

Monty & Eltham

The Catholic Parishes of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians



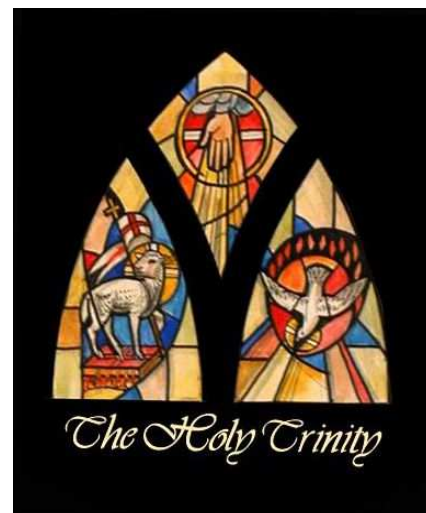
We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay respect to the elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation.

HOLY TRINITY

Dear Parishioners and friends of Monty & Eltham,

Now that the Easter Season has come to completion with the Celebrations of Pentecost last weekend, and the Feast of the Holy Trinity this weekend - we begin to discover the dimensions of God as revealed to us, in us and through us too!

The unity and complexity of God is a 'Mystery' at best, and can only be explained in words by human experience. Words do inevitably fail us with regard to God, but experience is serious and valid.



- ♦ The natural world, at times takes my breath away. The night sky, sunrises or sunsets. The ever expansive view from mountain tops or seashores are simply awesome and always leave me feeling humble and very small, in the presence of such beauty - for me that is the acts/reality of the FATHER.
- ♦ The human person, as experienced by me and everyone, in all its complexity and fragility is the essence of this mystery! Jesus was fully human and we know this reality yet at the same time scripture attests to the wonderful statement that: "We are made in Gods Image and likeness".
- ♦ The glue of Love, that binds & connects people to people in intimacy and animals and Mother Nature too. This Glue - this Love is of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit is very much alive and active in the hearts of so many people who do good works!

Monty & Eltham we are beginning a truly new adventure in the company of the Holy Trinity and only with your help will we move with confidence to our future! I have no idea about the final outcomes for us together but I trust in this modern Christian journey - and what will be, will be with Gods help!

The new look bulletin is only a part of this adventure, but in order for it to be effective as a positive tool for parish communication each week, I again need your support and feedback too, so please feel free to participate and contribute to each edition - and have your say!

Many thanks,

Michael

MONTY PROPAGATION of the FAITH APPEAL TODAY: Theme - DO NOT FEAR *for I am with you*

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

For more information visit www.sfxmonty.org

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



PARISH TEAMS & INFORMATION

OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

ST VINCENT de PAUL - ASSISTANCE

Parishioners, assistance is always promptly
available by contacting

1800 305 330, 10am—3pm weekdays

Please note that the DEADLINE for inclusions in our newsletter is Wednesday, 3pm.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER EVENTS



**St Francis Xavier
Social Justice Group**
We would love to welcome YOU!

YOU are invited to join members at our next meeting this Tuesday 18th June at 8:00pm in the Parish House.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 8:00pm-9:30pm.

Our meetings are not too onerous and is usually interspersed with laughter. **It is particularly rewarding, especially when achieving our goals.**

For more information contact ...

Gloria Lappin: 0410 263 230 /

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SFX ANOINTING MASS ~ 20th June, 11:30am

This is a beautiful opportunity for people who are seeking some healing in their lives, be it physical, emotional, spiritual.

It is a chance to support each other and to then come to lunch after mass in the parish hall. Lunch is provided at no cost and all are very welcome.

St Francis Xavier Passionist Family Groups' Activities for JUNE ***Why not join us?***



Date	Group	Activity
16th	LANIGAN	Lunch at "Dark Horse" Watson's Creek
19th	WOOD	Visit to Melbourne Museum
21st	COTTER	Winter Dinner at a member's home
23rd	HEAGERTY	Train trip for Lunch at "The Goathouse" Elsternwick
26th	EGAN	Dinner at Iggy's Watsonia

If you would like to join one of the planned activities, if you are interested in learning more about Family Groups OR if you would like to join a Family Group, please call coordinators.

Joan & David Muller 9438 2748



**We would like to invite
YOU to**

CHRISTMAS in JULY

Kadasig's Christmas in July.

Kadasig last hosted a Christmas in July six years ago and people are still talking about it. It is more intimate than our regular events with a sit down Christmas feast and Christmas festivities.

Come out on a cold July evening for warm soup, Christmas roast and keeping in the Aussie spirit a seafood selection too.

The full menu is on Facebook / www.kadasigaid.com.au for your perusal.
There will be a \$10 Kris Kringle on the night, bring gift to join in the fun of a gift exchange.

**Tickets are \$65 per person, BYO alcohol
St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Montmorency
RSVP - July 15th 2019. Tickets are limited**

Please contact us if you would like to purchase tickets to this fundraising event.

Email Kate – marketing@kadasigaid.com.au

This is a prepaid event, to make a payment:

Account Name. Kadasig No 2 Account

Account no. 172040420 BSB. 083276

Transaction Description: Your name and Christmas

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Do you shop at Coles?

At the moment, Coles are running a promotion for fresh food containers until July 2.

☐ If you are not looking to collect the containers for yourself, we would appreciate them to send to the Philippines!

Please leave your vouchers with Beth in the Parish Office.

EGAN FAMILY GROUP WEEKEND WAY



Our Family Group has made a group booking at the Shamrock Hotel, Bendigo, from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th October next. The cost will be - \$135 per room, per night, including breakfast, if the ten rooms booked are filled, otherwise \$150 per night, per room, including breakfast.

Most of us will be travelling to Bendigo by train and some families staying just Saturday night. We will be visiting a number of Bendigo historical sites etc. during our stay.

If you would like to join our Family Group for this activity, please contact us on 9439 877

Monty & Eltham Baptisms, Calendars & News

BAPTISM WELCOME MONTY

10:30am Mass:

Evelyn Nutt *daughter of Jacob & Kathleen*

BAPTISMS MONTY

Parker Besnard, Luca Carabella



BAPTISM WELCOMES ELTHAM

9:30am Mass:

Willow Anne Sullivan *daughter of Alexander & Emily*

Olivia Tuttleby *daughter of Thomas and Taleah*

Abigail Emmaline Thompson

daughter of Emmaline and Benjamin

We thank these families for bringing their children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and the children who we welcome as they commence their journey of faith.

Wed	Early Meditation 45 minutes	6:30am
	Monty ... JUNE	
15/16	Propagation of the Faith Appeal	
16th	The Most Holy Trinity	
16th	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30am
18th	Social Justice Group Meeting	8:00pm
19th	Small Church Community Mtg	1:30pm
19th	Baptism Preparation Meeting	8:00pm
20th	Anointing Mass & Luncheon	11:30am
20th	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:30pm
23rd	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	

	Eltham ... JUNE	
	The Most Holy Trinity	
18th	Prayer Shawl, Gathering Area	11:00pm
19th	Meditation, Gathering Area	6:00pm
23rd	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
26th	Meditation, Gathering Area	6:00pm
27th	Prayer Shawl, Gathering Area	7:00pm
	Eltham ... JULY	
2nd	Prayer Shawl, Gathering Area	11:00pm
2nd	Malawi Support Group Gathering Area	7:30pm

We Care – Responding to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act.

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care.

Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear.

The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia.

Copies of the letter are available in our parish and online: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia



THE WAY PRAYER GROUP invite parishioners to join them in celebrating a Charismatic Mass on **Thursday 20th June at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough.**

The evening will commence at 7:30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass.

Prayer Ministry and supper will be available afterwards. Enq: Rose 9434 3962 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

An introduction to OLHC Parish from Fr Terry

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At the suggestion of Fr Michael I have written a few words to introduce myself to Our Lady's Community in Eltham. The St Francis Xavier Community in Montmorency have known me as their Parish priest for the past twelve and a half years and it has been a joy and a privilege to have been in this Parish.



I am Melbourne born and bred and spent my childhood years in Moorabbin, attending school at Kostka Hall and then Xavier College for my secondary years. I am the elder of two boys and my brother John lives in Cheltenham with his wife Barb. I have been blessed with a very happy childhood and have so much appreciation for my parents Kevin and Rene, both of whom died many years ago.

At the age of 17 years I commenced my preparation for Priesthood, 4 years at Corpus Christi College Werribee and then 4 years at Corpus Christi College Glen Waverley. I was ordained priest on 22nd May 1971 at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

Apart from 4 years in Youth Ministry, my 48 years as priest have been in parishes, as assistant priest in Geelong, East Preston, East St Kilda, Avondale Heights and then as parish priest in Noble Park, St Kilda West/Elwood and Montmorency. I have enjoyed every parish and I feel a very fortunate man to have met so many extraordinary people and to have made wonderful friends.

In introducing myself to Our Lady's Eltham, I come with a compassionate heart for the poor, the broken and the marginalised people, both near and far. Working in St Kilda with Sacred Heart Mission for 9 years among the homeless and disadvantaged, I have seen the face of Jesus in these people and I try always to be inclusive and welcoming and respectful of everyone I meet. In more recent times at Montmorency I have been a part of our Parish outreach to the Philippines and my heart has been well and truly opened up to the Filipino people.

Last year presented a difficult challenge for me in my health story. In September I had a quadruple bypass, replacement of my aortic valve and removal of an atrial appendage. Fortunately I have made a great recovery, and I feel so thankful for life. Yet it was a sobering experience reminding me that I am growing older. I had considered retirement, but I still feel 72 years young and I am very pleased to play a part in Montmorency and Eltham sharing parish life together. Fr Michael has been very kind to me in offering me more time for myself and a lesser workload, and I really appreciate this. My role in a team ministry with him is to be a support while he takes on the major responsibility for leading us into the future.

On another note I love sport, with cricket and AFL being my main interests. I follow the Blues and look forward to hearing the Carlton theme song more often. I enjoy a 'red' and I also enjoy sharing a meal with people (*hint, hint*). Retirement age for priests is 75 years and I look forward to being with you for the next two and a half years.

Terry Kean

MONTY & ELTHAM ROSTERS

ROSTERS for 22nd & 23rd June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Agius, Suzanne	W10:30
Ashworth, Margaret	W10:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Davidson, John	CNTR
Egan, Clem	E6:00
Egan, Tess	E6:00
Emslie, Maureen	E6:00
Farrell, Sue	E6:00
Gaffney, Peter	CLNR
Hally, Laurie	E8:30
Hannon, Gennie	E8:30
Hannon, Kevin	E8:30
Hayes, Greg	E6:00
Lister, Kerry	E8:30
Longton, Pat	E8:30
Maynes, Phil	GRDN
McKenna, Margaret	BPTZ
McShane, Jill	E8:30
Percy, Julie	W6:00
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Shirbin, Michael	CNTR
Shirbin, Olesia	E10:30
Siciliano, Ines	E10:30
Siciliano, Pat	E10:30
Skipper, Patsy	E8:30
Stanton, M	W6:00
Thornton, Catherine	E10:30
Toscano, Frances	E10:30
Turner, Jenny	W10:30
Walter, Kathleen	E6:00
Watson, Denis	CNTR
Williams, Anne	E10:30
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	E10:30
Williams, Peter	PRYR
Zerjal, Frida	E6:00

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
6:00pm	David Scannell	Vicki Jordan	May Foong, Vicki Jordan, John Stuyfbergen
9:30am	Paul Jakubik	Miranda Armstrong	Sheilah Arneson, Greg Scully, Helen Scully, Clare Zavadil

Eltham's Parish Schedule June 23

Altar Society	Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully
Counters	Maurice Brosnan, Wen & Clare Zavadil
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	June 22 - Dhanasen Family
Sunday Morning Tea	Croft Family
Caring Group Co-Ord.	Gina Ang 9439 9206
Playgroup Enquiries	Loretta 9439 9206

Diamond Valley Deanery News
www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au



Diamond Valley Deanery Dinner - Thursday, 27th June

Our guest speaker, Mrs Jacinta Bright, Pastoral Associate at St Mary's Greensborough will speak on ...

"Reflections, Questions & Hopes for our church of tomorrow"

St Francis Xavier is allocated 10 places to the dinner and the parish will cover the cost of tickets for our parishioners, you would only need to *BYO* drink. It is an opportunity for each Parish to thank some of the volunteers who do such great work in their Parish.

We invite anyone who is interested in joining us for this enjoyable evening to please contact the Parish House 9435 2178 or email beth.krolikowski@cam.org.au

Date for your diary: Diamond Valley Deanery Retreat Saturday, 17th August led by Fr Anthony Girolami. Cost \$6.

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

MONTY PROPAGATION of the FAITH APPEAL TODAY: Theme - DO NOT FEAR *for I am with you*

Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. *Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.*

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana



Today's Gospel: The Most Holy Trinity

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Gospel reflection

The Holy Spirit : *Get Out the Road Map*

I hate driving with people who won't ask for directions or look at a road map. Aside from running out of petrol, there is nothing I hate more than following a route on a hunch that it's the right way.

This brings us to the second way the Holy Spirit can make a huge difference in our lives. In this week's Gospel, Jesus promises his Apostles that "*the Spirit of truth*" will guide them. The same goes for us. The Spirit, in other words is our road map.

Are you willing to follow it?

I've known a lot of people who have struggled with questions like:

Where should I go with my life?

Isn't it nice to know there are directions?

God could have sent Jesus as a role model and then left the rest to us. But God knows us, love us, and wants the best for us, so we have guidance whenever we want it. Here are some important tips to remember when you look for that guidance.

First, Jesus gave the Spirit to the Apostles as a group, not as individuals. So they found the Spirit's guidance by praying and talking together. Likewise, we need to connect with other Christians to find the Spirit's guidance. When you have a problem or need to make a decision pray and talk with other Christians. Talk with someone who can guide you when you need direction.

Second, the Spirit's guidance comes through the dead as well as the living. Our Christian community includes heroes who've gone before us, from the Apostles to modern-day folks that we remember and could name. The Spirit guides us through their lives too. So read about them in the Bible, on the internet, in books. Let their lives provide you with part of your road map.

Finding God's direction in your life isn't always easy. It can be confusing. You'll make wrong turns and hit some dead ends. I have. But every time I've reached out for the Spirit's help, I've found direction. And looking back I'm amazed at the journey. It's been a great ride.

Recall a time when prayer or discussion with other Christians helped you find God's guidance.

GPBS Parables www.gpbs.com.au

Malawi Support Group

Many thanks for your donations amounting to \$752.20 at the recent collection. Your support is greatly appreciated by your sister parish, Fr Taylor and the surrounding parishes of St Gabriella, Maria Mtandizi, St Philomena, Mt Silize and St Andrea. Our support extends to the very needy students, who, despite some progress, reside in what remains one of the poorest nations.



If anyone missed the collection or would like to make a further contribution at any time you can do so by either direct deposit - 083347 Account Number 680924409, or directly to any member of the Support Group. Also if you by chance have any leftover new gifts suitable for one of the raffles please pass them on to Pat Croft. Thanks once again for your continuing generosity.

LITURGIES ~ 17th - 23rd June

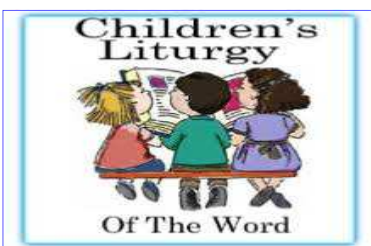


*Let us pray for all those who have gone before us
marked with the sign of faith ...*

Tuesday	9:15am	Mass	Monty
	9:15am	Communion Service	Eltham
Wednesday	9:15am	Communion Service	Monty
	9:15am	Mass	Eltham
Thursday	11:30am	Anointing Mass	Monty
	9:15am	Communion Service	Eltham
Friday	9:15am	Mass	Eltham
SATURDAY	6:00pm	Mass	Monty
	6:00pm	Mass	Eltham
SUNDAY	8:30am	Mass	Monty
	9:30am	Mass	Eltham
	10:30am	Mass	Monty

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 10:30am Monty ~ Terry
1/2 hr prior to any mass said by Michael



**Today at
Monty
10:30am Mass**

**The children will be invited to join
the leaders to reflect on the gospel
of the day.**

MONTY THANKSGIVING ...

**Just a reminder that the 30th June is fast
approaching if you would like to make a thanks-
giving contribution prior to then. Please ensure
we have your current email address so that we can
email out your tax receipt. To update your details
please email beth.krolkowski@cam.org.au.**

Monty

For the recently deceased:

Moira Anderson, Jenny Cummins
and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:

**John Stanhope, Jack Brancati, Jason Spriggs,
Bill Saunders, Giuseppina Pace.**

We pray for all in need of healing, remembering especially:

Therese Moore, Susan Phelan, Greg Livy, Baby Kylie,
Ian McCabe, Anthony & Mary Salvatore, Gennie Hannon,
John Kean, Mary Said, Sheryn Zurzolo, Patricia Mulholland,
Colleen & Jim Hussin, Maria Schroeders, Desmond Deehan,
Eva Crowe, Patsy Leed, Harry Crimmins, Marilyn Fairbank,
Montagna Mustica, Renee Eastwood, Frances McDonald,
Adrian Jones, Tina Inserra, Kevin Mannix, Julian Forrester,
Daniel Brewis, Nikki Attwood, Remi Vulich, Sriyani Algama,
Graham Neal, Danielle Gray, Geoffrey Nyssen,
Debbie Edgley, Edwinda Bacani, Andrew Pighin.

RECENTLY DECEASED

*St Francis Xavier Parish offers its sincere condolences
to the family and friends of*

MOIRA ANDERSON, sister of Maree Rankin
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Eltham

*For the recently deceased and
for those whose anniversaries are at this time.*

We pray for all in need of healing, remembering especially:

Fay Dobson, Ak Callaghan, Alan Bradley, Teresa Revitt,
Derek Warman, Ryan Laurey, Carolyn Sternberg,
Frans Zylstra.

*To include an anniversary please contact Beth at the
Parish House, or email montmorency@cam.org.au by
Wednesday 3pm of the week prior.*

Stewardship Reflection "Thoughts on Giving"

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday *"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13)*

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare
ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can
give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit.
This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

Development Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**RECEIPTS with thanks for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
and Project Compassion available in Gathering Space.**