained in Israel but they were without leaders. The nation revived thanks to the energy provided by the returning exiles under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. Ezra was a priest/scribe who read, translated and **explained the Law to God's people. Nehemiah was a high commissioner, given the task to rebuild the Jerusalem Temple.**

The combined efforts of Ezra and Nehemiah helped to unite the people. Ezra played a decisive role in collecting the Biblical books and putting them together for the first time, and so making the Sacred Bible the basis of their religion. Until then, the books of the bible were only kept in palaces or the Tem-

LIBRARY NEWS

January book of the month

Roland Ashby - *"A Faith to Live By"*.



Roland Ashby has interviewed 25 remarkable people including Richard Rohr, Joan Chittister, Michael Leunig, Rowan Williams. They all tell their understanding of what it is to be Christian.

ple. The people were basically passive worshippers in the Temple. Ezra started a new form of worship through which the communal reading of the Bible would become the basis of the people's religious life, bringing them to a more grounded and responsible faith.

Today's reading of the first public reading of the Law marks a very important date in sacred history. Until then, the Israelites lived their faith through praying and taking part in the Temple ceremonies. Decisions and preaching came to them through **priests and prophets. They didn't feel the need to read a bible**, which at that stage was the Pentateuch, the first five books starting with Genesis and **Exodus. So the bible wasn't within the reach of the people** nor was it the foundation of their faith.

This religious and cultural transition is similar to what happened in our Church in the past 50 years. People were going to Church; they were praying and they were being taught, but the bible was foreign to them. Now the Christian faith can only become strong through the Word of God read and heard in the community. Indeed we are behind time – this renewal should have started 4 centuries ago when Protestantism began.

Fr Kevin



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 Servers

- As no roster is currently available, if you would like to serve mass go to the sacristy

Altar Society

Jan 26/27

B. Morganti, L. Dunell

Feb 2/3

G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough

Counters

Jan 26/27

T. Johnson, J. Joss

Feb 2/3

Kyoong Family, L. Byrnes

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Jan 26/27

Rough Family

Feb 2/3

Rigg Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton

9431 2667

Barbara Bibby

9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

Feb 2/3

9:00am

To be advised

11:00am

To be advised

Diary Dates

All meetings in Gathering Area unless otherwise specified

Meditation each week Wed. 6.30pm - All welcome

Jan 2013

Wed Jan 30

Liturgy Group 7:30pm

Feb 2013

Wed Feb 6

OLHC School Mass 9:15

Sun Feb 10

New school families' BBQ 12:00

Wed Feb 13

Ash Wednesday

Sat Feb 23

School fete 10am-5pm

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Thurs Jan 31

St John Bosco

Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Jan 26/27			
6:00pm	L. Furtado	D. Furtado	C. Baker, Y. Illife, C. Porter, D. Scannell, M. Scannell
9:00am	T. Taylor	M. Donahoo	S. Arneson, P. Shea, G. Scully, H. Scully, R. Decker
11:00am	J. O'Dell	W. Zavadil	M. Gaffney, A. Thompson, I. Ashworth, R. Ashworth, B. Toone
Feb 2/3			
6:00pm	F. Zylstra	K. Nolan	J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, M. Snipe, V. Jordan
9:00am	J. Bylsma	T. Taylor	P. Reardon, M. Dopheide, S. Arneson, T. Goonan, R. Decker
11:00am	P. Reardon	C. Egan	A. Conte, K. Conte, C. Zavadil, K. Reardon, M. Hadley