

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery   
PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 11 August 2013: nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

<div>Parish Vision Statement</div> <div>A loving parish, centred in Christ, that is welcoming, inclusive and connected, and relevant to the needs of our world.</div>		<div>Today's Readings</div> <div>First Reading Wis 18:6-9 In the destruction of their foes, God called them and made them glorious. Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12 Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 The power of faith. Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44 Gospel Lk 12:32-48 Be as servants, wide awake at the return of their master. Lk 12:35-40</div>		<div>Next Week's Readings</div> <div>First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 King Zedekiah saves Jeremiah from the cistern. Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14 Second Reading Heb 12:1-4 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27 Gospel Lk 12:49-53 Jesus tells his disciples he has come for division.</div>	
<div>Parish Information</div> <div>Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham Phone: 9439 9206 Fax: 9431 3755</div> <div>Liturgy Schedule</div> <div>Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am Weekday Masses Tues-Fri 9.15am Reconciliation Saturday 9:30am</div> <div>Parish Team</div> <div>Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke Parish Worker - Gina Ang (Tues &amp; Wed 9.00am-3.30pm) Parish Secretary: Angela Vines - (Mon/Wed 9.00am-3.30pm) Vicki Jordan - (Fri 9.00am-3.30pm) email: olhc@alphalink.com.au web site: www.olhc.info</div> <div>School Team</div> <div>School Principal: Chris Ray School Secretary: Liz Cox R.E.C.: Marguerite Jones School: 1-13 Henry Street. Eltham Phone: 9439 7824 email: school@olhceltham.catholic.edu.au Website: olhceltham.catholic.edu.au</div> <div>Diamond Valley Deanery</div> <div>email: drcdvd@optusnet.com.au website: diamondvalleydeanery.org.au</div>		<div>OPENING PRAYER</div> <div>Life-giving Father, we have been taught by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge your creative powers. We ask that you bring to completion your adoption of us as your daughters and sons that we may come to life in all its fullness. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.</div> <div>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</div> <div>Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.</div> <div>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</div> <div>Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</div> <div>PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION</div> <div>May the strength and nourishment we have received in the Eucharist confirm us in the light of your truth and goodness, Lord. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen</div>			
		<div>GLORIA</div> <div>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.</div>		<div>APOSTLES CREED</div> <div>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.</div>	

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
Deanery Mass Times  
Wednesday 14th Vigil Mass

6.00pm: St Francis Xavier Montmorency  
7.00pm: Sacred Heart Diamond Creek  
7.30pm: St Mary's Greensborough

Thursday 15th

9.15am: Our Lady Help of Christians Eltham  
12.15pm: St. Thomas Greensborough North  
7.30pm: St Martin of Tours Rosanna

MARIAN - CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS AND PARISH GROUPS  
It is time for the next edition of the MARIAN.  
Deadline for contributions: Thursday August 22.

CONFIRMATION

Next weekend the families of 55 children at our parish school and 4 G.S.A. children will attend the 6pm Saturday or 11am Sunday Mass for their Confirmation Commitment Mass.



Parents and children are asked to attend the Confirmation Formation evening on Thursday week, August 22 at **7.00pm in our parish school's assembly area.**

COMMUNITY DAY FEATURING FR BRENDAN BYRNE  
Theme: Life and teachings of St Paul  
When: Saturday 17 August 10am - 4pm  
Where: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne Cost: Donation of \$20 - Bring lunch to share  
More info: chrmedvic@gmail.org

BISHOP GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM:  
MIGRATION & POVERTY: EXPLORING ETHICAL ISSUES  
When: Thursday 22 August, 7pm – 9pm  
Where: Central Hall, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy  
All welcome to this special event for Migrant and Refugee Week. More info: 02 6201 9848

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS – Migration: A Pilgrimage of Faith & Hope - Sunday, 25 August  
Rosary at 2pm, Mass with Archbishop Denis Hart at 3pm  
Where: **St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**  
More info: 9926 5720

MALAWI GROUP NEWS

The Group will have tickets for sale over the next 2 weekends for:



- **Fathers Day Raffle:** This traditional event will once again have three great prizes and guess what??? the fantastic first prize is 2 tickets to a match of your choice next year at Etihad Stadium, very kindly donated **by a Group member but wait, there's more!!!!** it also includes a car pass and even better, access to the Medallion Club. This total package is worth \$250. The second and third prizes are also great.
- **Theatre Night with Eltham Little Theatre:** This G.B. Shaw classic play "Arms and the Man" opened in 1894 and was an instant hit that lead Shaw to describe it as a "Firecracker". The 50 tickets we have will be at the concession price of \$20 each for a nice local evening with a sherry and a show.

**The Group's Jelly Bean Box will be out again over these two selling weekends** for those who cannot attend the Theatre Night but may wish as in the past to make a small (or large) donation.

*Please keep Fr Frank and our sister parishioners in your prayers.*

SERVING MELBOURNE'S PARISHES FORUM: CELEBRATING COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY *Why do you do what you do?*  
In this Year of Faith we mark the 50 years since the Second Vatican Council – and celebrate one of its fruits: a greater sense of collaborative ministry and the work of lay ecclesial ministers. We invite Parish Priests and Parish Staff including Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, Deanery Resource Coordinators and Volunteers. Join the conversation on: How have we seen the greater participation and service of the laity since Vatican II? How is collaborative ministry being lived in parishes around the archdiocese? With testimonies from a range of voices giving witness to the grace, ordinariness, and challenges of parish life.  
When: Tuesday 20 August, 10am - 2pm  
Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall (1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill)  
More info: Free with light lunch provided. RSVP required. Complete the registration form (from parish house) and **send to the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation.**



We have received a letter thanking us for supporting Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion appeal. The parish raised \$4,374.05.

**'From all at Caritas Australia, thank you for embracing Project Compassion and helping us to open doors into the future of the world's poorest'.**

TRIVIA NIGHT AT LOYOLA COLLEGE

The Loyola Parents and Friends Association invites you to a Trivia Night to be held at Loyola College on Saturday 24 August at 7pm. Adults \$15 and Concession \$10. For bookings please access [www.booking.com/DCUP](http://www.booking.com/DCUP) and [lpfa@loyola.vic.edu.au](mailto:lpfa@loyola.vic.edu.au) for more information.

A CELEBRATION DAY FOR GIRLS

For girls 10-12 years old with their mother or female carer. **Enjoy lively discussion, fun activities, women's stories and gentle celebration of the magical threshold of puberty and menarche.**

When: Celebration Day - Sunday September 15, 9.30-4.30, Mothers & Carers Evening - Sunday September 8, 7-9pm  
Where: Briar Hill Primary Cost: \$125 (\$100 concession)  
Bookings: [www.menstruality.com.au](http://www.menstruality.com.au)

Contact: Melissa Gonella [Melissa@menstruality.com.au](mailto:Melissa@menstruality.com.au) - 0418 990 619/9439 4868

Flyers available on the gathering area table.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB OVER 28S' **PARTY NIGHT**  
For single Catholics 28-60 years old.

When: Sat August 4, 8.00pm  
Where: **Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigul Rd, Burwood (Melways 61H6)**  
Cost: \$13.00 - includes lucky door prizes and supper  
Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H

JOURNEY WITH THE YOUNG: BE PART OF A SALESIAN ADVENTURE - IS THIS A VOCATION FOR YOU?

The spirit of St John Bosco guides the work of the Salesians - caring for the needs of the poorest and most neglected young people. The main apostolates for young people conducted by the Salesians in Australia, New Zealand, Samoa and Fiji include secondary schools, camps, hostels, parishes, youth centres and missionary work. See leaflets on gathering area table for more information about the work of the Salesians and their formation process.

LETTER FROM FRANCIS SULLIVAN, CEO, TRUTH JUSTICE HEALING COUNCIL

**'The Truth, Justice and Healing Council has been established by the Catholic Church leaders to coordinate the church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse.**

The Church fully supports the work of the Royal Commission and encourages people who have been abused to tell their stories.

For more information, go to <http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au> or call 02 6234 0900 or write to 'Truth Justice and Healing Council, PO Box 4593, Kingston Act, 2604'.

For more information on the Royal Commission visit <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au>

The council would appreciate feedback from clergy and parishioners. Our website has a contact page and any thoughts, comments, suggestions or criticisms on what we are doing and how we are going about it can be made there.

**Feel free to write to us if you don't have access to the internet.**

The coming months, possibly years, are going to be difficult **for Catholics as we hear victims' stories and hear how the Church has responded.** It is only by coming together and discussing the issues, examining the past - the good and the bad - that we can all understand what needs to happen in the future.

We would appreciate the regular mention of the work of the Royal Commission and especially the support for victims being a regular part of our weekly prayers of petition.

It is our desire that through the work of the Council and the materials we provide the Catholic Community that we are all better placed to appreciate the issues, discuss them openly and play some part in providing justice, healing and compassion for victims.

Importantly, it will also be this process that will help those members of the Catholic community, clergy and religious who are disillusioned by what has occurred, deal with what is to come as the Royal Commission starts its public hearings in September.

Thank you for considering this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you, should you wish to discuss the work of **the Council further.'**

Kind regards  
Francis Sullivan  
Chief Executive Officer, Truth Justice Healing Council

IGNATIAN OUTREACH

The Centres of Ignatian Spirituality offer retreats and prayer programs to meet the needs of parish communities. The types of programs offered include: onsite parish retreats, home retreats in daily life, prayer programs and may other. Please see the leaflet on the gathering area table for more information.

Upcoming programs at the Melbourne Campion Centre for Ignation Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew:


- Music for the Spirit Fri 2nd (7.30pm) - Sun Aug 4 (3pm)
  - Moving Closer to Christ Fri 9th (7.30pm) - Sun Aug 11 (3pm)
  - Experience of God: Whispers from the Mystics Fri Aug 16 (6pm) - Fri Aug 23 (9am)
  - Inner Peace in Darkness & Light Fri 6th (7.30pm) - Sun Sep 8
  - Through the Cracks the Light Gets In Mon Sep 9 (6pm) - Fri Sep 13 (9am)
  - 5 Day Silent Directed Retreat Sun Sep 15 (6pm) - Sat Sep 21 (9am)
  - For God's Sake Stop Sun Sep 22 (9.30am-4.30pm)
  - How Do I Know What God Wants of Me? Fri Sep 27 (7.30pm) - Sun Sep (3pm)
- Information: [campion@cis.jesuit.org.au](mailto:campion@cis.jesuit.org.au) / 9854 8110

*LIBRARY NEWS - August Author of the Month* Bishop Geoff Robinson, and his book **'For Christ's Sake'** is book of the month.

Three of Bishop Robinson 's books will be on the top shelf for borrowers this month:

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

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REFLECTION

As offensive as the Monty Python film, The Life of Brian was to some Christians, the scene in which several competing messiahs try to convince the market-place crowd that they are the real thing, brilliantly and humorously captures Jewish expectations in 1st century Palestine. Not unlike the fervour at the end of the last millennium, some religious people believed the end of time was close at hand. Far from selling his messianic wares at the market, however, Jesus crept in beside us and lived, suffered, died and was raised from the tomb in a way no one anticipated. Even after his resurrection the earliest Christians believed Jesus would return very soon, so they could afford to live as if they were, literally, in the last days. When this didn't happen there was crisis in the community. The earliest disciples, to whom much had been entrusted, had to hand on a faith in a more unpredictable God who does not fulfil all our expectations or run to our timetable.

Luke points out that the greatest gift we Christians have received is knowing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. What a relief to know we do not have to shop around any more. From everyone to whom much has been given, however, much will be required and so knowing who Jesus is only goes halfway. Living out the reality of the Christian life is the other half. Today's Gospel teaches us that our Christian life should be marked by five characteristics, that we: willingly share with those in need; are ready to act justly; stay alert to the presence of God in the world; guard against those people or things that can rob us of our faith; not abuse others but live in peace. With or without a sense that Jesus is due back at any minute, the Christian life is meant to focus on the essentials.

Two thousand years later we are still waiting for Jesus' return and many of us live complicated lives that rob us of true happiness. Sadly, it often takes a tragedy for us to reassess what we have been given. A student at the Columbine High School, who was injured in the shooting, wrote this sombre reappraisal of how he sees the world and what he thinks we should be passing on to the next generation:

**'The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.**

**'We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense;**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF OUR LADY'S - UPCOMING EVENTS

- BUNNINGS BBQ: Saturday August 17th, please come and support our school.
- OAKS DAY: Thursday November 7th In the Parish Hall, 11am - 3:00pm. Includes- 3 course buffet lunch, 2 glasses of wine or Soft Drink- Fashions on the field prizes - Live races on T.V. Further details re bookings to follow. Please put this date in your diary.



## 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:**  
Breakfast cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, spreads – jams, honey, peanut butter, vegemite. Sugar, tea, coffee etc.

### Altar Society

August 10/11 G. Frediani  
August 17/18 K. Reardon, M. Snipe, H. Scully

### Counters

August 11 D. Schultz, C. Leahy  
August 18 P. Riley, G. Northrop

### Pilgrim Rosary Statue

August 11 Dhanasen Family  
August 18 Stewart Family

### Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667  
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

### Sunday Morning Tea

August 11	9.00am	M. & T. Pereira
	11.00am	A. Hall, C. Croke
August 18	9.00am	P. & M. Croft
	11.00am	A. & C. Franciscelli

Feast Days This Week

Wed Aug 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe  
Thurs Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy day of obligation)

# 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 Aug 14	St Vincent de Paul 7.25pm
W/E Aug 17/18	<b>OLHC Families' Confirmation Commitment</b> Masses - 6pm and 11am
Wed Aug 21	<b>Seniors' Lunch 12noon Lwr Plenty Hotel</b>
Wed Aug 21	Liturgy Committee 7.30pm
Thurs Aug 22	Confirmation Formation evening 7pm (school)
Wed Aug 28	LinC AGM 8pm
W/E Aug 24/25	National Day for Migrants & Refugees Malawi raffle tickets on sale

PRAYERS PLEASE

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

- Phyllis White (formerly of Brougham St) - funeral prayers at 11.00am Thursday August 15
- Fr Bill Jordan, PE

ANNIVERSARIES:

- Sister Mercedes Hogan
- Peter Rees
- Judy Wadham
- Marie Zavadiil (Wen Zavadiil's mother)**

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more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

**'We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value;** we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

**'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble** crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

**'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character;** steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.

**'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of** fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stock-room.'

We all know the world is not quite so neat, not so either/or, but these words focus the question well enough: what are the essentials of our life, or as Jesus puts it, what is our treasure and where is our heart?

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LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
August 10/11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	D. Scannell	M. Snipe	P. Crowle, V. Jordan, Y. Illiffe, C. Porter, volunteer needed
9.00am	A. Stevens	T. Taylor	T. Goonan, T. Taylor, M. Scali, G. Scully, H. Scully
11.00am	N. Walker	J. O'Dell	L. Dunell, G. Northrop, S. Northrop, J. McGinty, M. McGinty
August 17/18 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	D. Zylstra	B. Gillard, C. Baker, C. Porter, D. Scannell, M. Scannell
9.00am	G. Scully	M. Dopheide	P. Rigg, H. Scully, S. Arneson, T. Goonan, T. Taylor
11.00am	J. O'Dell	M. Stella	K. Reardon, P. Reardon, J. Spataro, MN. Goss, volunteer needed