

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 
PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 24 Nov 2013: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

<div>Parish Vision Statement</div> <div>A loving parish, centred in Christ, that is welcoming, inclusive and connected, and relevant to the needs of our world.</div>	<div>Today's Readings</div> <div>First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3 David is anointed King of Israel. Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2 Second Reading Col 1:12-20 We are reconciled in the blood of the cross. Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10 Gospel Lk 23:35-43 The Crucifixion</div> <div>Next Week's Readings</div> <div>First Reading Is 2:1-5 All nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord. Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1. Second Reading Rom 13:11-14 Live honourably, the day of the Lord is near. Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8 Gospel Mt 24:37-44 The Lord is coming when we least expect.</div>
<div>Parish Information</div> <div>Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham Phone: 9439 9206 Fax: 9431 3755</div> <div>Liturgy Schedule</div> <div>Weekend Masses</div> <div>Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am</div> <div>Communion Service</div> <div>Tues - Fri 9.15am</div> <div>Reconciliation</div> <div>Saturday 9:30am</div> <div>Parish Team</div> <div>Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke Parish Worker - Gina Ang (Tues & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm) Parish Secretary: Angela Vines - (Mon/Wed 9.00am-3.30pm) Vicki Jordan - (Fri 9.00am-3.30pm) email: olhc@alphalink.com.au web site: www.olhc.info</div> <div>School Team</div> <div>School Principal: Chris Ray School Secretary: Liz Cox R.E.C.: Marguerite Jones School: 1-13 Henry Street. Eltham Phone: 9439 7824 email: school@olhceltham.catholic.edu.au Website: olhceltham.catholic.edu.au</div> <div>Diamond Valley Deanery</div> <div>email: drcdvd@optusnet.com.au website: diamondvalleydeanery.org.au</div>	<div>OPENING PRAYER</div> <div>Life-giving and eternal God, whose will is to restore everything in the universe to the Kingdom of your Son; we pray that the whole of creation will offer you never-ending praise and glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen</div> <div>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</div> <div>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</div> <div>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</div> <div>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!</div> <div>PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION</div> <div>Having been strengthened for the journey of life through the Eucharistic food, we ask Lord, that we continue to live according to Your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen</div>
	<div>GLORIA</div> <div>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.</div> <div>APOSTLES CREED</div> <div>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.</div>

Parishioners are invited to a **'Thank You' Parish Supper** on next Wednesday 4 December at the presbytery at 7.30pm.

FOR YOUR DIARY - BIG NEWS!
Next year's Parish Picnic will be on Sunday March 16 at Westerfolds Park.

ADVENT HEALING MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
The Healing Mass is on Wednesday week - Dec 4 at 11:30am followed by a delicious three course Christmas luncheon prepared by our Caring Group. If you are staying for the meal, please sign up today on the form on the gathering area table.

Are you able to help?
We need people to help with preparation, serving, washing up, etc. for the Christmas Luncheon on 4 December. If you can spare one hour between 12.00noon and 3.30pm please contact Jayne (9431 2667) or Barbara (9439 8594).
Also - **if you are able to donate 50 'treats'** - biscuits, rum balls, apricot balls, etc.) for gift bags it would be most appreciated.

FR KEVIN ON RETREAT
Fr Kevin will be on retreat at Queenscliff from this Sunday evening 24 November to Friday afternoon 29 November.

Readers are asked to collect their copy of 'Break Open the Word' from the gathering area table. They are in alphabetical order by surname.

HANDY PERSON REQUIRED!
One chair is in need of T.L.C. See Fr Kevin if you can restore the sunken seat of one of a set of chairs in the presbytery. (Bottom retaining plate (wood) has come away).

ST VINNIES PIETY STALL
Columban Calendars (\$9 ea) and Christmas Cards (\$3 for a pkt of 5 and \$5 for a pkt of 8) are now available in the St Vinnies Piety Stall.

CHRISTMAS MARIAN - FINAL NOTICE
Articles are requested for the Christmas Marian. Please have items in by Nov 30 to the Parish secretaries either at the presbytery or by email: olhc@alphalink.com.au

2014 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
The Parish will be running a Stewardship Program in late February and early March next year.

The Program is a comprehensive parish renewal. It is an opportunity for individual parishioners to reflect on their faith and the concept of Christian Stewardship.

The Program will take them on a journey over three main **"themed" weekends where they will be encouraged to** reflect, pray and recommit to their faith and to the parish community - by making a personal commitment to come together to celebrate the Eucharist, to be involved in parish life by joining a parish group or ministry and by making a financial pledge of support for the parish and its priest.

In preparation for the program a "census" will be taken during Mass over the next two weekends (Sat 30 Nov/Sun 1 Dec & Sat 7/Sun 8) and your co-operation and participation would be greatly appreciated.

PRENATAL TESTING
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared a booklet on Prenatal Testing. Copies are on the gathering area table.

You may like to consider Christian Meditation as part of your Advent preparation.
On next Saturday
(Sat 30 November, 1.00pm - 4.00pm)
the Victorian team for World Wide Christian Meditation is conducting an introduction afternoon at
St Margaret's Hall in Pitt St Eltham.

German Theologian Karl Rahner said that the interior journey unfolds treasures beyond our imaginings.

Further information is on the board in the Gathering Area and leaflets are on the table.

2013 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION
In July 2013, the `Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference implored us to put the human dignity of asylum seekers ahead of the national interest. Have we instead, replaced love of neighbour with fear of **"the other"?**
Mr Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, founder and CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre will deliver the Oration.
When: Thursday 28th November 2013. Light refreshments from 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 St East Melbourne.
RSVP / Inquires 99265727 / justice@cam.org.au

LOYOLA COLLEGE MOVIE NIGHT
Loyola College is holding a Movie Night Fundraiser for a Jesuit school in East Timor on Friday 29 November. **The film is 'Les Intouchables' and will be screened in the Theatre of the Companions Hall** from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. The Cost is \$20 per head. Drinks and pizza available (to purchase) from 5pm.
Contact: Justine robsongarthj@loyola.vic.edu.au

CATHOLIC MEN
A new online community is available for Catholic men at www.beingcatholic.com.au/men_invite
If you want to grow as a man and connect with other committed Catholic men please visit the website.

LOVE OR FEAR?
In July 2013, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference implored us to put the human dignity of asylum seekers ahead of the national interest. Have we instead, replaced love of neighbour with fear of **"the other"?** **Our guest speaker will be** Mr Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, Founder and CEO, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Light Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the oration will begin from 7:30pm.
When: Thursday 28 November, 7pm
Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne
RSVP: Friday 22 November (for catering purposes)
Contact: 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au

HOLY SOULS MASSES
WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING LOVED ONES
Saturday November 23
6.00pm: Friends and family of Rosemary Yonkheere
Sunday November 24
9.00am: James McInness, Shea and Munro families
11.00am: James Gaffney
Sunday December 1
9.00am: Jean and Jack Leahy, Josephine and Kevin Landry
11.00am: **Alderson and O'Connor families**

OFFER YOUR VOICE: POPE CALLS FOR VIEWS OF MELBOURNE CATHOLICS ON THE FAMILY

Pope Francis has invited parishioners from every diocese in the world, including the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on the many challenges facing the family today. The questionnaire covers questions on: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life. Answers will be collated at a diocesan, national and international level and presented to the Bishops at the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops set for October 2014 and themed: *Pastoral Challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation. The Life,*

Marriage & Family Office at the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will be collating responses for Melbourne. Responses to the questionnaire must be received by Friday 6 December. To participate visit: www.cam.org.au/synod or speak to Fr Kevin.

More info: 9287 5576 or Matthew.MacDonald@cam.org.au

THANK YOU

CatholicCare thanks parishioners for contributing \$683 to their recent appeal. Your generosity supports their vital work on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Geelong, fulfilling the mission of service to the community. CatholicCare provides programs and services that help families and individuals in the development of strong and healthy relationships, and encourages a sense of connectedness within their communities.

The Yarra Theological Union is now taking appointments for 2014 enrolments. For more information phone 9890 3771.

MALAWI GROUP NEWS - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Only 31 sleeps to go!!!!!! We seem to have lost a week somewhere this month and missed the all important 'Advance' notice for this GRANDE Christmas Raffle that has at least been listed in the Diary Dates for the last couple of weeks.

Apologies to all. Tickets will be on sale this weekend and next weekend only for this monster raffle with 5 huge draws.

With these 5 great prizes to be drawn, the tickets will be selling at 2 for \$5 as they were last year. Good luck to everyone with many thanks on behalf of Father Frank and our sister parishioners.

OLD's – OLHC SCHOOL DADS GATHERING

7.00pm on Monday 25th Nov at the Eltham Hotel

"OLD's" is an acronym for "Our Lady's Dads" Have you been along to our informal event yet? Meet the Dads of your children's pals.

It's a very enjoyable evening and we organize a couple of events every year for the school children. The next get together is at 7.00pm on Monday 29th April at the Eltham Hotel .

Drinks are available at bar prices. It's a great opportunity to get to know the dads of your classmates and share stories.

We'd like a few more Dads from Grade 4. If you haven't been before, come along as we have to plan the last OLD's event of the year

More info: Niall Kennedy 9805 8060 nkennedy@preftrain.com
See you there. Niall Kennedy (Dad of Saoirse Kennedy, Prep)

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK SAT NOV 30 - ST ANDREW APOSTLE

St Andrew, the Apostle, was born in Bethsaida of Galilee, a brother of Simon Peter, both fishermen. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led himself and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus.

LIBRARY NEWS

Item of the month for November

Richard Rohr's CD:

The Footsteps of Francis (awakening to creation)



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ADVENT - EVENTS - CALENDAR

Advent starts next Sunday, December 1. Our Advent calendar of events is now available on our web site and there are some copies on the gathering area table. Please mark the dates in your calendar. Key events:

Meditation:

Seminar at St Margaret's Sat Nov 30, 1.00 - 4.00pm

Wednesdays at OLHC at 6.30pm

Rosary:

Mondays at 7.30pm commencing Dec 2

Gospel Reflections and discussion:

Tuesdays 9.45am commencing Nov 26

Forgiveness Liturgy:

Wednesday Dec 18, 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday Dec 6, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

HEALING MASS - FAWKNER

Special Healing Mass in honour of Our Lady for the Sick at the Grotto, 7th Dec (Sat) 9:30am

St. Mark's Parish, 9 Lee St. Fawkner 3060

SPECIAL REQUEST

At this week's Liturgy meeting we discussed the attitude that

we bring as we come together as a Christian Community to celebrate the Eucharist. While no-one has the right to judge another person on any particular occasion, it is a fact that generally one-third of people arrive after Mass has started.

If you find that you are regularly late for Mass, perhaps you could plan to set out five minutes earlier.

There are two major parts of the celebration of Mass – the Word and the Eucharist. Both are crucially important. The Lord is equally present in His Word and in His Body and Blood.

Out of respect for the sacredness of God's Word and out of respect for our fellow worshippers, we suggest that if you find yourself arriving at Mass when the Scripture readings are being proclaimed, that you wait at the back of the church until the reading is finished and then take your seat.

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There is a collection this weekend for our parish's St Vincent de Paul Society. Envelopes are available for tax deductible

BAPTISM WELCOME



This weekend we welcome the Herrett, Perri, Hendy and Curran families as they present their children to the parish in preparation for baptism.

Welcome

Tahya Herrett

Jake Herrett

Jax Perri

Isabella Hendry

Hayley Curran

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

November 2013
W/E 23/24 Nov Malawi Christmas raffle tickets on sale
Collection - St Vincent de Paul
Tues Nov 26 Reflections on Advent Gospels, 9.45am

December 2013 (week 1)
W/E Nov 20/Dec 1 Malawi Christmas raffle tickets on sale
Mon Dec 2 Rosary 7.30pm
Tues Dec 3 Parish Board, 7.30pm
Malawi breakup (Greensborough North)
Wed Dec 4 **Healing Mass & Senior's luncheon, 11.30am**
Parish 'thank you' supper, 7.30pm
Fri Dec 6 Adoration 7-8pm
W/E Dec 7/8 Collection Melbourne Overseas Mission

Feast Days this Week
Sat Nov 30 St Andrew, Apostle

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
November 23/24 B. Morgan, L. Dunell
Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough


Counters
November 24 I. Ashworth, C. & T. Taylor
December 1 D. Schulz, C. Leahy

Pilgrim Rosary Statue
November 24 Scannell Family
December 1 Donahoo Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators
Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea
November 24 9.00am M. Dopheide
11.00am S. Grounds
December 1 9.00am M. Snipe
11.00am J. Medeira

PRAYERS PLEASE



We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for those


Recently deceased

- Doris Turner

Sick and in need of care

- Graeme Ryan
- Samantha Rawlinson
- Dennis Rawlinson

REFLECTION



This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture **one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship**. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges

both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith **and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection**, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last **words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.'** These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
November 24 - Christ the King			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	M. Snipe	J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz
9.00am	T. Taylor	M. Armstrong	M. Dopheide, H. Scully, M. Scali, 2 volunteers
11.00am	L. Dunell	W. Zavadil	J. McGinty, M. McGinty, J. Spataro, 2 volunteers
December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent			
6.00pm	volunteer	L. Furtado	C. Baker, Y. Iliffe, B. Gillard
9.00am	A. Stevens	M. Snipe	M. Scali, M. Dopheide, D. Donellan, 2 volunteers
11.00am	B. Walker	P. Reardon	K. Reardon, L. Dunell, M. Goss, 2 volunteers