

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

## PARISH BULLETIN



**SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH 2015: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT —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  
House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham  
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### Liturgy Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am

#### Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed & Fri 9.15am  
Thurs 9.15am & 8.00pm

#### 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)  
Parish Secretary - Loretta Marazzato  
(Fri 9.00am-3.30pm)

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### School Team

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### Today's Readings

First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23  
After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136.R. v.6  
Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10  
Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.  
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16  
Gospel: Jn 3:14-21  
Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

### 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

### Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34  
The Lord promises a new covenant.  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4,12-15.  
R.v.12  
Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9  
Christ is the source of salvation for all who  
obey.  
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 12:26  
Gospel: Jn 12:20-33  
Jesus foretells of his death and resurrection.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be  
silenced, if I ever forget  
you!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he  
gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might  
have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ!



### BAPTISMS

Congratulations  
to the families of

*Eli Beynon*  
&  
*Sebastian Favrin*

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



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.

- Barbara Bibby
- Don Iverson (cancer)

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES - SIGN-UP SHEETS**

Please consider signing up for one of the roles for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies today, so that rosters preparations can be finalised. If you have not previously taken on one of these roles and would like a bit more information, please talk to Vicki Jordan, Peter Reardon or Fr Kevin.

**EASTER MARIAN**

Please send articles in plain text or word format to Vicki at [vkjordan@gmail.com](mailto:vkjordan@gmail.com) by March 21.

**PALM FRONDS**

We are looking for **six large palm fronds** for Palm Sunday. If you can help us, please see Fr Kevin, Vicky Jordan or phone parish office.

**PERSPECTIVES:** Some good articles:

- Two different Lenten reflections, back to back.
- Another brief Lenten article on “Fasting & Feasting”
- Interesting article: “Pope Francis is sending his clergy off to management lessons”
- “The Theology of Parish” by Fr. Steve Rigo.

**Would you like to join Pope Francis in Philadelphia,** September 22-27th this year? Two scholarships of \$7,500 are available. More information of the noticeboard.

**Muslim & Catholic Maryam Meal** is on Wednesday, March 25th at 7.00 pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, Crn Victoria Pde & Hoddle St. East Melb. Book by phone or email: David Schutz on 9926 5708 [eic@cam.org.au](mailto:eic@cam.org.au). More information on noticeboard.

**“IRAQ: The current political and religious turmoil in Iraq and their impact on Iraqi Christians”** Talk by Prof. Nasir Butrous at St. Dominic’s Church, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell on Monday March 23rd at 7.30 pm. More details on noticeboard.

**French, German, Mandarin & Spanish** classes for children and adults. Experienced teachers to give you and your family a second language. Also offering other language activities. Visit us [www.bilingualstories.com.au](http://www.bilingualstories.com.au). Contact Viqui 0403 185 891 [info@bilingualstories.com.au](mailto:info@bilingualstories.com.au)

**2015 John Wallis Foundation - Small Grants Program**

The 2015 John Wallis Foundation Small Grants Program invites applications from individuals or organisations for grants to develop projects supporting socially or geographically isolated individuals and groups. Preference is given to projects that are small, local and completed within twelve months. Projects should reflect the spirit of the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service, that is, seeking out people on the margins, building relationships, offering practical support and developing leadership. Grants given are generally in the region of \$500 to \$3000. **Contact:** Executive Officer Liz McAloon on 9873 5520 or at [johnwallisfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:johnwallisfoundation@gmail.com) **More info at** <http://www.johnwallisfoundation.org.au/news-of-activities/>

**WANTED**

65,000 Biscuits - Prison Fellowship Easter Biscuit Bake. Details on noticeboard.



**Short-Term Accommodation**

**Loyola College, 325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia**

International House is available for short-term rental. The house is set on College grounds and is suitable for small group planning days, conference accommodation, short stays in Melbourne and holiday accommodation. Accommodation provides 7 bedrooms for up to 11 people and a shared living area.

**Contact:** Maureen Lonsdale on 9433 0228 or at [Lonsdale@loyola.vic.edu.au](mailto:Lonsdale@loyola.vic.edu.au) **Details:** [www.loyola.vic.edu.au](http://www.loyola.vic.edu.au)

**CLEANING OF THE VESSELS**

The cleaning of the church vessels is on Thursday, March 26th at 2.00pm. Can you spare half an hour to help out?

**“The Way” Prayer Group**

*A Healing Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham commencing with Praise & Worship at 7.30pm followed by supper and prayer ministry after the 8.00pm Mass. All very welcome. For all details please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Sandra 9434 7553.*

**WELCOME**

This weekend at the Saturday Mass at 6.00pm, we welcome Matthew Sandalis, a young man, as he takes another step on his journey into full membership of the Catholic Church.

Next weekend, we will welcome another three members of the Catachumenate group.

We also welcome families of children from our parish school as we launch the Eucharist and Reconciliation programs for the year. Reconciliation is on May 26th and First Eucharist on May 30/31st.

**Walk for Justice for Refugees**

Palm Sunday, March 29th, starting at 2.00pm at State Library:

- Seeking asylum is a human right
- Close Manus Island, New Guinea
- Close Nauru

More information on noticeboard; flyers on table.

**Lent** is a good a season as any to reflect upon our lives, our priorities, our life-style and our responsibilities to others: The Sacrement of Reconciliation is available at 9.30am on Saturday morning (apart from Easter Saturday) and after any weekday Mass or upon reasonable request at most other times. An honest and comprehensive review of our lives can lead to personal renewal and healing.

**OLHC HOT CROSS BUNS - Our Primary School** are having a fund-raiser event, by ordering hot cross buns for Easter. Orders to be back to the school office by Friday 20th March, pick up Monday 23rd March is the Community Centre at the school. Order forms on the table.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS OPEN DAY

*We Help Each Other to be Successful*

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Open Day & Prep 2016 Information Night is on Tuesday, 17th March. Open Day Tours starting at 10.00am. Information evening at 7.00pm. Come and see what we have to offer your child/ren.

### Food For Life

The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is "Food for Life". This theme encompasses all aspects of human development and highlights a number of communities who are achieving sustained and tangible results in improving their livelihoods particularly in sustainable food production. Caritas Australia works in partnership to alleviate poverty and bring hope, peace and justice to communities throughout the world.

### A Short Story

Mother-of-three Sarita (34) attended school until the eighth grade, making her one of the most well-educated women in her village. Yet, like the majority of people in rural Nepal, her family was very poor. "With the produce from (our) land, we did not meet our food security and basic needs," Sarita explains. She was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish raising business with 11 others. Now, they have a life-long source of food and income. Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

### RELECTION John 3:14-21 Jesus meets Nicodemus

One night a well-intentioned Pharisee, Nicodemus, sought counsel from Jesus. Jesus responded openly giving him key insights into his own identity and mission. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that God had sent his only Son into the world so that the world might be saved. Everyone who believed in the Son - the light of the world - would enjoy eternal life. Those who lived by this truth would themselves be a light in the world, a light to others.

Our Journey through Lent to Easter reminds us that Jesus, the light, has come into the world dispelling the darkness of evil and restoring broken lives. One example of the light of Jesus - and the transformation it brings - is a project in rural Nepal where many people are very poor, barely surviving by farming small plots of land.

When Caritas Nepal, supported by Caritas Australia, initiated the Kolkatla Fish Raising Group eight years ago, one of the first people to join with mother-of-three Sarita, whose small farm was not producing enough to provide for her family.

Caritas Nepal gave the group of eight men and four women, a low-interest loan, along with training and equipment they needed to establish a successful business raising and selling fish. The group leased a natural pond on the northern side of their village, and with much hard work their business has grown to become one of the most successful enterprises supported by Caritas Nepal.

*"The program has provided our family with good health and hope," says Sarita. "And it has become a platform for the unity and growth of the community."* Human growth and potential relies on adequate food for life.

**LIBRARY NEWS - Book of the Month for March - Father Bob: The Larrikin Priest by Sue Williams. There's more to the Rev. Bob Maguire than meets the eye! Fr. Kevin gets a few mentions!**



### WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING...

During the month of March we celebrate Ireland's famous Saint Patrick. We acknowledge his conversion of the Irish people and love of the trinity. For ten years I have been taking Australian's to the Emerald Isle to experience the beauty of Ireland for themselves. In the past decade more than 150 guests have discovered of the North and the South of Ireland, listened to great music, made new friends and visited wonderful destinations including Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Donegal, Galway, Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wicklow. Highlights have included Newgrange, the Cliffs of Moher, Aran Island, Dingle, the singing Monks of Glenstal Abbey, Connemara, Belfast, Glendalough. I invite you to do the same. Enjoy beautiful accommodation, travel in a luxury coach with an Irish driver / guide and have an amazing experience. Departing September 18<sup>th</sup> and returning October 5<sup>th</sup> (unless you wish to extend your time away). Numbers are limited to 20. Tour / airfare and tour only prices available.

To obtain your itinerary please contact Chris Moloughney at Emerald Travel on 03 96709696 or email Maria Forde at [mforde@alphalink.com.au](mailto:mforde@alphalink.com.au)

**Deanery Art Sale** - Local artist and deanery resident Judy Racz has generously donated 200 of her paintings to the Diamond Valley Deanery with the desire that all proceeds from their sale go to meeting pastoral needs within the Diamond Valley Deanery. Paintings are available for sale now prior to a silent auction on Sunday 3 May 2015 at Loyola College Watsonia. More information about the sale and images and details of artworks at [diamondvalleydeanery.org.au/gallery](http://diamondvalleydeanery.org.au/gallery). Wide range of subjects, styles and prices. Brochure available to peruse on table.

### OLHC BRIGHT START PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is a tremendous way to meet other parents and carers and for your child/ren to begin to experience playtime with other children in a safe and friendly environment.

Playgroup offers many fun activities. Playgroup meets each Monday (not on public holidays) in the OLHC Parish hall, located in the primary school. For further information contact Loretta Marazzato on 0412 273 794 or email [loret\\_mara@hotmail.com](mailto:loret_mara@hotmail.com)

PARISH SCHEDULE		
<u>Baptisms</u> 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.		
<u>ST. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses</u> Breakfast cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, spreads - jams, honey, peanut butter, vegemite. Sugar, tea, coffee, etc.		
<u>Altar Society</u> March 14/15      B Morgandi, L Dunell March 21/22      G. Milwain, V.Hall, A. Rough		
<u>Counters</u> March 15            V. McHugh, K. Meehan March 22            G. Price, E. Miller, J. Callahan		
<u>Pilgrim Rosary Statue</u> March 15            Dhanasen Family March 22            Stewart Family		
<u>Caring Group Co-Ordinators</u> Jayne Britton        9431 2667 Barbara Bibby        9439 8594		
<u>Sunday Morning Tea</u> March 22            9.00am            P & M Croft 11.00am           C & W Zavadil March 29            9.00am            M Dopheide 11.00am           C Egan		

Diary Dates		
<b>Meditation:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 6.30pm - All welcome <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> Friday: 8.45am <b>Adoration:</b> First Friday of the month 7-8pm		
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<b>March 2015</b>		
<b>14th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Commitment Mass for OLHC children Reconciliation &amp; Eucharist Families</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Malawi Crazy Whist Night</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Commitment Mass for OLHC children Reconciliation &amp; Eucharist Families</b>
	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Picnic at Westerfolds Park</b>
<b>17th</b>		<b>St Patrick’s Day</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St. Vincent DePaul Diamond Valley Regional Meeting in Gathering Area</b>
<b>19th</b>		<b>St Joseph, husband of Mary</b>
<b>25th</b>		<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
<b>29th</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>

<b>Saint of the Week – St Patrick, bishop (March 17)</b>
He is the Patron Saint of several dioceses across Australia, including Adelaide, Ballarat, Bathurst, Hobart, Lismore and Melbourne. St Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian. As a boy of 14 or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. St Patrick's captivity lasted until he was 20, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him ‘We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more.’ He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu, the chieftain, after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
<b>March 14th/15th - 4th Sunday of Lent</b>			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	M. Snipe	M. Scannell, D. Scannell, P. Crowle
9.00am	J. Bylsma	B. Mofardin	J. Gaspersz, K Gaspersz, N Gaspersz, 2 x volunteers
11.00am	J. O'Dell	W. Zavadil	R. Ashworth, I. Ashworth, L. Dunell, 2 x volunteers
<b>March 21/22nd - 5th Sunday of Lent</b>			
6.00pm	F. Zylstra	V. Jordan	B. Gillard, Y. Ilifee, S. Casey
9.00am	G. Scully	T. Fanning	M. Dolpheide, M. Armstrong, F. Zylstra, 2 x volunteers
11.00am	P. Reardonq	C. Egan	K. Conte, A. Conte, A. Thompson, 2 x volunteers