

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

## PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 1 Feb 2015: fourth Sunday of ordinary time—Year B

### 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 Dt 18:15-20 The Lord will raise up a prophet like Moses.  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9  
Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35 Devote yourself to the Lord.  
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16  
Gospel Mk 1:21-28 Jesus commands an unclean spirit.

### Next Week's Readings

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7 Life is a drudgery.  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3  
Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23 Paul is compelled to preach the Gospel.  
Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17  
Gospel Mk 1:29-39 Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.

### 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

Tues- Fri 9.15am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

### Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke  
Parish Worker - Gina Ang  
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm)  
Parish Secretary:  
Angela Vines - (Mon & Wed  
9.00am-3.30pm)  
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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,



RESPONSORIAL  
PSALM  
If today, you hear  
his voice,  
harden not your  
hearts.

GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
A people in dark-  
ness have seen a  
great light:  
a radiant dawn  
shines on those  
lost in death.  
Alleluia

### Evangelii Gaudium

"We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others.  
Let us listen to what God's word teaches us about mercy, and allow that word to resound in the life of the Church."



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.

### Anniversaries

- Charles Burda

#### Aussie CAMINO

Beginning Monday September 21st., some parishioners are doing the Mary McKillop walk from Portland Vic. to Penola SA. **It's on a seven day walk so we get home on Tuesday Sept 29th - this is the first week of the school holidays and we don't miss the grand-final which is Oct 3rd.** We are fortunate to have Luke Mills with us who is the pioneering founder. See Fr Kevin for who is walking, if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity.

#### TIME FOR AN UPDATE

We are going to take down all the notices and posters that have accumulated on the noticeboard in the gathering area **and start out afresh. Some will be "pensioned off", some may be put back.** We would ask leaders of the relevant groups to check their notices and consider replacing them with something more recent.

#### BIKE AVAILABLE

It is old but still OK, comes with helmet and pump. A small donation to the parish would get the deal done for any needy person - please see Fr Kevin.

CHURINGA PRAYER GROUP has begun meeting on Thursdays in the gathering area of our church from 8pm to 9.30 pm - there is an 8 pm Mass on the third Thursday of each month. On these nights they begin with songs of praise at 7.30 pm. The main purpose of the group is to encourage people to grow in their relationship with God. Everyone is welcome to attend. They have a four week bible study course beginning on **Thursday 8 pm on February 26th. It is called "A Journey to Freedom"** - see noticeboard, also flyers on table.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS has written to thank parishioners for donating \$816.00 to their December Annual Collection.

#### 300 WAYS TO HELP OUR HOMELESS WOMEN

In 2014, Bethlehem Community celebrated its 30th anniversary. To celebrate this milestone and extend our services, we're inviting you to become a member of BETHLEHEM 300. By joining BETHLEHEM 300, you will help the women of Bethlehem rebuild their skills, confidence and dignity.

Your membership will provide funding to facilitate positive change that being part of our community brings. As a BETHLEHEM 300 member, you will receive regular updates, invitations to Bethlehem Community events and your name (or business logo) added to our permanent 'Bethlehem 300 wall' located in the entrance to our Reservoir community.

100% of all membership contributions will be used to implement our new housing program as well as recreational activities. With only 300 places available, we invite you, to join BETHLEHEM 300. Membership is only \$25 per month (or \$300 per year). All donations are tax deductible. Additional information can be found on our website .

The Archbishop has appointed Share Healy as Director of Media & Communications for the Melbourne Archdioceses. Many will recognise him as sports commentator with 3AW as well as being CEO for 6PR in Perth and 3AW.

#### 2015 OZANAM LECTURE - Sunday 15 February ,2pm Australian Catholic University, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

You are invited to attend the Ozanam Lecture titled 'How do Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Pope Francis influence what Vincentians do?' The lecture will be delivered by Bishop Eugene



Adoration Friday February 6, 7-8pm.

Hurley, Bishop of Darwin. The Respondent will be Tony McCosker, Chief Executive Officer of St Mary's House of Welcome. The Ozanam Lecture is held annually in honour of the St Vincent de Paul Society's founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853). Light refreshments will be served.

**RSVP:** Monday 9 February to [rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:rsvp@svdp-vic.org.au) or phone 9895 5935

#### MASS FOR SOLO CATHOLICS

**Sunday 22 February, 10.30am**

**St Cecilia's Church, 37 Hillside Parade, Glen Iris**

Solo Catholics, a social group which has been going for 45 years, welcomes anyone interested who is in the age range of 45 to 70. Join us for Mass which will be celebrated by Fr Gerard Dowling. The Solo Catholics Annual General Meeting will follow Mass at 11.30am. New members are welcome to attend. Following the AGM will be lunch at Caulfield Racecourse at 1 Station St, Caulfield at 1pm.

#### RYDER CHESHIRE FILM DAY

**Saturday 28 February, 4pm**

**Palace Cinemas, 233 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn**

The Ryder—Cheshire Foundation of Victoria invites you to a film afternoon to support their work in East Timor and India. We all enjoyed *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and now we are pleased to screen the sequel – *The SECOND BEST Exotic Marigold Hotel*. The old cast will be joined by Richard Gere for another side splitting story that leaves us all walking out of the cinema with smiles on our faces. **Cost:** \$25 (all inclusive) **Contact:** Marg McConnell on 9939 7501 or at [marg.peter@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marg.peter@optusnet.com.au), **More info:** [www.ryder-cheshire.org](http://www.ryder-cheshire.org)

#### SHORT COURSE IN JESUS' PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION

**Wednesdays 25 February, 4 March, 11 March and 18 March , 6.30pm-8pm. Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy**

A Short Course offered by the Australian Catholic University. It is an opportunity to explore the most important topics of Christian faith during the season of Lent with theologians from ACU, including Rev. Prof. Anthony Kelly CSsR and Rev. Prof. Francis Moloney SDB. The Course will follow the events of the Triuum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), as they are stated in the Apostles' Creed.

Refreshments provided from 6pm.

Registration is essential and closes Friday 20 February.

**Register:** <http://www.acu.edu.au/686192>

**Contact:** Dr. Joel Hodge at [joel.hodge@acu.edu.au](mailto:joel.hodge@acu.edu.au).

Staff and Grade 1-6 children from OLHC School are celebrating the beginning of the school year with the 9.15 am Mass this coming Wednesday.

Next Sunday, Feb 8th, the 11am Mass will be a Welcome Mass for the 25 prep families and the other new school families, followed by a BBQ near the church entrance - sausages, bread, paper plates and cordial will be provided. Please bring other drinks.

Marcellin College 1915-2015 65th Anniversary Luncheon - Tuesday, March 31st at 12.30 at Marcellin. See noticeboard.

Parents with children of all ages are invited to attend the Loyola College Primary Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 17 February. Tours will be held from 6.30pm to 7.20pm with a Presentation following from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Companions Hall. There is ample parking in Bungay Street as well as off Grimshaw Street. Applications for Year 7 2016 close 28 February this year. Celebrating 35 years of Engaging Education

The 'Call of Guadalupe musical which has been going for 10 years (friends of cog inc. is the official name) theatre group is preparing to produce a new musical, 'Amazing Augustine', about the life of the great Saint Augustine in September. It has been written by talented local Melbourne composers and will be shown for the first time this year. Our musicals have brought people closer to God and have been endorsed by Bishop Peter Elliot of Melbourne and Archbishop Christopher Prowse of Canberra and other Bishops. If you have any further questions or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [geraldine343@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine343@gmail.com) or [0413 398 528](tel:0413398528).

You are invited to an exciting and enjoyable **Valentines Dinner** with 'get to know you' activities like speed dating (optional). Have a good time with DJ, delicious food & prizes. SINGLES theme Christian dating. 14 Feb -venue in Burwood. <http://www.trybooking.com/GUDH> or [geraldine343@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine343@gmail.com)

The Loyola Ex Students Association invites all local families to their 2<sup>nd</sup> **Classic Car Show and BBQ** to be held on Friday 13 February from 6pm in the grounds of Loyola College. See noticeboard for details.

**GSA** - Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available on the table of The Gathering Area. We prepare children in the Government School Grades 4-6 for their sacraments.

#### Volunteer Needed

We are looking for catechist for our GSA ( Government School Apostolate). No experience required as we are happy to train you. If you are interested to volunteer an hour for 8-10 Sundays during the 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 2015 For further information, please contact Gina Ang at [Gina.Ang@cam.org.au](mailto:Gina.Ang@cam.org.au) or 9439 9206 (Tue-Thu, 9am-3.30pm) or Fr Kevin Burke at 9439 9206.

**Youth Deanery Mass** on Sunday 8th February, 10:00am Mass to be hosted by St. Damian's Parish Bundoora. It will be followed by simple refreshment at Dunloop Room - all invited.

#### Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Monrning

Experienced leaders reflect on aspects of the theme "The Spirituality of Our Lives". On Saturday 21 February , 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Led by Elizabeth Costigan rsc. At Currajeen 811 Bridge Inn Road, Doreen (See Melways Map 391) Entry by donation – suggestion \$10-15 For further information contact Margaret Costigan by email [macrsc@netspace.net.au](mailto:macrsc@netspace.net.au) or mobile 0425 878 236. See registration forms on table in gathering area.

Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country atmosphere of Yea. **St Pat's Race Club Yea** is holding its annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea Racecourse on Sunday 22 February. Bookings for dinner in the Clubhouse can be made on the website [www.countryracing.com.au/st-pats-yea-cup](http://www.countryracing.com.au/st-pats-yea-cup). See noticeboard for more details

LIBRARY NEWS - Book of the Month  
for February - **Richard Rohr's Simplicity**



#### GIVING A VOICE TO FAMILIES: 2015 SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Following the recent Synod on the family, Pope Francis and the Bishops' Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local Church. The survey can be found at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015).

A simple guide with the questions is available from the Life, Marriage and Family Office website at:

[www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)

The on-line survey will be open until midnight on **Tuesday 10 February 2015**. While using the on-line survey is preferred, hard copy responses can be submitted up to **Friday 6 February 2015**. With only one week to go please be sure to get your responses in before the deadline.

**Contact:** the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5579

The **Parade College major Open Day** is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, see noticeboard for details

#### YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENTS AT MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Applications for Year 7 2016 and beyond are now being accepted. Please note it is the responsibility of each family to submit an application form, including families who currently have sons enrolled at Marcellin. Applications will not be submitted by the primary school. **The closing date for Year 7 2016 applications is Friday 27 February 2015.**

A Parent Information Evening for Year 7 in 2016 will be held on Tuesday 17 February at 7.00pm Please contact the College Registrar on 9851 1589 to obtain an Enrolment Application Form or visit [www.marcellin.vic.edu.au](http://www.marcellin.vic.edu.au).

If anybody has any **empty egg cartons** that they would be happy to part with? Please leave them at the school office.

#### Perspectives

An interesting article is on the gathering area table: "Why the Nordic gods have plenty of wisdom to impart". It describes an alternative to our adversarial political system which results in positive policies.

#### Gospel Commentary

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28) describes the first public act of Jesus in Mark's Gospel: his teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, in the course of which he dramatically frees a man possessed by an evil spirit.

Mark's Gospel frequently presents Jesus as a teacher – though, curiously, does not tell us much about the actual content of his instruction. The evangelist simply wants to present Jesus as one who taught with great authority. We note how, at both the beginning and the end of this episode, the people in the synagogue are struck by the authority with which Jesus teaches – in contrast to that of the other religious authorities (the scribes). Indeed, what is really surprising is that they seem just as impressed by the authority with which he teaches as by the authority with which he drives out demons, an example of which has just taken place before their eyes.

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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, pasta, pasta sauce, tins of vegetables and soups, tea and coffee.

### Altar Society

February 7/8 K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe  
February 14/15 B. Morganti, L. Dunell

### Counters

February 1 D. Schulz, C. Leahy  
February 8 P. Riley, G. Northrop

### Pilgrim Rosary Statue

February 1 Ryan Family  
February 8 Zavadil Family

### Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667  
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

### Sunday Morning Tea

February 1	9.00am	S & P Crowle
	11.00am	M Gonella
February 8	9.00am	T & C Taylor
	11.00am	S Grounds

## **Diary Dates**

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

### February 2015

Tues 3rd Malawi at 7.30 pm  
Wed 4th Feb - RCIA at 8 pm  
Thurs 5th Feb - Liturgy at 7.30 pm  
Fri 6th - Adoration 7-8 pm  
Sun 8th - Prep welcome Mass 11 am & BBQ  
Sun 15th - RCIA welcome 9 am Mass  
Wed 18th Ash Wednesday  
Sun 22nd - 1st Sun of Lent,  
OLHC school fair  
RCIA Right of Election, St Pats 2.30 pm

### FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday 2nd - Presentation of the Lord  
Thursday 5th - St Agatha  
Friday 6th - St Paul Miki & Companions

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In fact, the episode suggests that there is a very close link in Mark's view between the liberation involved in genuine teaching and the liberation involved in expelling demons – a thought that might produce a wry smile in those who labour in the classroom to-day. For Jesus to be ignorant or wrong about God is just as much a captivity as the various other captivities that the ancient worldview attributed to demonic possession – many of which we would now attribute to pathological psychological conditions. Although St Mark doesn't inform us about the content of Jesus' teaching on this particular occasion, we can be pretty certain that it bore upon the true nature of the God, whom Jesus addressed with intimate knowledge as 'Father' and whose saving designs for the world were summed up in the phrase 'the Kingdom (or 'Rule') of God'. Jesus' message and the authority with which he proclaimed it were new with the 'newness' of creation. What he said communicated a sense of a fresh start at life, beginning with renewed relationship with God, freely offered in unconditional love.

The dramatic liberation of the demon-possessed man before their eyes was not, then, something parallel and unconnected with Jesus' teaching. It simply enacted, albeit more physically, a liberation that was going on within all of them as they listened to Jesus and drank in his words. 'Captivities' of prejudice, fears, scruples, guilts, ignorance about God, were dragged out of themselves. Far beyond overt cases of possession, the demonic can refer to any condition that controls human lives, inhibiting freedom and choice, stunting personal growth, alienating persons from God and their own true humanity, rendering relationships with others poisonous or destructive. Addictions of all kinds come to mind, their destructiveness symbolised in the 'convulsions' inflicted on the man in this scene by the demon as it left him. Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider all the ways in which their own lives need to be set free through the teaching and the power of Jesus.

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### LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
January 31/February 1 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	Volunteer needed	V. Jordan	J. Stuyfbergen, M. Hadley, M. Snipe
9.00am	T. Taylor	M. Dopheide	D. Donellan, P. Rigg, R. Decker, 2 volunteers
11.00am	M. Jones	C. Zavadil	G. Northrop, S. Northrop, M. Goss, 2 volunteers
February 7/8 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	L. Furtado	K. Nolan	D. Scannell, M. Scannell, S. Casey
9.00am	A. Stevens	J. Stevens	S. Arneson, S. Fitzgerald, T. Scott, 2 volunteers
11.00am	J. O'Dell	M. Stella	M. Jones, K. Conte, A. Conte, 2 volunteers