

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 23rd August 2015: Twenty-first Sunday in 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.*

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, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wed 11.30am Healing Mass

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm)
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Today's Readings

First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8
By obeying God, Israel shows wisdom.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 14: 2-5, R.v.1
Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
All truly valuable gifts come from above.
Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay
only lip service to God.

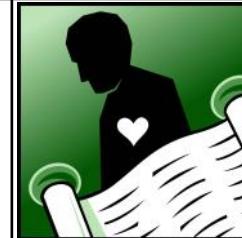
Next Weeks Readings

First Reading Is 35:4-7
God comes with vindication
Responsorial Psalm Ps 145: 7-10, R.v.1
Second Reading Jas 2:1-5
Do not judge by appearance
Gospel Mk 7:31-37
Jesus heals the deaf man.

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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in
the presence of the
Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his
message of truth,
That we might be as the first fruits
of his creation.
Alleluia!



We pray for those
whose anniversaries

fall at this time

**Hugh Kevin
Landy**

(father of Michelle Leahy)

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

**Jodie Kelly
Brian Skelley**

National Day of Migrants & Refugees

Today we celebrate National Day for Migrants and Refugees. It is a long standing celebration as it is now 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is also the 20th anniversary of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, which give voice to the Australian Catholic Church on matters of pastoral care to migrants and refugees. Each year the Pope issues an annual message; this year its theme is "Church without frontiers, Mother to all". He reminds us that "Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them, he calls us to share our resources and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches." See Fr. Kevin's summary in the gathering area.

The Asylum Seekers Resource Centre is asking for imperishable food, paper tissues, toilet paper, soaps, gifts cards (Coles, Woolworths, etc) and international calling cards. If you don't have them for today's collection, please bring next weekend or drop them in to the presbytery during the week. Jesuit Social Services have recently established the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) out of a project partnership with Cabrini Health. This Alliance aims to support and amplify the existing groundswell of concern for asylum seekers already evident from every corner of the Catholic community. CAPSA aims to do this by building a collective Catholic voice "for change that will provide a platform for sharing resources, ideas and inspiration, with a strong emphasis on advocacy towards more compassionate asylum seeker policies in Australia. The Alliance encourages everyone interested to join up and stay informed. There is more information about this new group in on the table in the gathering area.

Also there is a wealth of good ideas and helpful information in "Welcome News", a leaflet about Asylum Seeker Parish Support Programs.

This 101st World Day of Migrant and Refugees let us be aware

- 51.3 million people are displaced globally;
- Three million refugees have been produced by the Syrian War;
- Six and a half million, or one-third, of Syrian people are displaced;
- Half of these refugees are children.

Prayer for Asylum Seekers

Lord,

No one is a stranger to you

And no one is ever far from your loving care

In your kindness, watch over refugees and asylum seekers

Bring them safely to the place where they long to be

*And help us always to show your kindness to strangers
and those in need.*

(Adapted from the Opening Prayer, Mass for refugees and Exiles)

Collection - next weekend

There will be a collection next weekend for the ninety sick and retired priests of the Melbourne Archdiocese - it costs the Priest Retirement Fund over \$3 million annually to support retired priests through provision of accommodation, medical care and other support. Gifts in excess of \$2 are fully tax deductible - envelopes on table in gathering area. Since last year, 10 priests have died and seven have retired.

Catholic Youth Camp

The Archdiocese Office for Youth invites young people in years 7 & 8 to experience the adventure of a fun, friendly, faith-filled Catholic Youth camp in the upcoming school holidays from **Wednesday, 23rd September to Friday, 28th September** at Mt.Evelyn recreation camp, Mt Evelyn. Cost \$60 for more details and to register:<http://www.cam.org/youth/> - see flyer on noticeboard.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning December 8th to November 2016. The Office of Evangelisation invites parishioners in liturgy teams, parish support groups, R.C.I.A, outreach etc., to a seminar on **Saturday, 17th October from 10am to 3.00pm** at Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr Victoria Pde & Hoddle St, East Melb. There is a keynote presentation by UK author/spiritual director, Margaret Silf, followed by workshops unpacking the themes of the Jubilee Year. There will also be resources to help parishes think about how they can participate.

Topics include:-

- community & hospitality
- Faith & Witness
- Proclamation & workshop
- Service & outreach

If interested, register on 9926 5761 or evaglisation@com.org.au. The parish will happily cover the cost of \$25 - includes lunch and resource pack. If attending, please see Gina or Fr. Kevin.

Perspectives

- Copies of the excellent Catholic publication "**The Tablet**" from London, available on the stand near the Malawi noticeboard in the gathering area.
- "**The Tip of an Ugly Iceberg**" - Age editorial, a devastating story of criminal abuse of a young Indian man on a 457 working visa.
- Various articles on coping with retirement.
- An excellent reflection on "**Sand & Stone**".
- Great one page article on "**Spirituality & the Second Half of Life**" by Fr Ron Rolheiser
- Summary of Pope Francis' message "**Church without frontiers, Mother to all**" for world migrant and refugee day.
- A page on "**Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum**"
- "**Welcome News**" a leaflet about Asylum Seekers Parish Support Programs.
- Important information about Asylum Seekers from Lentara, who have managed 12 Henry Street.
- Outstanding articles on hospitality including ones by brilliant writer, the late Fr Henri Nouwen and the Saintly Jean Vanier, founder of 100's of homes for the disabled and disturbed.

Healing Lunch

The Healing Mass is on this **Wednesday, 2nd September at 11.30 am**. Sign up form is available on the table in the gathering area.

Victorian Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

Registrations for the Victorian Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Knakow, Poland open on **1st September** - see information on table in gathering area and on noticeboard. Any questions phone 9287 5574 or email wyd2016@cam.org.au

Stewardship Program Review

Our Stewardship Program provides the core funding for our parish facilities and projects. We are currently half way through our current Stewardship Program and are undertaking a review. Over the next two weekends you will hear about our current state and future plans and will have the opportunity to renew your contribution. THANK YOU for all that you have done to date for our wonderful parish.

Loyola College Open Day

Sunday, 13 September: 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

No booking is required, ample parking available in Bungay St. More info please contact Mrs. Maureen Lonsdale on 9433 0228.

How are the Boys Going?

This is a question we are frequently asked. Parishioners and friends are, of course, referring to the Afghani Refugees who have shared our abode over the last four years. Thanks to all the support with prayers, friends, finances, advice and small jobs, Javid and Ayoub now have full time work. They have grown Aussie wings and learned to fly! Unfortunately their work is in Dandenong which means they have to live there in shared housing. Too far to come home every night but, like all good sons, they visit on weekends and phone when they want to discuss important issues. Javid departed for Perth last October to "make his fortune". I think the gold had just run out so in July he decided there was no place like home in Eltham. The drive back across the Nullarbor gave him some idea about the big country. Since then Reza has come to fill the bed and the silence which might have surrounded us. The magnificent amount of over \$5000, which was donated by our parish at the Christmas special collection, has enabled him to pay for an immigration lawyer and the health checks for his family. (\$2500) For this they had to make the dangerous journey from Afghanistan to Pakistan. Reza is now waiting for citizenship and Government permission to bring out his family. Let's pray for a compassionate decision making process. On the boys' behalf, blessings and many thanks to you all, Marlis and Miranda.

Malawi Group News

 **Fathers Day Raffle** is on once again with great prizes for which tickets will be sold after masses this weekend, \$2 each or \$5 for three. Please keep Fr Frank and our sister parishioners in your prayers.

North Eastern Prayer Breakfast

Friday, 4th September, 7am

Manningham Club, 1 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen

We are invited to attend the North Eastern Prayer Breakfast. Guest speaker is 2014 Young Australian of the Year, Daniel Flynn, Social enterprise founder. More information in leaflets on table in gathering area.

Diamond Valley Deanery Art Sale

Until 21st September

Bridges Restaurant (1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge

The Art Sale continues with the exhibition & sale of artworks donated by artist Judy Racz, all proceeds go to pastoral needs of the Diamond Valley Deanery. RSVP to Bridges 9718 0099 (Nick). Exhibition until 20th September. Opportunity to own an original artwork & at the same time assist our needy. Wide variety of styles and prices. See catalogue on table in the gathering area.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1st September 2015 and thereafter

Pope Francis announced an annual day of prayer dedicated to the Care of Creation which would bear witness to our growing communion with the Orthodox Church who have had such a day for some time. As the Holy Father suggests, "we live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective". Pope Francis wishes to reaffirm the need to resolve the emerging ecological crisis as he describes in *Laudato Si'* and to summons a call to profound stewardship of God's creation. You are invited to heed the Pope's invitation to find prayerful and imaginative ways to celebrate the inaugural Day of Prayer on 1st September in our parish and community.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for September

Travels to Sacred Places (written before the Child Abuse issue rose, and a very lovely read),

Love's Urgent Longing, Confronting Power & Sex in the Catholic Church & For Christ's Sake:



Retired Bishop, Geoffrey Robinson, who is presently providing evidence to the Royal Commission into Child Abuse, is, and has been, an advocate for truth. All of his books are an excellent read.

The Radical Hospitality of God:

Two Scenes and a Parable from the Gospel of Luke

Tuesday, 1st September, 7.00pm

St Mary's Parish - gathering area, Greensborough

Presented by Fr Bendan Byrne SJ. He has taught New Testament for over 30 years in Australia and overseas.

He is the author of eleven books on St. Paul and the Gospels, including "The Hospitality of God: A Reading of Luke's Gospel" (2000). Come and join the people of St Mary's as we contemplate deeply, the meaning of hospitality for us as Christians. Wine, cheese, water and a cuppa and nibbles will all be served. RSVP by calling the parish office 9435 1543 by Friday the 28th of August or by emailing Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

Catholic Theological College -

Study Tour of the Biblical Lands: Information Session

Saturday 12 September 2015 at 2.00pm to 4.00pm

12 November – 15 December 2016

Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, and Turkey.

Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev Anthony Dean cm.

RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt

T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au.

See noticeboard for further information.

The Carmelite Way Pilgrimage

Wednesday 16 September, 6.30–8.30pm

214 Richardson Street, Middle Park

The Carmelite Way pilgrimage will take place Friday 13 November to Sunday 15 November. Walk, reflect, commune and deepen your connection with the sacred in the tradition of the great Christian pilgrimages of Europe. The Carmelites will lead pilgrims in prayer and reflection. There will be evening presentations by inspiring guest speakers. Reg. forms available on the website. Details: 9690 5430 or www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

One Spirit – More Love, More Power: A Night to

Discover your True Potential in God

Saturday 5 September, 7pm

Werner Brodbeck Hall, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne

ONE Spirit unites Catholics from around Melbourne for an uplifting night of prayer, contemporary Christian music, preaching and fellowship. This event will feature speaker and author Jonathan Doyle and educator and performance poet Joel McKerrow, as well as the ONE worship team, passionate about pursuing God through spirit-filled worship. Something special is stirring in Melbourne! Come see, come hear, come feel!

Cost: \$10, at the door. All ages welcome.

Details: events@onespiritaustralia.org



PARISH SCHEDULE

St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses

Washing powder or liquid, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, chux, plastic wrap, aluminium foil, etc.

Altar Society

Aug 30	B Morganti, L Dunell
Sept 6	G Milwain, V Hall, A Rough
Sept 13	G Freddiani

Counters

Aug 30	D Shultz, C Leahy
Sept 6	P Riley, G Northrop
Sept 13	T/R Daw, R Dunell

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Aug 30	Dhanasen Family
Sept 6	Stewart Family
Sept 13	Ryan Family

Sunday Morning Tea

Aug 30	9.00am M Dopheide
	11.00am M Gonella
Sept 6	9.00am A & J Stevens
	11.00am S Grounds
Sept 13	9.00am H & G Scully
	11.00am Ashworth Family

KidzInC

Aug 30	11.00am T Scully
Sept 6	11.00am D Bucknell
Sept 13	11.00am P Robinson

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
Barbara Bibby	9439 8594

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

Baptisms: On 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm. Six 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.

September

Tues 1st Sept 7.30pm Malawi Support Group

Wed 2nd Sept 11.30am Healing Mass & Luncheon

Feast Days

Thurs 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great



Saint of the Week – St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church (Sep 3)



St Gregory, a person of immense ability, determination and energy, was born in Rome around 540 AD of a patrician family. The Rome of his day was an outpost of the Byzantine Empire and had been ruined, impoverished and depopulated during many years of invasion and war by the barbarian Goths from the north. Finally, it had been virtually abandoned and left to its own devices by the Emperors, now resident in Constantinople. Upon the death of his father, Gregory sold the family home and established a monastery, of which he became a member. Alongside the monastery he built a hospice dedicated to the care of the sick and dying. When elected Pope in 590 AD, he set about rebuilding both church and civil organisation in Rome. Among his early tasks was the provision of food and other necessities for the starving and plague ridden population. He rebuilt the aqueducts supplying fresh water to the city, and reorganised papal estates in Italy, Sicily, Dalmatia, Gaul, and North Africa for the efficient and humane production of food. He negotiated with the powerful and barbarous Lombards in North Italy, eventually converting them to Roman Catholicism. He had a profound impact on the development of church liturgy, especially liturgical music. The Gregorian chant was named after him. He once said "when you sing, you pray twice". He was also a prolific writer, upholding the primacy of the Bishop of Rome throughout the whole Church, defending the Church against schism and heresy, and explaining and clarifying its teachings. He was eventually proclaimed Doctor of the Church - one of the few occasions throughout the history of the Church, this particular honour has been bestowed.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
August 29th/30th - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	D Scannell	B Gillard	P Crowle, M Foong, M Hadley
9.00am	A Stevens	J Stevens	F Zylstra, H Azzopardi, I Azzopardi, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	J O'Dell	S Woppel	C Zavadil, J Spataro, K Reardon, 2 volunteers needed
September 5th/6th - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	S Rawlinson	M Snipe	J Gaspersz, K Gaspersz, N Gaspersz
9.00am	T Taylor	M Armstrong	R Decker, H Azzopardi, I Azzopardi, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	L Dunell	M Stella	C Egan, M Jones, M Goss, 2 volunteers needed