Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 1 Jun 2014: Ascension of the Lord - Year A

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 Acts 1:1-11 Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6 Second Reading Eph 1:17-23 Christ is head of the church.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20 Gospel Mt 28:16-20 Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11 The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 We are one body with different gifts.

Gospel Jn 20:19-23 Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.

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 Masses

Wed 11.30am (Healing Mass) Fri 9.15am

Communion Services
Tues, Thurs 9.15am

Parish Team

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

(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 4.00pm)

Parish Secretary:

Angela Vines - (*Mon & Wed* 9.00am-3.30pm)

Vicki Jordan - (Fri 9.00am-3.30pm)

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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

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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Starting Thursday 12 June through to Friday 18 July, Fr Geoff Baron will be staying at the parish to celebrate Masses and a few Baptisms. Parishioners might like to invite him to dinner on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays or to Sunday lunch.

How blessed we are to have so many people who are more than willing to step out of their comfort zones and contribute to our local community. Ah, Pope Francis! Something is indeed working, despite the doom & gloom! The response to the 'bread run' has lightened the load, and we are grateful to all who responded. Bless you. Bread Runners

Prayers Please:

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniver-



saries occur at this time. We also remember those who are sick and in need of care.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sebastiano Cartisano

SICK:

- Kathleen Nolan
- Margaret Anderson
- Penny Coxon
- Ray Azzopardi



Adoration Friday June 6, 7-8pm.

A warm welcome to Fr Dan Harding who is again celebrating Masses this weekend.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—ST KIZITO

SENIORS HEALING MASS AND LUNCHEON The next healing Mass is on this coming Wednesday June 4th at 11.30am, followed by a delicious 3 course lunch. Please sign up today if you are coming to lunch.

New Resource for Catholic Women and Parishes. The Genius Project is an amazing new four-part DVD resource for Catholic women. Based upon Pope John Paul II's teaching on the vocation and dignity of women. Use it at home or form a small group in your parish. Find out more at www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/

FREE E-BOOK FOR COMPUTER OR E-READER Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2 This e-book, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year A-2 together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2 may be accessed at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING LIMITED MOBILITY? A Special 6 Week Program is about to start soon of Gentle Therapeutic Dance/Movement that combines sitting and standing movements, this will be run at Watsonia Neighbourhood House on Fridays 10am (except last Friday of each month) address: 47 Lambourn Rd, Watsonia. If you are frail or chair bound or using a walking stick, you can still experience the mood boosting effect of a therapeutic Dance Movement session with a little creativity and personalisation to keep it FUN! If you are interested to come or know someone that can benefit from this program please contact Monica Espinoza on 0411 230 444.

DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY YOUTH MASS Where: St Martin of Tours, Rosanna

When: Sunday 22 June, 10.00am followed by refresh-

ments.

Info: Sr Maria Maria.Bui@cam.org.au or 9457 4275

R (RELATIONSHIP) DAY CATHOLICCARE MARRIAGE EN-RICHMENT PROGRAM

Relax, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalize, Rejuvenate and Rejoice! This one day workshop for couples is based on the 7 Principles of a Sound Relationship House developed by relationship expert Dr John Gottman. During the workshop you will explore ideas for deepening connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. Educators from CatholicCare's Marriage and Relationship Education Team will run the workshop. When: Saturday 14 June Contact: 92875516 or email relationships@ccam.org.au

OLHC School is having AUSTRALI A'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA on Monday morning at 9.10 in the Community Centre - everyone is welcome.

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Enrolments are being taken for 2nd Semester at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill between 9 June and 26 June. Contact admin@ytu.edu.au or 9890 3771 (see noticeboard).

CATHOLIC THELOGICAL COLLEGE

2014 Winter Intensive - Jesus' Suffering and Ours: The Gospel Stories of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. 6 days 1-9 July, 10.00am - 5.00pm

Contact: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3314 (see noticeboard).

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR SINGLE MEN When: 6:00pm Fri 6th June to 5:00pm Sun 8th June 2014 Where: The Cliffs Retreat House, Shoreham, Vic. You will have time to pray, reflect and discover more about yourself and God's call. It is designed to discern life: Married, Single, Religious, Priest...

More information: www.whatsalifefor.com or contact me, Fr Peter Hendriks msc discern@whatsalifefor.com or phone 0408 299 170.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Ministry of Communion to the sick and Pastoral Visitation When: Tues 15 & 22 July (continuous), 7.30pm - 9.30pm Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Please contact the Parish Office by Fri 27 June if you wish to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



100 Vinnies Shops

throughout Victoria. Our shops raise funds for the Society to provide those we assist with recycled clothing, furniture and other essential items. We are welcoming volunteers to help with our good works at Vinnies Briar Hill located at 23 Sherbourne Road, Briar Hill.

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain personal satisfaction from making a positive contribution to St Vincent de Paul Society and your local community. If you can help, please contact: Volunteer Hotline - 1300 736 933 or email volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

SOLIDARITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified and experienced in education, health, agriculture, tourism, business administration, or other profession / trade? Share your



knowledge and skills in Asia, Africa or the Pacific for a minimum of 12 months. Your placement will assist to advance the awareness, enthusiasm and involvement of Australians in shared action to achieve just, sustainable, and peaceful development.

<u>Palms Information Session</u>, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melb.

When: Thurs 19th June 5:45 - 7:15 pm

Enquiries: Roger O'Halloran:

(02) 9518 9551 roger@palms.org.au

MINISTRY TO WOMEN WORKSHOP

This workshop will explore ways to make our parishes more 'women friendly', calling and affirming the gifts that women have to offer.

When: Wed 18 June, 3.30pm (afternoon tea); 4.00-

6.00pm (session) followed by a meal.

<u>Where</u>: Ministry to Priests, 199 Rathdowne St, Carlton. <u>Please contact the Parish Office by Wed 11 June if you wish to attend.</u>

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: MONTHLY TALK AND DISCUSSION NIGHTS

Join the parishioners of St Dominic's for monthly talk and discussion nights led by friars, theological lecturers and diocesan staff. Fr Robin Koning SJ will speak about Pope Francis. Dinner will be provided, please bring a gold coin donation. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday 4 June, 7pm

Where: Parish Centre, St Dominic's Church, 816 Riversdale

Road, Camberwell

Contact: Fiona 0402 474 074 /didyouknow@hotmail.com.au

BAPTISM WELCOME



Congratulations to the families of

Seth and Zak Liddy Kai Kernaghan Darlie Gunn Pollyanna Jupp

as they are baptised as members of our parish community on Sunday.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book & Author for the month of June

Michael Moorwood and his book "It's Time".



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FREE ONLINE NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter hosted by the Broken Bay Institute. Please register so we can inform you how to participate on the day.

- Speakers include:
- Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth
- Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph
- Fr Gerard Kelly, President of Catholic Institute of Sydney
- Ms Selina Hasham Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney
- Rev Noel Connolly SSC Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute

When: Wednesday 11 June, 10am - 3pm

Cost: Free

Register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

`Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.'

Para 37, Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, 24/11/13

MARIAN APPARITIONS

For this last week of May we look at Marian Apparitions. A search of the web for 'approved' apparitions of Mary delivers a number of conflicting results. The following, from http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/resources/aprtable.html (last updated on 11 June 2013) is a description of the process the Church uses to investigate the apparition claim. Those interested are urged to investigate themselves further. It makes for very interesting reading.

The twentieth century has been rich in reported Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother. Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady have been reported on every continent on our globe. The seers have been people from many walks of life: men, women, and children. The locations where Marian Apparitions have occurred are numerous: large cities, remote areas, caves, churches, fields, homes, monasteries, and other places.

Church's Approach

"The Roman Catholic Church has prudently been cautious to approve, disapprove or condemn reported apparitions." In general, studied apparitions are classed as "not worthy of belief," "not contrary to the Faith," or "worthy of belief." The message of an approved apparition cannot have any content that is contrary to the teachings of the Church.

Supernatural Character

Prior to any classification, the local bishop appoints a committee to take testimony, investigate, study, and report its findings to the local bishop. On our Web page directory of Marian apparitions, we have two columns which pertain to the church's rulings for each apparition that we include in our list. One column pertains to the "supernatural character" of the apparitions. The approval of an apparition's supernatural character means that the case cannot be explained away due to an impediment in the visionary, nor as fraud, nor as a natural phenomenon, nor of demonic origin.

Ecclesial Decisions

If the Church makes a negative ruling about a particular apparition, we are not to believe in that apparition. If the bishop makes a positive ruling about an apparition, we are not bound to assent to the apparition, but we cannot berate the messages nor the apparition once the Church declares it valid. The reader will find that in the majority of cases, the Church has neither taken action, nor made a final decision.

Statistical Results

A statistical analysis of the Marian apparition directory reveals the following results. During the twentieth century, there have been 386 cases of Marian apparitions. The Church has made "no decision" about the supernatural character regarding 299 of the 386 cases. The Church has made a "negative decision" about the supernatural character in seventy-nine of the 386 cases. Out of the 386 apparitions, the Church has decided that "yes" there is a supernatural character only in eight cases: Fatima (Portugal), Beauraing (Belgium), Banneux (Belgium), Akita (Japan), Syracuse (Italy), Zeitoun (Egypt), Manila (Philippines) (according to some sources), and Betania (Venezuela). Local bishops have approved of the faith expression at the sites where these eight apparitions occurred. Besides the eight approved apparitions, there have been eleven (out of the 386 apparitions) which have not been approved with a "supernatural character," but which have received a "yes" to indicate the local bishop's "approval of faith expression (prayer and devotion) at the site."

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:

Pasta, pasta sauces, rice, noodles, oil, tomato sauce, longlife milk, longlife custard, Quik, Milo, Ovaltine, cordials, etc.

Altar Society

June 8 G. Frediani

June 15 K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe

Counters

June 1 G. Scully, L. & N. Smith

June 8 P. Stewart, Wordsworth Family

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

June 1 Rough Family
June 8 Rigg Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667 Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

June 1 9.00am Zanatta Family
11.00am S. & G. Northrop
June 8 9.00am Z. & J.Bylsma

11.00am A. Hall, C. Croke

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

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Wed June 4 Healing Mass and Seniors' Luncheon

Fri June 6 Adoration 7-8pm

W/E June 7/8 St Kizito's Parish collection

Sun June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Thurs June 12 St Vincent de Paul 7.45pm Sat June 14 G.S.A. 1st Reconciliation 10.00am

Sun June 15 Trinity Sunday

Thurs June 19 'Churinga' Healing Mass 7.30pm

Liturgy Group 7.30pm

Fri June 20 G.S.A. Confirmation 7.30pm Sun June 22 G.S.A. First Communion 9.00am

Body & Blood of Christ

Fri June 27 **Poor Man's Mass 9.15am**

W/E June 28/29 Sts Peter & Paul; Collection Holy Father's

intentions

Feast Days

Tues June 3 St Charles Lwanga and Companions

Thurs June 5 St Boniface

IN HONOUR OF THE ASSUMPTION - POPE PIUS XII

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of men.

We believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul, into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, is filled in heaven with the vision of that Humanity glorified, and with the vision of Uncreated Wisdom; and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness.

And we, poor sinners, whose body weighs down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts, so that, while we remain here below, we may learn to see God, and God alone, in the beauties of His creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to glance down upon our miseries and our sorrows, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as He once said to you of His beloved disciple: behold thy son.

And we who call upon you as our Mother, like John, take you as the guide, strength, and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes which wept over the earth, watered by the Blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world, held in the clutch of wars, persecutions, and oppression of the just and the weak.

And from the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance and tender mercy comfort for our aching hearts and help in the trials of the Church and of our fatherland.

We believe, finally, that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with the stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and of all the saints.

And from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed Fruit of your womb, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
May 31/June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord			
6.00pm	Lorraine Furtado	Denzil Furtado	Carmen Baker, 2 volunteers
9.00am	Anne Stevens	John Stevens	John, Karen and Natasha Gaspersz, 2 volunteers
11.00am	Peter Reardon	Wen Zavadil	Sharon & Greg Northrop, Josephine Spataro, 2 volunteers
June 7/8 - Pentecost			
6.00pm	D. Scannell	Volunteer	John, Karen and Natasha Gaspersz
9.00am	G. Scully	M. Dopheide	Peter Rigg, Ruth Decker, Betty Mofardin, 2 volunteers
11.00am	C. Egan	P. Reardon	Marian Goss, Greg and Sharon Northrop, 2 volunteers