

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



## PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 4th September, 2016: - Twenty-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.*

### Parish Information

Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham  
House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham  
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### Liturgy Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am

#### Weekday Services

- Tues, Thurs & Fri 9.15am  
- Wed - Healing Mass 11.30am

### Parish Team

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

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### Diamond Valley Deanery

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### Today's Readings

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18  
Who will know the will of God?  
Responsorial Psalm:  
Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R.v.1  
Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Paul sends Onesimus, formerly a slave,  
back to Philemon as a brother.  
Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135  
Gospel Lk 14:25-33  
Disciples must renounce all possessions.

### Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14  
Moses intercedes for Israel and diverts  
the wrath of God.  
Responsorial Psalm:  
Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R.Lk 15:18  
Second Reading: 1Tm 1:12-17  
The mercy Paul has received is a sign for  
all.  
Gospel Acclamation: 5 Cor 5:19  
Gospel: Lk 15:1-32  
Parable of the prodigal son.  
Lk 15:1-10

### 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

In every age, O Lord, you  
have been our refuge.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
And teach me your laws.  
*Alleluia!*



We pray for those who  
are sick  
and in need of care

Rosemary Yonkheere  
Celia Gerreyn  
Florina Azarcon  
Elaine Tynan  
Brian Skelly  
Irene Fry  
Maria Maurer  
Ivan Alfred  
Lyn Baker

## **Collection this weekend**

*We have a collection this weekend for the 88 retired priests who are supported by the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Seven Melbourne priests retired in the past year and there will be an average of six retirements each year for the next six years. Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the parish so they are not eligible for superannuation. Like others in the workplace, priests provide for their retirement by contributing 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation.*

*Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes and pencils are available on the gifts table and the gathering area table.*

## **Happy Father's Day to all Fathers**

*Help yourself to a copy of "Thinking about Fatherhood, Father facts & Reflections & Things We Do with Dad"- All in one on the table in the gathering area.*

## **Healing Day Mass at 11.30am followed by Caring Group Luncheon on Wed, 7th Sept**

*We invite you to join us for our Healing Day Mass at 11.30am followed by our wonderful and tasty lunch at the parish hall, come and make some new friends, bring a friend along or be a friend to someone - all are welcome! Sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.*

## **Catechumenate Program**

*We plan to start the Catechumenate program in the next month: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Marlis, Gina or Fr. Kevin.*

## **Year of Mercy - Sep 3-4 Lk 14:25-33**

**'Disciples must renounce all possessions.'**

*Being a disciple of Jesus involves choices. In Hebrew, 'to hate' is the opposite of 'to prefer'. How are we showing mercy to the poor, to our planet, to all of God's creation if we simply accumulate possessions? This week, in the spirit of mercy, give thanks that we live in Australia and give something a little bit extra to someone who needs it. Even a kind word is an act of mercy.*

## **Hot Off the Press:**

*To help us follow up on his homily, Fr. Kevin has prepared some notes about the first reading - the "Book of Wisdom" and as well a six page article on the six books that make up the Wisdom literature.*

## **St Vincent de Paul's News**

*John Fanning has just taken over from Peter Rigg as President of our parish group. John and Terry are relatively newcomers to our parish so we thank him for taking on this responsibility. Many thanks too, to Peter who has provided dedicated and positive leadership for five years or more!*

## **Mother Teresa Canonization**

*Pope Francis is canonizing Mother Teresa this weekend - watch it live on the Melbourne Catholic website. [Www.melbournecatholic.org.au](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au). **You can view Pope Francis live from 6pm, Sunday, 4th September.** Click on the large image of Mother Teresa top left on the home page stories.*

## **Parables of Mercy**

*From Wednesday, Sept 21st to Wednesday, Sept 28th the parish will be hosting a special exhibition on the subject of mercy. Through the paintings and photographs presented, we are given a visual meditation on some of the parables Jesus used to portray God's mercy. Two of the images are not parables - the Washing of the Feet and Pope Francis: a Prophet of Mercy. These are provided to deepen our reflection on mercy in action.*

*You are invited to take some time to pray with these images, alone or in a group, and allow them to speak to your own experience of the mercy of God.*

## **Marian - August Issue**

*The August issue of the Marian is available on table in gathering area. Thank you to our editor, John Stuyfbergen, for his expertise producing our parish magazine.*



## **Malawi Group**

*A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Father's Day Raffle. I am pleased to report \$539 was banked inclusive of \$167 in donations.*

*Results: 1<sup>st</sup> prize Trish Goonan 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Gillard 3<sup>rd</sup> M Nolan.*

*Please keep Fr Frank and our sister parish community in your prayers.*

## **Caritas Australia - Earthquake In Italy**

*"We are gathered in prayer with those caught in this tragic event" said the Italian Bishops in a statement, inviting all to help alleviate the difficult conditions people in the affected areas will face in the coming days, weeks & months. Local Caritas networks have launched an emergency response to the people of Italy's devastation. Donations can be sent to Caritas Italiana, Via Aurelia 796, 00165 Roma using the current account no. 347013 or by bank transfer to Banca Popolare Etica, Via Parigi 17, Roma. Iban IT 29U 05018 03200 000000011113. Please specify "Colletta terremoto centro Italia."*

*Other ways:- online at [www.caritas.it](http://www.caritas.it). For more informaiton, please contact [comunicazione@caritas.it](mailto:comunicazione@caritas.it).*

## **A Conversation Together About Spirituality**

**Thursday, 8th September following 10am Mass (10.45-11.30am)**

**Our Lady of the Way Parish, 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury**  
*The morning will be led by Pat Hearity who has an educational and theological background, is a qualified Spiritual Director, a giver of Ignation Spiritual Exercises, a member of Campion Outreach team and is a Supervisor having been formed in both the Arrupe Program at Campion Kew and Siloam at Heart of Life, Melbourne. She gives retreats, reflection days of prayer and leads prayer and meditation groups. All welcome. Contact [pathearity@gmail.com](mailto:pathearity@gmail.com) or phone 0409958365.*

## ***The Challenge of Dementia***

**Wednesday, 14th September - 9.30am to 4.30pm**

**Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melb.**

Caroline Chisholm's Centre for Health Ethics is presenting a conference with Ita Buttrose who is a great speaker - more information on noticeboard and registrations forms are on the table in the gathering area.

## ***Prison Fellowship Australia***

Prison Fellowship is holding a week of prayer during September 11th to 18th.

More information on noticeboard and on table.

## ***Homosexuality: Responding to Friends & Family with Same Sex Attraction.***

**Sunday 11 September, 2.30pm–5.30pm**

**Cardinal Knox Centre lecture theatre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter via Lansdowne Street car park)**

In today's current climate, knowing how to respond to those experiencing same-sex attraction can be confusing. As Catholics we are called to respond in a way that is both loving and truthful. This event will explore how we can respond to those in our lives facing same-sex attraction. The film *Desire of the everlasting hills* will be screened, followed by a panel discussion with personal testimonies from people who have experienced same-sex attraction and found peace in Christ's teaching on love and sexuality. International guest, Fr Philip Bochanski, the Associate Director of Courage International (a Catholic ministry to people with same-sex attraction) will also feature on the panel. Cost: Donation. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/MMRF](http://www.trybooking.com/MMRF) Details: Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) *More details on noticeboard*

## ***Catholic Identity & Lay Ecclesial Ministers Forming Ministers for Mission***

**Tuesday 13 September, 9.30am–3.30pm**

**Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville**

In today's pluralist environment, how do we confidently speak of and make accessible the richness and diversity of our Catholic tradition? This session invites participants to draw on their professional/personal experiences and discuss what 'Catholic identity' means in today's context, and the implications for our missionary call to serve others. This reflection day is offered as professional development for lay people ministering in parishes, the healthcare sector and/or other similar fields. Session facilitator: Dr Susan Timoney (USA). Cost: \$25 (morning tea and lunch) Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/MPI1> Details: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5765 or [evangelisation@xcam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@xcam.org.au)

*More details on noticeboard*

## ***Chasing Asylum: Screening Event***

**Wednesday 14 September, 7pm,**

**Rivoli Cinema, 200 Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East**

Xavier Social Justice Network together with Our Lady of Good Counsel and All Hallows Parish Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group invite you to a viewing of *Chasing Asylum*, a film by Eva Orner.

Cost: \$20

Bookings: [https://www.tugg.com/events/139\\_155](https://www.tugg.com/events/139_155) Details: Bronwen Kellett at [Bronwen.Kellett@xavier.vic.edu.au](mailto:Bronwen.Kellett@xavier.vic.edu.au) or Helen Darrer at [hdarrer61@gamil.com](mailto:hdarrer61@gamil.com)

## ***Position Vacant***

We are looking for someone to take on the responsibility of preparing a CD of music for Mass each weekend as well as electronically entering music that the various groups use.

It takes about 1 1/2 hour each week - volunteers welcome but the parish can pay. See Fr. Kevin or one of the parish secretaries.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### ***Book of the Month for September***



This small book by Richard Flanagan, following his excursion [of sorts] into the tragedy of Syrians in refugee camps, is a gem that took me no more than 30 minutes to read in one sitting.

I expect it to take many more hours to think about. We may soon have Syrian neighbours in our midst, it may be worthwhile to find out why they fled. These short personal stories will put you in their shoes. Please keep this book for a short time and return to shelf for others.

"Refugees are not like you and me, They are you and me. This terrible river of the wretched and the damned, flowing through Europe is my family" Richard Flanagan 2016

### ***Youth Only Retreat***

**Saturday, 17th to Sunday 18th September from 10am to 6pm**

**Salesian College, Bosco Campus, Bosco St, Chadstone**

Divine Australia is a Charismatic Catholic ministry based in Melbourne.

Divine Australia Youth Ministry is having a two day power packed youth

**ONLY** retreat. We cordially invite **all youth from the parish** to attend this **FREE EVENT** and experience the loving presence of God. All are welcome.

We will be having a few well-renown speakers as well as a talented praise and worship ministry in attendance. For any enquires please contact Nicola 0410423350 or Andrew 0405346207.

### ***St Damien's Feast Day Mass at 2pm***

**Sunday, 18th September**

**St Damien's - 5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora**

Jubilee Celebration Mass at 2pm followed by Feast Day activities including, rides, BBQ, Devonshire Tea, assorted stalls and more. \$5 wristband per person required for entry to join in the fun. More information on the noticeboard

### ***Refugee Project***

Thanks everyone for donating furniture for the refugees who are coming to Eltham. There is no word yet on when they will be arriving but we will let you know when this happens, possible October. For now we are not taking additional donations and anyone who has pledged items, we will contact you when we get the green light.

In the meantime check out the Welcome to Eltham Facebook page: [Facebook.com/WelcomeToEltham](https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeToEltham).

There you will notice a few photos of OLHC people taken after mass on Sunday. You can also meet the Welcome To Eltham people at the Eltham Farmers Market. This group is producing a welcome to eltham book comprising messages and photos from across Eltham. If you have anything you want to put in the book get it to [welcometoeltham@gmail.com](mailto:welcometoeltham@gmail.com) before 12 September.

**Last Sunday was Migrant and Refugee Sunday** for the Catholic church. At 6pm Mass on Saturday, Nuwanie told her refugee story of struggle, solidarity and success.

Many years ago, Our Lady Help of Christians parish provided Nuwanie and her mother with accommodation and support. It was so inspiring to hear Nuwanie speak about her life and where she is now.





## 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**  
**Toiletries, soaps, deodorant, tooth paste, washing powder, toilet paper etc.**

### Altar Society

Sept 3rd Gianna Milwain, Valli Hall, Annette Rough  
Sept 10th Gabrielle Frediani  
Sept 17th Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully, Mary Snipe

### Counters

Sept 4th David Scannell, Neil Walker  
Sept 11th Greg Scully, Lyn/Neil Smith  
Sept 18th Phil Stewart, Brian Wordsworth

### Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Sept 4th Dhanasen Family  
Sept 11th Stewart Family  
Sept 18th Ryan Family

### Sunday Morning Tea

Sept 4th 9.00am Helen & Greg Scully  
11.00am Lyn & Neil Smith  
Sept 11th 9.00am Jane Medeira  
11.00am Colleen Egan  
Sept 18th 9.00am Beth & Dennis Morganti  
11.00am Maurice Gonella

### KidzInC

Sept 4th 11.00am Duncan Bucknell  
Sept 11th 11.00am Patricia Robinson  
Sept 18th 11.00am School holidays

### Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667  
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

### Playgroup Facilitator

Loretta Marazzato  
0412 273 794

## 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

### September

Sat /Sun 3rd & 4th Collection for Priests' Retirement Fund  
Tues 6th 7.00pm Finance Committee  
Tues 6th 7.30pm Malawi Support Group Meeting  
Thurs 8th 7.30pm Parish Support Group  
Thurs 15th 8.00pm The Way Prayer Group -  
Mass by Candlelight

### Feast Days

Thurs, 8th Birth of Mary

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

## Beatitudes for Fathers

***Blessed is the father who understands his children, for he shall inherit a kingdom of memories.***

***Blessed is the father who knows how to comfort, for he shall possess his children's devotion.***

***Blessed is the father who guides by path of righteousness, for he shall be proud of his offspring.***

***Blessed is the father who is never shocked, for he shall receive confidence.***

***Blessed is the father who teaches respect, for he shall be respected.***

***Blessed is the father who praises the good and minimizes the bad,  
for his children themselves will do the same.***

***Blessed is the father who treats his children as he would like to be treated,  
for his home shall be filled with happiness***

### LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>Sept 3rd &amp; 4th - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
6.00pm	David Scannell	Mary Snipe	David Scannell, Maureen Scannell, 1 volunteer needed
9.00am	Anne Stevens	Julie Craw	John Stevens, Anne Stevens, Denice Donellan, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	Linda Dunell	Jennie O'Dell	Angelo Conte, Kerry Conte, Marian Goss
<b>Sept 10th &amp; 11th - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
6.00pm	Lorraine Furtado	Kathleen Nolan	Joan Gilbert, John Stuygbergen, Mary Snipe
9.00am	Greg Scully	Terry Fanning	Helen Scully, Sheilah Arneson, Ruth Decker, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	Peter Beckford	Clare Zavadil	Sharon Northrop, Greg Northrop, Clare Zavadil