

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 26th March, 2017: - 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

<p><u>Parish Vision Statement</u> <i>A loving parish, centred in Christ, that is welcoming, inclusive and connected, and relevant to the needs of our world.</i></p>	<p>Today's Reading First Reading: 1Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 Samuel anoints David king. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.1 Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14 Live in the light. Gospel Acclamation: Jn 8:12 Gospel: Jn 9:1-41 Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth on the sabbath. Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38</p>	<p>Next Weeks Readings First Reading: Ez 37:12-14 The Lord promises to raise his people from the dead. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129. R. v.7 Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11 The Spirit of God dwells in us. Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 11:25.26 Gospel: Jn 1-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45</p>
<p><u>Parish Information</u> Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham House: P.O. Box 310, Eltham Phone: 9439 9206 Fax: 9431 3755</p> <p><u>Liturgy Schedule</u> <u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am & 11am <u>Weekday Masses</u> Tues - Fri 9.15am</p> <p><u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday 9:30am</p> <p><u>Parish Team</u> Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke Parish Worker - Gina Ang (Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm) Parish Secretary - Loretta Marazzato (Mon, Wed & Fri 9.00am - 3.30pm) email: olhc@alphalink.com.au web site: www.olhc.info</p> <p><u>School Team</u> 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</p> <p><u>Diamond Valley Deanery</u> email: drcdvd@optusnet.com.au website: diamondvalleydeanery.org.au</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p> RESPONSORIAL PSALM The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Glory and you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world says the Lord; Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <p>BAPTISM WELCOME Congratulations to the Family of <i>Julian Soccio</i> We pray for Julian, his parents and Godparents. May God keep them always in his Love</p> <p> We pray for those who have died recently <i>Julie Spillane</i> <i>Joan Horsley</i> We pray for those who are sick and in need of care <i>Anne Arkell</i> <i>Matthew Barker</i> <i>Peter Donnellan</i> <i>Jobe Warden</i> <i>Paul Goss</i> <i>Lyn Baker</i></p>

Rosary - The Rosary continues each Monday during Lent at 7.30pm.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Sign up sheets for volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies are on the table in the gathering area. Please sign up for ministry on these sacred celebrations. If you have not previously taken on one of these roles and would like more information, please talk to Vicki Jordan, Marlis, Barbara Bibby or Fr Kevin.

We have written the names of those who are already rostered on for reading, commentating, sacristan and musicians for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so we would like those people to confirm their availability by writing in their names in pen.

The sheets will be collected after the 11am Mass this Sunday, March 26th and roles will be confirmed with volunteers.

Young Parishioners

Jesus has a special love for children! That's You! Would you like to help during the Holy Week ceremonies? We are looking for some children to:-

Palm Sunday - 9th April

- Hand out olive branches before 9am Mass.
- Carry big palm branches in the procession from the hall.
- Bring up offertory gifts

Saturday Vigil

- Offer parishioners candles before they enter the darkened church.
- Hand out the "Marian" church magazine after Mass

Easter Sunday - 16th April

- Bring up offertory gifts
- Help with morning tea
- Hand out the "Marian" church magazine after 9am Mass

Sign up sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

Easter Marian - Looking for Articles

Could you please send any articles to be included in the next edition of the "Marian" to our email address - olhc@alphalink.com.au or to John at johnstuyfbergen@gmail.com - **by next Thursday, March 30th please.**

Perspectives

Available on the table in the gathering area is the March edition of "Justice Trends" with insightful articles.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a good time to reflect upon our lives, our priorities, our life-style and our responsibilities to others. The Sacrament 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.

Our Communal Celebration of the Eucharist

This article was prepared by our Parish Liturgy Committee after detailed discussion and after inviting response from more than 70 families.

Firstly, we want to say how delighted we are to see our community grow - not just in numbers but in spirit. It is great to see the bonds developing in our smaller groups such as Prayer Shawl, Lenten Reflection and Youth Led Mass groups. And we see that more and more people are staying after weekend Mass and chatting in the Gathering Area before leaving to carry on with the remainder of their weekend. Our parish is our spiritual family, and opportunities to connect with each other outside of the formal Mass are important. Like all families, there are times when conflicting needs will arise. It has been brought to our attention that some members of our Parish have found it difficult to focus on the Mass when there is chatter at the back of the church during Mass. People would not necessarily be aware that their voices carry from the Gathering Area into the church. For some, it is a distraction from the Mass. So, could we please ask anyone wanting to chat during Mass to be mindful of the impact on others. When the Word of God is being read or proclaimed and during communal or presidential prayer such as the Prayer after Communion, it is respectful and courteous to observe a reverential silence. If conversation cannot wait until after Mass is over, could you please take the conversation to a place where it will not be heard by others. Similarly, if you find yourself arriving late for Mass, could you wait at the back of the church until the end of the Scripture readings so as not to distract others as you go to your seat. We all bring our own needs to the celebration of the Eucharist - and sometimes those needs will be in conflict. This does not need to be a problem if we also bring a spirit of goodwill. It is in this spirit that we ask for your consideration. As always, if you have any thoughts on this matter, please do let us know.

Sacramental Program for GSA

We are running 3 sacraments for children in the Government School Curriculum. If you missed the dateline of 17th March and would like to enroll your children, please send the forms to the office by this week. We are having an **Information Evening on Wednesday, 29th March at 7.30pm** for those already enrolled. For further information, please contact Gina Ang, 9439 9206 or email Gina.Ang@cam.org.au

The Eltham Refugee Project

The Eltham Refugee Project is asking for expressions of interest for the following roles: a) Conversation Partner (15), b) Local Guide (15), c) Second Bite Coordinator (2), d) Goods Donation Coordinator (2), 3) Volunteer Activity Reporting Coordinator (2) Please be aware that all volunteers undergo Working With Children and Police Checks as well as training, and must be able to commit for 2-4 hours per week for 6 months. If you have not already been contacted and are interested, please contact Vicki Jordan - vkjordan@gmail.com or call 9431 4821

Pallottine Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 22 April to Monday 24 April

St Christopher's, Syndal to Pallotti College, Millgrove

This year's Pilgrimage Walk will cover 65 kilometres over three days, a time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine spirituality and mission. This will once again be a time to meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship and friendship with others. Mass will be part of the journey on each of the days, as the walk winds along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct. Cost: \$240 includes transfers, two nights' accommodation and most meals. Details and registration: by 30 March; Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com. See noticeboard for more details.

CCR Jubilee Cross Welcome Mass

Sunday, 23rd April - St Mary's Greensborough

St Mary's is hosting a regional Mass welcoming the CCR Jubilee Cross. Bishop Terry Curtin will be the main celebrant. Priests in the deanery/northern region are invited to concelebrate. Praise and worship commences at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 2.30pm. Refreshments follow. All are invited to come and join us in the hope of bringing a true witness of God's love for all people and an opportunity for the Deanery and regional Parishes to come together and celebrate. For further information see flyer on noticeboard or contact sam.giudice@bigpond.com or emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com

Food, Family and Faith:

An afternoon with Fr Leo Patalinghug

Saturday 29 April, 3-5.45pm, St Brigid's Hall followed by Vigil Mass at 6pm in St Brigid's Church 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy

Come and be inspired with more creative ways to feed your family's soul as well as their stomach. Fr Leo is a talented chef and Catholic priest. His 'Grace before meals' ministry brings together a love of fine food with the importance of family meals and celebrating our faith. Along with a demonstration and presentation by Fr Leo, the afternoon will provide an opportunity to sample his food and that of some of Melbourne's Catholic migrant communities. Due to limited seating, bookings are essential. Cost: \$10. Children under 18 free.

Details: Life, Marriage, Family office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=265841>

More information on noticeboard

ACRATH (Aust Catholic Religious Against Trafficking Humans) sent us this article - Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Are you buying and eating, or giving away Easter chocolate this year? It is estimated that up to 30 million people are trapped in slavery globally. The United Nations estimates that one in every three victims of human trafficking is a child. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved. ACTION: Go the ACRATH website: <https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> to find out more. Spread the word about slavery-free Easter chocolate and enjoy chocolate carries any of the following symbols on the wrapper.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for March

Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance* is a truly wonderful read. What if changing our perception of God has the potential to change **EVERYTHING?**



Catholic Theological College

Study Tour - Pilgrimage: "The Experience of Catholic Culture", 21 Sept – 21 Oct 2017

Ireland, England, Germany and Italy -

This Tour is confirmed but there are still a few places available. Details on College website at www.ctc.edu.au/studytours. Contact Rev. Dr Max Vodola or Dr Frances Baker rsm on (03) 94123333.

Positions Available

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Organist - St Joseph's parish, Chelsea

Ministry Coordinator/Pastoral Support -

St Fidelis' parish, Moreland

Administration Assistant -

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria, Thornbury

Assistant Parish Secretary - St Joseph's parish, Malvern

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese

website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Camino Pilgrimage European Tour

Departing Friday 15th September returning 8th October

Join our Camino pilgrimage to experience some of the most treasured places of our Christian heritage and story.

Rome, Assisi, Montserrat, Barcelona, Camino, Santiago,

Madrid & Toledo. More information on noticeboard or

www.caminowalk.com.au and on noticeboard.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan

Departing Monday 9th October returning 23rd October

Pilgrims welcome on this special 15 day spiritual journey,

which will walk in the footsteps of Our Lord in the Holy Land,

and also visit Petra and Amman in Jordan. The journey will be

accompanied by a chaplain and a tour co-ordinator.

Cost: \$5,650 Details: Kathryn on 9830 5489 or

kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

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
Toiletries, soaps, deodorant, tooth paste, washing powder, toilet paper etc.

Altar Society

March 25th Gianna Milwain, Valli Hall, Annette Rough
April 1st Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully
April 8th B Morganti, L Dunell, C Saltalamacchia

Counters

March 26th Greg Scully, Lyn/Neil Smith
April 2nd Phil Stewart, Brian Wordsworth
April 9th Trish/Roger Daw, Rick Dunell

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

March 26th Ryan Family
April 2nd Zavadil Family
April 9th Rough Family

Sunday Morning Tea

March 26th	9.00am	Trish & John Joss
	11.00am	Kathy & Peter Reardon
April 2nd	9.00am	Zvonka & John Bylsma
	11.00am	Maurice Gonella
April 9th	9.00am	Loretta Marazzato
	11.00am	Paul & Raquel Jakubik

KidzInC

March 19th	11.00am	Mark Noonan
March 26th	11.00am	Julie Myers
April 2nd	11.00am	School Holidays

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Playgroup Facilitator

Loretta Marazzato
0412 273 794

Diary Dates

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

March

Wed 29th 7.30pm GSA Information Night -
in gathering area
Thurs 30th 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting

April

Tues 4th 7.30pm Malawi Support Group - Presbytery
7.30pm Forgiveness Liturgy
Thurs 6th 10.30am St Vincent Care Services Mass
7.30pm Parish Support Group
7.30pm The Way Prayer Group
Sunday 9th Palm Sunday
Thurs 13th 7.30pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday 14th Good Friday
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Ceremony: Holy Places
Sat 15th 7.30pm Vigil Mass
Sun 16th Easter Sunday

A Reflection - Blind to the usual

One night a few years ago there was a total eclipse of the moon.

Everybody was talking about it.

Many stayed up to the small hours in the hope of witnessing it.

I asked myself: "Why all the interest in the moon, simply because it is disappearing?"

I was convinced that most of those people wouldn't see a full moon in the sky, much less stop to admire it.

It brought to mind the words of Emerson:

"The fool wonders at the unusual; the wise person wonders at the usual".

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
March 25/26th - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A			
6.00pm	Venatius Joseph	Youth-Led Mass	Lionel Furtado, Jess Marazzato, Natasha Gaspersz
9.00am	Neil Walker	Claire Walker	John Gaspersz, Karen Gaspersz, Natasha Gaspersz, 2 volunteers please
11.00am	Marguerite Jones	Wen Zavadil	Angelo Conte, Kerry Conte, Joan Gilbert
April 1st/2nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A			
6.00pm	Lorraine Furtado	Denzil Furtado	David Scannell, Maureen Scannell, John Stuyfbergen
9.00am	Trish Taylor	Greg Scully	Frans Zylstra, Hugh Azzopardi, Iris Azzopardi, 2 volunteers please
11.00am	Linda Dunell	Tanya Murugan	Sharon Northrop, Greg Northrop, Clare Zavadil