

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 13th September 2015: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Parish Vision Statement

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

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

Tues & Fri 9.15am
Wed (Communion Service) 9.15am
Thurs 9.15am & 8.00pm

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm)
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(Mon & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm)
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(Fri 9.00am-3.30pm)
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School Team

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Today's Readings

First Reading Is 50:5-9
The Lord stands with his prophet during opposition.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 114: 1-6. 8-9, R.v.9
Second Reading Jas 2:14-18
Faith without action is useless.
Gospel Mk 8:27-35
A follower of Christ must take up the cross.

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20
The wicked put God to the test.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6.8. R.v.6
Second Reading Jas 3:16 - 4:3
Wisdom versus jealousy and strife.
Gospel Mk 9:30-37
Jesus teaches that to rank first, disciples must serve all.

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.

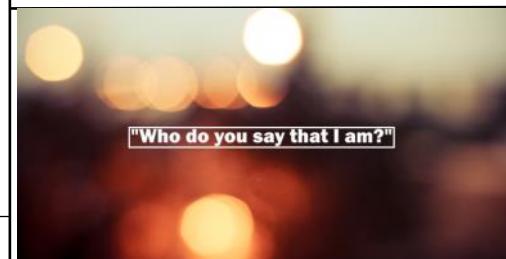


RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world
Alleluia!



Mark 8:27-35



We pray for those who
have recently died
Fr Paul Campbell

We pray for those
whose anniversaries
fall at this time
Sergio Duviani
Janina & Vladyslav Rygala
Fr Nicholas Warne
Fr Rupert

We also pray for those who are sick
and in need of care
Marie Britton

Receipts - Stewardship Contributions

If you are looking for receipts for your Stewardship Contribution for the year 2014/15, they are available from the parish office.

Stewardship Program

We have just completed our two week mid-term Stewardship Program Review: this weekend we are appealing for new subscribers and inviting current contributors to maintain or adjust their pledge.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning December 8th to November 2016. The Office of Evangelisation invites parishioners in liturgy teams, parish support groups, R.C.I.A, outreach etc., to a seminar on **Saturday, 17th October**

from 10am to 3.00pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr Victoria Pde & Hoddle St, East Melb. There is a keynote presentation by UK author/spiritual director, Margaret Silf, followed by workshops unpacking the themes of the Jubilee Year. There will also be resources to help parishes think about how they can participate.

Topics include:-

- community & hospitality
- Faith & Witness
- Proclamation & workshop
- Service & outreach

If interested, register on 9926 5761 or evaglisation@com.org.au. The parish will happily cover the cost of \$25 - includes lunch and resource pack. If attending, please see Gina or Fr. Kevin.

Perspectives - on table in gathering area

- A very thoughtful and challenging Age article by Monash University Professor Lucas Walsh; "*World's problems rob our children of a future*".
- Two articles from the Age, back-to-back; "*Refugees, you are welcome here*" and "*Guiding Principles on how to treat refugees*"
- *One page statement by Archbishop Hart re: National response to Syrian Asylum seekers.*

Refugee Crisis in Europe

Parishioner, Vicki Jordan emailed this information from Vienna.

"The migrant crisis is all the news here and below are some snippets from the papers - you can draw your own conclusions re Australia's attitude..."

'Private convoy collects hundreds of tired migrants

A convoy of around 140 cars and vans filled with food and water left Vienna yesterday to collect exhausted refugees, many from Syria, who had set out to walk the 170km in the rain from Budapest to the Austrian border.

Onlookers clapped and chanted "Say it loud, say it clear, refugees are welcome here".'

'The international community needs to focus on how best to accommodate these traumatised and courageous people...' ... and the Irish clergy are calling on every parish to host two-three migrant families.

Not all comment is as sensitive, but it seems that the general public's view on the crisis is a lot more supportive than in Australia".

Pope calls on Europe to Shelter Refugees

Pope Francis has made an extraordinary appeal to every single Catholic parish and community across Europe, asking each to house at least one of the tens of thousands of refugee families risking death to migrate to the continent from the Middle East.

The Way Prayer Group

Thursday, 17th September at 8.00pm

Come and join us in celebrating the last Mass by Candlelight for 2015 at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Celebrated in the spirit of Taizé, Mass will commence at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper will be available after Mass. For all enquiries, please contact Emilia on 9435 7475 or Sandra 9434 7553.

World Youth Day

World Youth Day is on in August next year in Krakow, Poland. There are four different pilgrimage leading up to the big day. Details on noticeboard - enquiries wyd2016@cam.or.au or phone 9287 5574

Social Justice Launch

Tuesday, 15th September at 1.00pm

131-141 Harbourside Esplanade, Docklands

Social Justice weekend is on September 26th/27th. This year's statement is "For Those Who've Come Across The Seas". We are invited to a public launch by asylum seeker, Bishop Vincent Long. All welcome. Details and RSVP: justice@cam.org.au or phone 9926 5727

The Cosmic Journey

Sunday, 13th September, 3.00pm

Centre of Ecology & Spirituality, St Margaret's Church, 79-81 Pitt St, Eltham

There are two scriptures to tell about the universe: first the Bible and then the study told by the universe itself. Brother Trevor Parton, from Centre of Ecology & Spirituality, will offer both a scientific and spiritual perspective on this Universe story leading us in walking the cosmic spiral from the big bang to the present moment. Cost \$5 per head or \$10 per family. See flyer on table in gathering area.

The Carmelite Way Pilgrimage

Wednesday, 16 September, 6.30–8.30pm

214 Richardson Street, Middle Park

The Carmelite Way pilgrimage will take place Friday 13 November to Sunday 15 November. Walk, reflect, commune and deepen your connection with the sacred in the tradition of the great Christian pilgrimages of Europe. The Carmelites will lead pilgrims in prayer and reflection. There will be evening presentations by inspiring guest speakers. Reg. forms available on the website. Details: 9690 5430 or www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program

Airs 20th September

This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB shares a story of how Pope John XXIII revealed God's love to prisoners; Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Feel the Fear" and do it anyway; Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to "Think Again" and the Pirolas give us tips on the key to a successful marriage. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au



Diamond Valley Deanery Art Sale

Until 21st September

Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge
The Art Sale continues with the exhibition & sale of artworks donated by artist Judy Racz, all proceeds go to pastoral needs of the Diamond Valley Deanery. RSVP to Bridges 9718 0099 (Nick). Exhibition until 20th September. Opportunity to own an original artwork & at the same time assist our needy. Wide variety of styles and prices. See catalogue on table in the gathering area.

Amazing Augustine - A Musical Play

September 23rd to 26th

Renaissance Theatre, Kew

The truly amazing musical of St Augustine the Saint of Sinners and Bishop of Hippo. For the past 10 years, the Friends of Call of Guadalupe (COG) Musical Theatre Group has produced call of guadalupe, Saul Paul, St Francis of Assisi and now *Amazing Augustine* which is entertaining, inspiring, colourful and extravagant. St Augustine's tumultuous life is a narrative that is guaranteed to engage those who long to be inspired by a life of triumphant life of faith, hope and love'

Do not miss out - only on for four days.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/HTUL

Sept 23-26 Cost \$5 -\$30 cogmelbourne@gmail.com

Families & Pope Francis

Sunday, 27th September

Two BIG events, at the 8th World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Pope Francis will celebrate the concluding Mass with a huge gathering of families from around the world. The theme is "Love is our Mission: the family fully alive". One week later, the Synod on the Family will begin in Rome and will continue in prayerful discernment over the following 21 days. Pope Francis reminds us that "God chose to come into the world in a human family.. in a remote village of the Roman empire", and that the first 30 years of his life were spent in the mundane things of family life. *"Our society might say "What a waste!" but what was important there was the family! And this is not a waste! Each Christian family can, first of all - as Mary and Joseph did - welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him, protect him, grow with him; and in this way, improve the world".* - Pope Francis

Strengthening Asylum Seeker Support Forum

Wednesday, 14th October 9.00am to 3.30pm

St Ambrose Community Centre, 287 Brunswick Rd, Brunswick

The focus will be on issues, action and advocacy, The Christian mission and the role of parishes, identifying asylum seeker needs, parish expo and workshops on accommodation, family support, material aid, financial support and providing hospitality.

RSVP: 7th October to Lucia Brick on 9287 5566.

For Bookings <http://www.trybooking.com/IDSR>

Marcellin College Open Day

Saturday, 17 October from 9 am – 12 pm.

160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen

Come and discover a leading Catholic boys college. Virtute ad Altissima - Applications also open for limited places in years 9,10 & 11 for 2006.

Principal's welcome 9am, 9.45am, 10.30am & 11.15am

Enquiries 9851 1589 or visit: marcellin.vic.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for September

Travels to Sacred Places (written before the Child Abuse issue rose, and a very lovely read),

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

Retired Bishop, Geoffrey Robinson, who is presently providing evidence to the Royal Commission into Child Abuse, is, and has been, an advocate for truth. All of his books are an excellent read.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

23th to 25th October starts 7pm Friday

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Highly recommended by Fr Kevin.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733

0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website:www.wwme.org.au

Tranquil Oasis Dru Yoga

Every Thursday - 10am or 7pm

St Margaret's Church, 79 Pitt St, Eltham

Would you like to reduce your stress levels naturally? Build energy, strength & flexibility without raising a sweat? Safe for any age and fitness level & those new to yoga. First class 1/2 price \$10, reg price \$20, casual or term \$15 Bookings are essential - 0419 501 792 or email adrian@tranquiloasis.com.au

Greetings for Rosh Ha Shannah

Archbishop Hart and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne greets all of our Jewish friends and neighbours on the feast of Rosh Ha Shannah and the beginning of a new year.

It is a time for reflection, for casting off the things which might hold you down. It is also a time to remember the creation of Adam and Eve and the role of their daughters and sons in God's world today.

In recent months, we Catholics have received Pope Francis' letter, *Laudate Si*, which invites us to reflect on how we care for our common home, our tiny planet earth. The Pope invites both the members of the Church and the world to reflect on how we are shaping the future of our fragile planet.

As people of faith together, we can take steps for the good of our planet, to make the coming year a shannah tovah for the Earth.

May you be blessed with a sweet year! We indeed wish you L'Shannah tovah.



PARISH SCHEDULE

St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses

Washing powder or liquid, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, chux, plastic wrap, aluminium foil etc.

Altar Society

Sept 13	G Freddiani
Sept 20	K Reardon, H Scully, M Snipe
Sept 27	B Morgandi, L Dunell

Counters

Sept 13	T/R Daw, R Dunell
Sept 20	P Garriga, L Glassford
Sept 27	P Hyland, M Brosnan

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Sept 13	Ryan Family
Sept 20	Zavadil Family
Sept 27	Rough Family

Sunday Morning Tea

Sept 13	9.00am H & G Scully
	11.00am Ashworth Family
Sept 20	9.00am J Madeira
	11.00am A Hall & C Croke
Sept 27	9.00am B & D Morganti
	11.00am Volunteer needed

KidzInC

Sept 13	11.00am P Robinson
Sept 20	not be running over the school holidays

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
Barbara Bibby	9439 8594

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

Baptisms: On 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:15pm. Six 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.

September

Thurs 17th 8.00pm **Mass by Candlelight - The Way Prayer Group**

Feast Days

Tues 15th **Our Lady of Sorrows**
Wed 16th **Saints Cornelius & Cyprian**



A Prayer for Members of Parliament on Marriage

Heavenly Father, all legitimate authority comes from you.

We pray for all the dedicated women and men who have accepted the burden of being an elected member of the Australian Parliament. Keep them safe in body and soul and grant them prudence, wisdom and a sense of justice. We pray also for all our citizens whom they represent. Particularly now as our community considers the legal definition of marriage, open all hearts and minds to your Spirit of Truth. May the family founded on the marriage of a woman and a man remain the foundation and bedrock of our society, for the Common Good of all our nation especially our Children.

*We ask this through the intercession of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Holy Family
of Mary and Joseph.
Amen.*

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Bishops Commission for Family Youth & Life.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
September 12th/13th - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	S Rawlinson	M Snipe	J Gaspersz, K Gaspersz, N Gaspersz
9.00am	T Taylor	M Armstrong	R Decker, H Azzopardi, I Azzopardi, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	L Dunell	M Stella	C Egan, M Jones, M Goss, 2 volunteers needed
September 19th/20th - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	D Scannell	M Snipe	D Scannell, M Scannell, S Casey
9.00am	N Walker	C Walker	M Dopheide, M Armstrong, P Rigg, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	S Rawlinson	C Zavadil	J Spataro, M Goss, A Thompson, 2 volunteers needed