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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased

*Peppino Costanzo, Barrie Edwards,
Luisa Gasbarro, Anne Haslam*

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Kevern Billings, Antonio Chincarini (jr), Bernard Edmond,
Bill Gayfer, Frank Salmic (sr), Bill Tapley*

For those in need of healing,

remembering especially:

*Baby Kylie, Sriyani Algama, Nikki Attwood, Justine Best,
Kristina Brazaitis, Daniel Brewis, Jan Collins,
Desmond Deehan, Renee Eastwood, Debbie Edgley,
Marilyn Fairbank, Julian Forrester, Danielle Gray,
Gennie Hannon, Colleen Hussin, Jim Hussin, Tina Inserra,
Adrian Jones, Patsy Leed, Ian McCabe, Hasti Momeni,
Therese Moore, Patricia Mulholland, Montagna Mustica,
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Susan Phelan, Andrew Pighin, Mary Said, Anthony Salvatore,
Mary Salvatore, Maria Schroeders, Jeanette Steward,
John Tobin, Remi Vulich, Sheryn Zurzolo*

Eltham

For the recently deceased

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

For those in need of healing,

remembering especially:

Ak Callaghan, Fay Dobson, Teresa Revitt

RECENTLY DECEASED

*St Francis Xavier Community offers its sincere
condolences to the families and friends of:*

Peppino Costanzo

father/in-law of Michael & Brenda

Barrie Edwards

husband of Judy (dec.),
father of Genevieve, Stephen, Phil & Daniel

Luisa Gasbarro

mother/in-law of Angelo & Sandra Sciore,
grandmother of Alex & Cristian

Anne Haslam

wife of Don Haslam,
mother of Jacqueline, Danielle & Anthony

our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.

RECONCILIATION

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

Collections last weekend: 19 & 20 Oct 2019

Community	Special Collection Catholic Mission	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
Eltham	\$628.15	\$611.00	\$935.55
Montmorency	\$838.60	\$1,503.00	\$1,076.50

Please note the above figures are monies banked &
do not include visa/mastercard or direct debits.
Thank you so much for your contributions.

The planet can only be saved from catastrophe if people live more simply. A Yorkshire-based writer argues that this creates an opportunity to create happier, healthier communities / By JONATHAN TULLOCH

Less is more

The despair took me by surprise. It had all started so hopefully too. The hills were beautiful with May, and my excitement had built as I cycled along the little lanes. Arriving at my favourite nook, I lay my bike in the Queen Anne's lace, and waited. White with blossom, the hawthorns climbed the steep slope above me. Below me, the dale was flecked with lady's smock. On the far hill, the oaks burnt with spring's new green. Any moment now, I knew I'd hear the anthem of spring, the cuckoo. Every year, its call echoed from these slopes. Every year I came to listen to the cuckoo music - the ordinary miracle carried here annually from Africa, for many thousands of years.

I waited. I waited. I waited. Nothing. I came back the next day. Again, nothing. Returning a few days later, I drew another blank, and realised that the cuckoo wouldn't be returning this year. One by one, our local cuckoos have disappeared, the bird that used to sing close to our house, the bird that cried from the next village, the singer in the woods, and now this. The last cuckoo within a bike ride of home, had fallen silent.

Pedalling home, I thought of all the other local losses: nesting curlews, lapwings, yellow wagtails, spotted flycatchers, swallows and a flock of over-wintering golden plover. Of course, I've long known that migrant bird numbers are crashing, but I'd always believed that we could successfully reverse one of the main causes - climate change. But now, doubt crept in. Vested interests were too powerful. Governments were too inadequate or too corrupt. We lacked the technology. People didn't care enough or didn't have the power ... It was at this moment of despair that I saw the oncoming car. Overtaking another vehicle, it was heading for me, full on. As I fell into the hawthorn hedge, the displaced air from the car I had narrowly missed brushed me like a falcon's wing.

Difficult weeks followed. The sprained wrist soon healed by I still had to write my nature columns and continue working with asylum seekers, who are victims of conflict and repression exacerbated by climate change. I worked on autopilot, but each day brought little improvement. The night though, is darkest just before dawn, and hope came as unexpectedly as despair. It was on a climate strike march. I was only attending out of solidarity with the young organisers; and sorrow too - what were they going to face in their lives? But it was Edith - eighty-six years young - who galvanised me.

As we marched, Edith explained how for the first time in her life, she was in trouble with the police. "And we're growing numbers," she said. "Each march is bigger." But what really struck home were her parting words as she left me to block traffic.



"For years I've heard people say that what we need in this country is another war. Not the fighting. But the pulling together. The idea of all being in it together. Well, we've got it. It's war without shooting. A peace war. And we have to win it."

If despair is infectious, so is hope, and as the march continued, my newly stirring shoots of optimism were given another huge fillip. "Ethiopia planted 350 million trees in one day," a placard announced. I checked the claim on my phone. It was true! Not only that, Abiy Ahmed, Nobel Peace Prize-winning prime minister of Ethiopia, has pledged to plant billions more.

More quick research revealed that elsewhere in Africa, the Great Green Wall project is already a decade in to its aim of planting an 8,000km-wide wall of trees. A similar planting programme is happening in China. Whilst in India, a few days after Ethiopia's achievement, 220 million trees were planted in a single day. The numbers are staggering. I googled how many trees the UK government had planted in the past year; only two million. But even here, not all was doom and gloom. Since the government is woefully failing even its own inadequate targets on tree planting, our very own Woodland Trust has a plan. It calls it "The Big Climate Fightback", and it's getting a million of us to plant a tree on 30 November. According to the trust, we don't need to develop a new "clever bit of kit" to save the planet. The device already exists. It's called a tree.

The skills of the humble tree go beyond carbon capture. Due to the deadly particulates in diesel and petrol, experts equate living in a city to smoking 20 cigarettes a day. The World Health

Organization estimates that by cleaning the air, trees can save one million lives a year globally. Studies have also linked trees with raising human levels of well-being. If our cities are a patchwork of woodland and calming orchards, then they will also ring with birdsong. A trip to town will be a safari.

It turns out too, that the radical steps required to actually stop producing carbon in the first place, come with even more "health co-benefits". The winner of this year's prestigious Stirling Prize for excellence in architecture is Goldsmith Street: 105 eco-friendly council houses in Norwich. The largest Passivhaus development in the UK is stylish but spacious, and the heavily insulated houses require little energy to heat or cool. Light-absorbing materials draw passively on the sun and the warmth of human bodies within, and cut household energy bill by 70 per cent. The scheme, with its green spaces, puts the human community at its centre, and by relegating traffic to the periphery, allows children to play outside. What's good for the climate is also good for us. Why can't housing schemes like Goldsmith Street be rolled out across the country?

As well as helping to deal with the 14 per cent of UK carbon emissions created by houses, Goldsmith Street points to another major climate change solution that comes with massive, and immediate benefits: controlling the car. To showcase how life might feel free from cars, car-free days are popular all over the world, from Jakarta to Brussels, and Bangkok to Kosovo. On the recent car-free day in Paris, levels of the toxic nitrogen dioxide were reduced by 40 per cent.

Our car-centric world isn't just the cause of our pollution illnesses, it's also the main factor in the obesity epidemic - that other growing health emergency. Some UK commuters spend nearly five days a year sitting in traffic jams. Who wouldn't prefer walking to work amongst the trees or cycling through clouds of butterflies? Who wouldn't prefer to fend off type 2 diabetes and all the other curses of the sedentary life? No wonder medical journal, *The Lancet*, believes that tackling climate change "could be the greatest global health opportunity of the twenty-first century". Twenty-eight per cent of all urban journeys are under a mile, and for longer journeys, no need to return to the horse and cart, electric public transport just needs a government capable of building the infrastructure. And what about flights? Will people be so desperate to get away once we're not living in diesel-drenched, traffic-throttled smogscapes? Besides, 15 per cent of the UK population take 70 per cent of the flights, and, in any given year, 50 per cent of us don't fly at all.

Our Lady Help of Christians News & Events

18 chairs in good condition available free to a great home!

These chairs are in the Gathering Area at Eltham. If you would like them all or some, please contact the parish office - 9435 2178.



After-Mass Hospitality



We'd love for you to be part of our "Internationally Famous" After-Mass Hospitality Team!

Currently our volunteers are rostered 2-3 times per year, however, we understand that you will offer what you can to support this fantastic ministry.

If you are interested in joining this ministry and/or continuing, please add your name and availability to the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, or call/email the Parish Office (9435 2178) (gina.ang@cam.org.au or eltham@cam.org.au).

For further information please speak with Gina or one of our Hospitality Team.

Prayer Shawl will be on **Tue, 29th October @ 11 am**. This is a one off in place of Tue Nov 5th being a public holiday. Please come and join us. Note :There will be no Prayer Shawl on Tuesday, 5th Nov.

Columban Calendars available for purchase from Piety Stall only \$9!

The Eltham Conference has received a supply of Columban Calendars which will be available for sale from the Piety stall after Mass each weekend until sold out.



We encourage parishioners to keep alive the long tradition of using one in the house and supporting the Eltham Conference at the same time by purchasing one. The cost is \$9 - the same as last year.

Thank you to all parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians for the collection received at our appeal over the weekend of the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. The amount of \$963.45 will go a long way towards helping the people we assist in the Eltham & Research areas.

We would also like to thank all those persons who donate groceries over the year. Thank you from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

St Francis Xavier News & Events

In our 10:30am Mass today, we welcome our RCIC children and pray for them as they continue their faith journeys.



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| Giacomo Chincarini | Ben Chincarini | Sebastian Drljo |
| Matthew Kayrooz | Mya Lyons | Harry Mitchell |
| Jack Mitchell | Suchitha Miranda | Jude Barro |

A Funeral Service for **Anne Haslam** will be held at St Francis Xavier on **Wednesday, 30th October 2019** commencing at 10:00am

DAME or SIR WASHALOTS REQUIRED

Calling volunteers who would be happy to launder purifiers, fingers towels & corporals. Each person on the roster does a rostered month two times/year, with great flexibility on the month, with swapping if your time does not suit. If interested please call Judy 0429633022



Columban Calendars are available from the Piety Stall after each Mass for only \$9!

Kadasig Aid & Development - Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all those who attended our Trivia night last Saturday night in the parish hall. What a fantastic night – socially & financially. We have our much needed motorbike covered along with supporting the salaries of our staff who we treasure greatly to enable our programs to continue. Terrific questions, much laughter and great sweet tastes! On another matter, there will be a Social Outreach visit to the Philippines for approximately 2 weeks in February 2020, there are a couple of places available. If you may be interested please contact Glenys Gayfer – 0411 196 395 for further information. This is a lifetime opportunity.

A sincere thank you to our supporters last week, who came to the lunch – we raised \$830. Thank you for the plants, the home made goodies and the plates of food. It's been a great effort over 46 years. Thank you, Imelda Brown.



St Francis Xavier Tennis Club Information Sessions – Junior Competition 2020

- When: Monday 28 October @ 3:30pm and 7:30pm (for about 30 minutes each)
- Where: SFX Tennis Clubroom

The SFX Tennis Club is looking for new players to join our Friday night / Saturday morning junior competitions in 2020. We will be holding two information sessions next week here at the club. There will be representatives from SFX including current team managers to answer any of your questions and provide information in relation to:

- Cost
- Clothing
- Competition Dates
- Standard required
- Playing locations
- Parent assistance



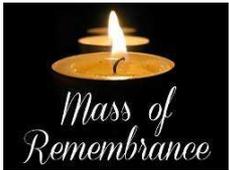
If you are unable to attend or have further questions please contact Steve Paatsch – Junior Convenor – 0402 479 851
Adrian Miron – Team Manager – 0411 100 822

Umbrella...

There are a number of umbrellas which have been left in the Gathering Space at SFX. Please check to see if any are yours. In a couple of weeks, the remaining umbrellas will make their way to the Vinnies Shop!



The SFX Parish Community extends their blessing to all the children celebrating their birthday this month.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE, ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

We will gather at 7:30pm on Friday, 8th Nov to celebrate a special Remembrance Mass for our family members & close friends who have died during this past year.

All are invited to include the names of family members & friends who have passed away in the past 12 months to our parish list. To add their name to the remembrance list, please give the details to the Bereavement team member who will be in the foyer of SFX after all the masses for the next three weekends, or on the sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Area at OLHC. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office (kate.kogler@cam.org.au) with the details.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this Mass as we remember as a community our loved ones who have died. If you are attending the mass, we ask that you arrive a little early to record your name and the name of the person you have come to remember before mass commences. If you wish, you may like to bring a photograph of your loved one to display on the night. A light supper will follow the Mass.

-SFX BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM



The MARIAN Magazine

Everyone is looking forward to another issue of the MARIAN Magazine this Christmas, publishing the stories of Montmorency & Eltham parishioners. For quite some years now, the MARIAN magazine has been produced in Eltham three times per year, but of course, this year it will be a truly combined issue of all Monty & Eltham people.

I am looking for personal stories, poems, reflections, reports etc. The writing in the MARIAN is not edited, changed or corrected, apart from that I have to make sure that it is within the law and not offensive (of course, I will help anyone if asked).

If anyone is willing to help me with the layout etc, I will be delighted. A great opportunity here for young people to add to their Folio or CV for later employment.

Please send your writing to the Parish Office (kate.kogler@cam.org.au). The deadline is 30 November.

Thank you, John Stuyfbergen



Eltham and Montmorency Musicians...

Are you a Liturgical Musician in our parish? Would you like to join the team? We are holding a special event in the lead-up to Advent for all current/interested Liturgical Musos (vocalists/instrumentalists). The evening's focus will be on: gathering the two parish teams together, Advent preparation, music, singing & resource sharing.

When: Thursday 14th November

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Church, 86 Mayona Road, Montmorency

At the conclusion of the evening, a light supper & coffee will be served in the gathering space of the church. To RSVP your attendance and/or for any questions, please contact Suzanne Agius 0409 807 101 or via email suzeagius1970@gmail.com.



Parish House Dinner for those who have experienced grief and loss

Friday, 15th November at 6:30pm

It is the tradition of the Parish Pastoral Council to host a number of parish dinners each year. Our final dinner for 2019 gives us an opportunity to reflect on memories of our loved ones.

You are warmly invited to join members of the Parish Council for a meal prepared by them. You don't have to bring anything, just yourself and a desire to share a delicious meal together.

Please RSVP : beth.krolkowski@cam.org.au or Parish office 9435 2178 by Monday 11 November.

Social Justice Group News

An excerpt from a letter of grateful thanks & appreciation received from Sr Mary O'Shannassy, Director of Catholic Prison Ministry, for our recent donation of \$1000, from the St Francis Xavier Social Outreach Fund.

"Thank you for thinking of us & our ministry with the women & men in the prisons & helping us in assisting in the settling in process with them afterwards, when we are able. Actually at the time we received this donation we were working to settle back to society a man (Jeff*) who had been in prison for a number of years. He was offered a unit in a country area which was wonderful but he had nothing to go with it.

When I visited him he had a mattress on the floor & a doona. Jeff had collected a 2 seater couch found on the kerb for hard rubbish collection. He bought a vacuum cleaner for \$15, advertised for sale at the local shopping centre. In prison they become very conscious of cleanliness! Jeff bought prepared salad daily as he had no refrigerator & some basic items from the Reject shop. Your donation enabled us to buy him towels, bed linen, cutlery, as well as some clothing. Jeff was very conscious that we got value for the money!" *not his real name

Holy Trinity Primary School Christmas Market Expressions of Interest TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH 3:30PM - 6PM This year Holy Trinity Primary School families will be treated to a Christmas mini fair and market at the end of year carols night. If you or someone you know would like to host a market stall, please contact htparentscommittee@gmail.com for details.

Eltham & Monty Rosters

If you need to make changes, please arrange a swap. Thank you.

<i>Eltham</i>	
Saturday 26 October - 6:00pm	
Commentator	Jennie O'Dell
Lector	Denzil Furtado
Eucharistic Ministers	John Gaspersz
	Karen Gaspersz
	Natisha Gaspersz
Sacristan	Kathy Reardon
Sunday 27 October - 9:30am	
Commentator	Linda Dunell
Lector	Julie Craw
Eucharistic Ministers	Denice Donnellan
	Joan Gilbert
	Marian Goss
	Greg Northrop
	Sharyn Northrop
Sacristan	Kathy Reardon
Altar Society	Gianna Milwain Vali Hall
Morning Tea	Gartland
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	Scannell Family
Counters	Greg Scully Lyn & Neil Smith
Saturday 2 November - 6:00pm	
Commentator	Lorraine Furtado
Lector	<i>Volunteer Please</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	David Scannell
	Maureen Scannell
	<i>Volunteer Please</i>
Sacristan	Carmel Saltalamacchia
Sunday 3 November - 9:30am	
Commentator	Neil Walker
Lector	Michelle Leahy
Eucharistic Ministers	Miranda Armstrong
	Marlis Dopheide
	Linda Dunell
	Peter Rigg
	Trish Taylor
Sacristan	Marian Goss
Altar Society	Gianna Milwain
Morning Tea	Gonella
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	Stewart Family
Counters	Graeme Price Brian Wordsworth

<i>Monty 2/3 Nov</i>	
Borgolotto, Nello	CNTR
Boyd, Mary	PRYR
Brewer, Jenny	W10:30
Cain, Helen	E10:30
Costanzo, Brenda	W10:30
Cotter, Tony	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
De Bolfo, Paul	W10:30
Dean, Mary	E10:30
French, Jossie	CNTR
Gaffney, Peter	CLNR
Gayfer, Glenys	E10:30
Hally, Laurie	E8:30
Hannon, Gennie	E8:30
Hannon, Kevin	E8:30
Kitch, Loretta	E6:00
Kozak, Jan	E10:30
Kuppe, Andy	E6:00
Kuppe, Andy	W6:00
Lister, Kerry	E8:30
Longton, Pat	E8:30
Love, Philip	E10:30
McKinna, Jane	W6:00
McShane, Jill	E8:30
Meredith, Jeanette	E6:00
O'Dowd, Mark	E10:30
Percy, Julie	E6:00
Price, Aaron	E6:00
Roy, Rob	E10:30
Skipper, Patsy	E8:30
Smith, Patricia	E6:00
Vincent, Donna	E6:00

Parishioners, assistance is always promptly available by contacting
1800 305 330, 10am - 3pm weekdays



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Sat 26	<i>Eltham:</i> Mass - Baptism Welcome <i>Monty:</i> Mass - Birthday Blessings	6:00pm 6:00pm
Sun 27	<i>Monty:</i> Mass - Birthday Blessings <i>Eltham:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Mass - Baptism Welcomes, Birthday Blessings RCIC presentation of Children <i>Monty:</i> Baptisms	8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm
Tue 29	<i>Eltham:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Peter) <i>Monty:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Craft Group <i>Eltham:</i> Prayer Shawl, Gathering Area	9:15am 9:15am 9:45pm 11:00am
Wed 30	<i>Eltham:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion	9:15am 9:15am
Thu 31	<i>Eltham:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Elisabeth) <i>Monty:</i> Mass - Class Mass SFX <i>Monty:</i> Child Safety Meeting	9:15am 9:15am 10:30am
Fri 1	Feast of All Saints <i>Eltham:</i> Mass with Prep H <i>Monty:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion	9:15am 9:15am
Sat 2	<i>Eltham:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Mass	6:00pm 6:00pm
Sun 3	<i>Monty:</i> Mass <i>Eltham:</i> Mass - Baptism Welcome <i>Monty:</i> Mass - Baptism Welcome <i>Monty:</i> First Sunday of the Month BBQ	8:30am 9:30am 10:30am 11:15pm
Tue 5	Melbourne Cup Day <i>Eltham:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Peter) <i>Monty:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Craft Group	9:15am 9:15am 9:45pm
Wed 6	<i>Eltham:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion <i>Monty:</i> Small church Community Meeting	9:15am 9:15am 1:00pm
Thu 7	<i>Eltham:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Barbara) <i>Monty:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Mass at Garden Views <i>Eltham:</i> Liturgy Team Meeting	9:15am 9:15am 10:30am 7:30pm
Fri 8	<i>Eltham:</i> Mass with 5/6A & 5/6AH <i>Monty:</i> Liturgy of the Word with Communion <i>Monty:</i> Liturgy Team Meeting <i>Monty:</i> Remembrance Mass	9:15am 9:15am 10:00am 7:30pm
Sat 9	Catholic Deaf Collection <i>Eltham:</i> Mass <i>Monty:</i> Mass - Welcome Mass for Prep 2020	6:00pm 6:00pm

General News & Events



Marcellin College Memorial Mass for Deceased Students

Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged to attend this memorial service.

Mass will be celebrated in the Marcellin College Chapel on Thursday 31 October at 7:30pm followed by supper afterwards. Enquiries to Mrs Mary Norden: 9842 3080

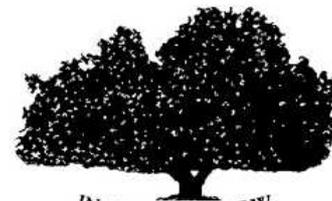


Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in India and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Eden Gardens Children's Home to provide the practical and spiritual support the children need to follow their dreams.



Right across the world, Catholic communities during the Extraordinary Missionary Month will join together in a range of actions that witness to an extraordinary work of mission in the world - thank you for being part of this mission through your generous support.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission please contact our friendly team at the freecall number (1800 257 296), or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact; catholicmission.org.au/india.



IN GOD WE GROW

ST ALOYSIUS
CAULFIELD

Back to St Aloysius

100 Years Reunion

Get together for afternoon tea to farewell our wonderful school.

Saturday November 16th 2019

3-5 pm

Cromwell St Caulfield

Come and tour the school, look through old photos and catch up with old friends.

RSVP -11/11/19

9532 9416 or officecaulfield@santglen.catholic.edu.au

Facebook- 100 years At St Aloysius

PLEASE SEND **ALL** BULLETIN ITEMS TO:
Kate : kate.kogler@cam.org.au

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I think you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



True Righteousness

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. Luke 18:9

This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only –righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy - the mercy of God.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.

Lord, Jesus Christ, please be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. I acknowledge my sin and my weakness and I beg for Your abundant mercy. Please pour forth Your mercy and help me to open my heart to all that You wish to bestow. Help me to live in the humble truth, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Baptism Welcomes

This weekend we welcome to our:

Montmorency Parish Community

Sun 10:30am Mass

Isla Rose Wilson

daughter of Adam & Bianca

Declan Lual Mabil Lual

son of Joseph & Siobhan

and

Charlotte Kaja Rehlicki

daughter of Jaclyn & Steve

Eltham Parish Community

Sat 6pm Mass

Sofia Rose Scibilia

daughter of Rick & Joanne



Baptisms

Congratulations to the family of:

Alfie Eddy

*as we celebrate with them his baptism this weekend
at St Francis Xavier.*

We pray for Isla, Declan, Charlotte, Sofia & Alfie,
their parents & Godparents.

May God keep them always in His love.

