

Monty & Eltham

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



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



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis

STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities [by donating here](#).

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

January 7, 2020

Please note: Special Collection on Australia Day Weekend

25 & 26 January 2020

All parishes across our land

Funds to be donated to St Vinnies' bushfire appeal

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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RECONCILIATION

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

Collections last weekend: 4 & 5 Jan 2020

Community	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
Eltham	\$390.10	\$934.20
Montmorency	\$1,027.00	\$1,373.30

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



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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Patricia Dean, Francesca Poci, Mary Said

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Francis James Mannix

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, Pat Longton, Hasti Momeni, Therese Moore, Patricia Mulholland, Montagna Mustica, Graham Neal, Geoffrey Nyssen, Mercy Ocon, Ron Pfeil, Susan Phelan, Andrew Pighin, 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:

Baby Harriet Banks, Ak Callaghan, Jon D'Cruz, Ruth Decker, Fay Dobson, Simone Owen

To include an anniversary please contact Parish House 9435 2178

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome to our:

Montmorency Parish Community
on Sun at 12noon

Emerson Alexander, Livia Jane & Estelle Anica

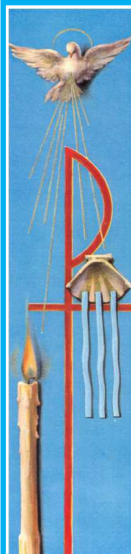
children of Alistair & Lucinda Hope

and

Samuel Ivars

son of Matthew & Krista Donato

We pray for Emerson, Livia, Estelle & Samuel,
their parents & Godparents.
May God keep them always in His love.



RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Francesca Poci

Rosary: 11:00am

Funeral Mass: 11:15am

St Francis Xavier Church on Monday 13th January

and

Patricia Dean

Funeral : 12noon

St Francis Xavier Church on Tuesday 14th January

our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.

Eltham & Monty Rosters

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

<i>Eltham</i>	
Saturday 11 January - 6:00pm	
Commentator	Lorraine Furtado
Lector	Denzil Furtado
Eucharistic Ministers	John Gaspersz
	Karen Gaspersz
	Natisha Gaspersz
Sacristan	Ramos Furtado
Sunday 12 January - 9:30am	
Commentator	Paul Jakubik
Lector	Miranda Armstrong
Eucharistic Ministers	Denice Donnellan
	Joan Gilbert
	Marian Goss
	Greg Northrop
	Sharyn Northrop
Sacristan	Jane Medeira
Altar Society	Gianna Milwain & Vali Hall
Morning Tea	Austin Family
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	Dhanasen Family
Counters	Greg Scully, Lyn & Neil Smith
Saturday 18 January - 6:00pm	
Commentator	Jennie O'Dell
Lector	Vicki Jordan
Eucharistic Ministers	May Foong
	Vicki Jordan
	John Stuyfbergen
Sacristan	Carmel Saltalamacchia
Sunday 19 January - 9:30am	
Commentator	Trish Taylor
Lector	Maria Gartland
Eucharistic Ministers	Miranda Armstrong
	Marlis Dopheide
	Linda Dunell
	Peter Rigg
	Trish Taylor
Sacristan	Denise Donnellan
Altar Society	Gabriella Frediani
Morning Tea	Bucknell Family
Pilgrim Rosary Statue	Donahoo Family
Counters	Graeme Price Brian Wordsworth

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 11th

6:00pm Mass Eltham
6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 12th

8:30am Mass Montmorency
9:30am Mass Eltham
10:30am Mass Montmorency
12:00pm Baptisms Montmorency

Monday 13th

11:15am Francesca Poci - Rosary & Funeral Mass
Montmorency

Tuesday 14th

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Trish) Eltham
9:30am Mass Montmorency
11:00am Patricia Dean - Funeral Mass Montmorency

Wednesday 15th

9:15am Mass Eltham
1:00pm Small Church Community Meeting Montmorency

Thursday 16th

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Barbara) Eltham
9:30am Mass Montmorency

Friday 17th

9:15am Mass Eltham

Saturday 18th

6:00pm Mass Eltham
6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 19th

8:30am Mass Montmorency
9:30am Mass Eltham
10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word Montmorency
12:00pm Baptisms Montmorency

Tuesday 21st


9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Marlis) Eltham
9:30am Mass Montmorency
9:45am Craft Group Montmorency
11:00am Prayer Shawl Eltham

Wednesday 22nd

9:15am Mass Eltham

Thursday 23rd

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Elisabeth) Eltham
9:30am Mass Montmorency



Sacred Heart Mission
[Meals Program](#)

12th Jan Andrea Lark, Marion Jones, Paul Vaughan, Sandra Vaughan

19th Jan Gary Pollard, Nella Centorrino, Carmel McCrorie, Maria Bredle

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



Reflection:

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctifies water and pours forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduces His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Saviour of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Sacred Heart Mission Meals Program

Are there any volunteers able to help on the following dates:

Friday 17th January
2 volunteers needed

Friday 24th January
3 volunteers needed

Saturday 25th January
2 volunteers needed

Sunday 26th January
2 volunteers needed

(extra to 4 already volunteering from Montmorency)

Monday 27th January (public holiday)
3 volunteers needed

If you are able to help out, please email Kylie Ellis
(kyliechelsea36@gmail.com) or contact our Parish Office (9435 2178;
kate.kogler@cam.org.au)



Meeting to be held for our
Iconic Japan trip

for October 2020
with Diamond World Travel.

Monday 3rd February, 7.00PM- 8.00PM

LP Warren office,
2/60 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
Tea, coffee, sparkling and supper provided.

R.S.V.P to Jane Hally 0403139314
for further information