

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 29 June 2014: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Parish Vision Statement

A loving parish,
centred in Christ,
that is welcoming,
inclusive and connected,
and relevant to the needs
of our world.

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 12:1-11 The Lord rescues Peter from Herod.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5
Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Paul concludes his letter, ready for the Day of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18
Gospel Mt 16:13-19 **Jesus asks, 'Who do people say I am?'**

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Zec 9:9-10 Rejoice O Zion.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1
Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13 Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.
Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25
Gospel Mt 11:25-30 Christ will refresh the weary.

Parish Information

Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham
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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Weekday Masses

Fri 9.15am

Communion Services

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9.15am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 4.00pm)
Parish Secretary:
Angela Vines - (Mon & Wed
9.00am-3.30pm)
Vicki Jordan - (Fri 9.00am-3.30pm)

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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.

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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord set me free
from all my fears.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock
on which I will build my
Church;
the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.
Alleluia!

PRAYERS PLEASE

We pray for those who have
died recently and those
whose anniversaries occur at
this time. We also remember
those who are sick and in need of care.



RECENT DEATHS

- Fr Giles Catallini
- Sister Maria Van Gilen
- John Joyce

ANNIVERSARIES

- Charles Doroszlay senior (Clare **Zavadil's father**)
- George & Annie St Clair (Rosemary **Yonckheere's grand-parents**)

SICK

- Rosemary Yonckheere
- Ray Azzopardi
- Joy Egan

We again welcome Monsignor Geoff Baron as our celebrant this weekend.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. Celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 27th July at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5579 / lmf@cam.org.au.

Registrations close on Friday 11th July.

CELEBRATING ST MARY MACKILLOP'S FEASTDAY - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

We invite you to share your celebration and/or any other events on the St Joseph website and Facebook page which reach thousands of people. Send your email with details to Niesha Allport: Niesha.allport@sosj.org.au

SOLO CATHOLICS – JULY

When: Sunday 6 July

- 10:30am: Join us for a Mass for Solo Catholics celebrated by Fr Gerard Dowling, followed by **morning tea. St Cecilia's Catholic Church, 37 Hillside Pde Glen Iris (Melway 59K6)**
- 12 noon: '**Christmas in July**' Lunch - Caulfield Glasshouse, 1 Station St (opp Caulfield Station)

Contact: Peter 0418 502 297

CSS BREAKFAST BRIEFING: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND TODAY'S BIG ISSUES

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archdiocese of Dublin is a leader in Catholic social teaching in matters of justice, peace and ecology. He has represented the Holy See at major United Nations International Conferences, advocating debt relief for less developed countries, **educational opportunities for refugees & women's roles as peace educators.**

When: Tuesday 15 July, 7:15am (for 7:30am) – 8:45am

Cost: \$20

Venue: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melb.

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/EYLZ>

Contact: Lucia Brick lucia.brick@css.org.au or 9287 5566

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: The Holy Mass seen through the Book of Revelation

Join the parishioners of St Dominic's for monthly talk and discussion nights led by friars, theological lecturers, and diocesan staff. Fr Joseph Vnuk OP will speak about the Holy Mass. Dinner will be provided, please bring a gold coin donation. All are welcome!

When: Wednesday 2 July, 7pm

Where: Parish Centre, St Dominic's Church, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

Contact: Fiona 0402 474 074 didyouknow@hotmail.com

*This week there will be a special collection for the **Holy Father's Intentions.***

UPDATE ON FR KEVIN'S SABATTICAL

Fr Kevin has completed the four week course in Bethlehem and has flown to Milan, to go to Siena, then walk the '**Cinque Terra**' (five cities). **His final week will be in Slovenia.**

BOOK LAUNCH "BENEDICT, ME AND THE CARDINALS THREE"

Author: Emeritus Bishop Bill Morris

The story of the dismissal of the Bishop of Toowoomba, Queensland.

When: Fri 4 July, 5.30pm for 6.00pm

Where: Junior Common Room, Trinity Theological College, Parkville

RSVP: hdregan@atf.org.au

See notice-board for more details.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

The question Jesus puts to his disciples is the very same **question that he puts to us every day of our lives, 'Who do you say I am?' How we choose to answer that question will be reflected in our attitude towards self, others and to life itself.** How we answer that question will change frequently throughout life as experience and changing spirituality lead us into asking other questions of ourselves. If we hold that the teaching and example of Jesus are important to us, then we are bound to strive towards emulating them in our own lives.

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

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

- Parish Secretary of St Gerard and St Anne - Park Orchards and Warrandyte
- Pastoral Associate, St Paul's and Holy Trinity - Bentleigh and East Bentleigh

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

LITURGY ROSTER: JULY - DECEMBER 2014

The new Liturgy Roster has been emailed and posted.

There are spare copies on the gathering area table if you did not receive a copy. It is also available on our web site. (Did you know that if you have a Gmail email account you can set up your calendar to email or send free SMS reminders?)

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR EVANGELISATION

The National Office for Evangelisation acts as a national base for Catholic evangelisation, and seeks to liaise with different dioceses and groups within the Catholic Church in Australia that are involved in sharing the Good News. From this base, it shares information about successful outreach initiatives around the country, including diocesan-based agencies for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, for those wanting to formalise their relationship with the Catholic Church. It also seeks to give dioceses and groups access to sufficient resources and training opportunities to empower and encourage them in effective evangelisation.

The "Evangelise Australia" monthly newsletter is a new resource that offers inspiration and practical advice.

See: <http://www.evangeliseaustralia.com/>

Gina, our pastoral worker, will be on leave until Tuesday, 5th August.

HOW THEOLOGY SAVES SCIENCE FROM MEANINGLESS
'Science can save theology from superstition, while theology can save science from meaninglessness.'
Interview with Sr Elizabeth Johnson and ABC Radio's Dr Rachel Kohn on The Spirit of Things. Sr Elizabeth is a noted Christian feminist and former President of the American Theological Society.

Transcript: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/spiritofthings/god-and-evolution/5499290>

Recording:

http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rn/podcast/2014/06/sot_20140608_1805.mp3

CATHOLIC HIV/AIDS MINISTRY - CatholicCare Pastoral Services invites you to the launch of "Angels in Disguise, Stories from Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry, CatholicCare" at St Francis Pastoral Centre Corner of Elizabeth and Lonsdale St Melbourne on Tuesday July 8, following Mass at 5.30pm. For further information contact Marg Hayes 8417 1280 or email am23@ccam.org.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 'FOOTSCAPE' COMMITTEE
Footscape is a non-profit organisation that recognises disadvantaged communities are predisposed to debilitating foot pathology. The organisation endeavours to assist affected individuals sustain quality of life. Footscape is registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Footscape is seeking volunteer committee members. To find out more, please contact anthonylewis@footscape.com.au. The web-site is :<http://www.footscape.com.au/index.html>

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY
Next Sunday, 6 July, is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders has prepared the *Alive with Power* resource to help Australia Catholics understand the meaning behind this iconic national Catholic celebration. Copies are available on the gathering area table.

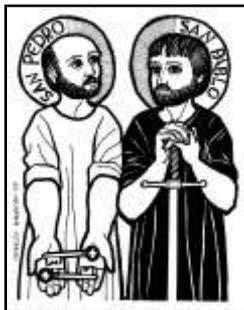
HOMILY BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Have you noticed that away from the Church we hear more about St Peter than we do about St Paul? It's because

St Peter regularly features in jokes about heaven, like this one.

A man died and met St Peter at the gates of heaven. St Peter said, 'Before you meet with God, I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?'

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, 'Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikies. So I pulled over, got out my wheel brace, and went up to the leader of the gang. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!' 'I'm impressed,' St Peter responded, 'When did this happen?' 'Less than ten minutes ago' the man replied.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book of Month: July

Pope Francis' first major book,

The Church of Mercy, presents the heart of his teaching on the most fundamental themes of his vision for the future of our church.



Trish

St Paul doesn't feature in many funny stories, except for the children who got rather confused about his life and wrote in their term paper that 'St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. That a Christian should have only one wife, which is called monotony. And in the end the natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned.'

Peter and Paul symbolise two facets of our Christian community: mission and maintenance. Paul was the great missionary and Peter was the great leader who held together the earliest disciples. Both were crucial to the **Christian community's expansion and survival.**

The image of the missionary venturing out boldly to proclaim Christ to the world is so much more engaging than being a maintainer. But every organisation or institution needs someone to provide a clear focus and vision, and to establish structures that will see the group survive past the first generation. To this day we need our Peters and our Pauls.

Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that they disagreed about a fundamental issue in the earliest Christian mission: for whom was the good news of Jesus intended? Peter thought it was just for Jews. Paul argued it was for the **Gentiles as well. What makes Peter's leadership so outstanding** is that he not only listened carefully to what Paul said, but saw what Christ was doing among the Gentiles. He trusted that the working of the Spirit was bigger than he was, and that it included a man who never met Jesus and yet seemed to have a richer insight into where and how Christ was to be preached. That takes courage and humility.

Today we need to be careful that in Christ's name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge or surprise us. Having the courage and humility to 'hang a bit loose' is not weakness. It can be about trusting that Christ's saving love is still at work in unexpected ways with all people everywhere.

Peter and Paul show what can happen when we cooperate with Christ in living out his love. Things we never dreamt of become possible. But their lives also show us the cost. Both of them died as martyrs. We may not be asked to embrace martyrdom in our lives, but in the way we run our race we are challenged to keep the faith and proclaim Christ by how we live. By doing so we are assured that when we come to heaven we will be greeted by Peter and Paul and with them we will behold the fullness of love, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity.

PILGRIMAGES & TOURS (see noticeboard for more details)

- Marian Shrines Pilgrimages: Spain/France/Portugal (dates TBA): <http://www.caminosyrutas.com/marianshrines.htm>
- 2015 Liturgy Study Tour (4 weeks from early November 2015): www.ytu.edu.au

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, pasta, pasta sauces, tins of vegetables and soups, tea and coffee.

Altar Society

July 5/6 T. Daw
July 12/13 G. Frediani

Counters

June 29 I. Ashworth, T. & C. Taylor
July 6 D. Schultz, C. Leahy

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

June 29 Dhanasen Family
July 6 Stewart Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

June 29	9.00am	M. Snipe
	11.00am	C. Lewin
July 6	9.00am	P. & M. Croft
	11.00am	Volunteer needed

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

July 2014	
Tues Jul 1	Malawi 7.30pm
Wed Jul 9	St Vincent de Paul 7.45pm
Thurs Jul 17	'Churinga' Healing Mass 7.30pm
	Fr Kevin returns (late pm)
Thurs Jul 24	Parish Support Group 7.30pm
W/E Jul 26/27	Propagation of the Faith collection

Feast Days this Week

Thurs July 3 St Thomas

BAPTISM WELCOME



We welcome into our parish community the Sparks family as Morgan is baptised today.

FAITH DOING JUSTICE MID-YEAR RAFFLE

Twice a year Jesuit Communications seeks financial support as a way of defraying some of the costs incurred in producing their free publications. A book of 5 tickets is \$25.00.

1st Prize: \$10,000 Visa Gift Card 2nd Prize: \$2,500 Visa Gift Card 3rd Prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card

4th Prize: \$500 Visa Gift Card Contact Details: raffle@jesuit.org.au / 1300 72 88 46

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=82027>

ST THOMAS

Thomas deserves his place in the sun for a whole host of reasons, not the least being that he is the only person in **the Gospel to address Jesus as 'God'**. This expression of deep faith also is supplemented by an earlier statement to **Jesus where he tells his Master: 'We do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way.'** From this statement, we hear a response from Jesus that is, according to one liturgical source, quite profound: **'I am the way, the truth and the life.'**

As one of the 12 Apostles, Thomas has become much maligned for his doubts following the resurrection of Jesus and His appearance to the disciples in the Upper Room. However, apart from the Gospel narrative, there are other legends about Thomas that have no doubt served to redeem him. For instance, there is one that he was the only witness to the Assumption of Mary and that as she rose heavenwards she dropped her girdle. There also is the long-held tradition in Edessa, Mesopotamia, that Thomas was the Apostle of India.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
June 28/29 - Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	D. Zylstra	V. Jordan, C. Baker, volunteer
9.00am	A. Stevens	M. Armstrong	P. Rigg, R. Decker, B. Mofardin, 2 volunteers
11.00am	J. O'Dell	C. Egan	K. Reardon, R. Ashworth, I. Ashworth, 2 volunteers
July 5/6 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	B. Gillard	V. Jordan, D. Scannell, M. Scannell
9.00am	T. Taylor	M. Dopheide	S. Fitzgerald, P. Rigg, M. Armstrong, 2 volunteers
11.00am	L. Dunell	C. Zavadil	M. Goss, K. Reardon, L. Dunell, 2 volunteers