

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 9 Mar 2014: First Sunday of Lent - Year A

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, Thurs, Fri 9.15am
Wed 11.30am (Healing Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm)
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Today's Readings

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3
Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin. Rom 5:12, 17-19
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4
Gospel Mt 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Gn 12:1-4 Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22
Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10 Following the Gospel entails some hardship.
Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5
Gospel Mt 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of the sacred season of Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and lead life-giving lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with sacred bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Our celebrant for this weekend’s Masses will be Fr Paul Castley M.S.C.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Many thanks to all the Parishioners who completed a pledge card and signed on to financially support our Parish, on our Giving Weekend. We had a good response at the masses on the weekend, and many more pledges have come in during the week.

Our hard working Follow-up Team is out and about in the Parish contacting those Parishioners who happened to be away last weekend. We trust they will be well received. Please remember to return all your Follow-up Call cards to the Parish Office by Tuesday 11th of March at the latest.

Pledge cards are available at the back of the church if you were away or missed out last weekend. Completed pledge cards may be returned to the Parish Office. Time & Talent sheets are also available at the back of the church if you wish to volunteer for any of the ministries within our Parish. Your new Stewardship Envelopes will be available for you to collect in a couple of weeks.

Anyone who has been involved or helped out in any way with Stewardship 2014 over the past few weeks is invited to come along to the Gathering Area on Tuesday 18th of March at 7.30pm for the Final/Social night of the Program.

LENT

- Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the gathering area along with information **for Lent back to back with Archbishop Hart’s Lenten** letter and a Project Compassion leaflet.
- Lenten Reflections
Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church
- Lenten Study
Six weeks commencing Thursday March 13, 1.00pm :
“The Way of Mercy & Simplicity”. Please contact Clare or Wen Zavadil - 9439 2492 for details.
- Monday Night Rosary During Lent
During Lent the Rosary will be recited in the Church at 7.30pm on Mondays
- Stations of the Cross - every Friday at 8.45am

HEALING MASS AND SENIORS’ LUNCHEON

The Healing Mass will be on this Wednesday - March 12 at 11.30am, **followed by a three course lunch. If you’re staying for lunch please sign up today on the sheet in the gathering area.**

PERSPECTIVES

Available on the gathering area table are all sorts of articles including:

- **“Anzac centenary a mission gone wrong”,** by James Brown who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **“Time to live up to our refugee responsibilities”,** by Stewart West
- ****New** : The asylum stain that is our shame”**

MALAWI SUPPORT GROUP

This final notice for the Crazy Whist night is to let the congregation know that we need about 20 more people to make this function a success.



Thank you to those that took tickets last weekend but this weekend is the final chance to get your name on the list for this great social night.

It will be held on next Saturday 15th March in the Church Gathering Area commencing at 7.30 pm. Cost: \$10 per head, BYO drinks, glasses and a plate to share. Tea and coffee provided.

We look forward to a good last minute response to this **great event in support of our sister parish at St Kizito’s.**

DECORATION OF EASTER CANDLE

Ramos Furtado has been decorating the candle for some years. Would someone else like to take it on? Ramos is willing to guide and assist. Contact the parish office or see Fr Kevin.

NAME TAGS

You may have noticed that the name tags have been taken down to provide space for other information. If you wish to keep your name tag, please either collect it from us at the office or call us and we will leave it for you at the Gathering Area. Gina is developing that area for youth news.

LOYOLA COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEETING

... in relation to their 35th Anniversary Fair in 2015 on Wed. 18 March in the Old Loyola Building at 7.30pm. Past, current and future parents wishing to be involved in this one off event are warmly invited to attend.

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

Could the person who has Bishop Robinson's “Love's Urgent Longing” return it as someone else wants to borrow it. Also, when books are returned, please use the catalogue letter in the final column as it makes it easy for Trish to locate the borrower, otherwise she needs to scan through all the names in the book.

EASTER LITURGY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

The Liturgy Committee will be putting out the sign-up sheets for the Easter Liturgies next weekend. Please think about how you can assist this week, so we can collect the sheets in plenty of time to know where gaps are.

AN AFTERNOON WITH DUDLEY DREW

Dudley Drew, a living art legend is making a rare public appearance. His spectacular still-life painting worth \$5000 will be raffled to raise funds for the Adult Education Program, Clemente Fitzroy. CatholicCare is a community partner with Australian Catholic University,
Date: Saturday 15th March 2014, 2:30pm – 4:00 pm
Entry: \$10 Entry & raffle ticket to win original Dudley Drew Still Life
Where: St Kevin’s College, 31 Moonga Road, Toorak
Website: www.ccam.org.au/events

EASTER MARIAN

Please forward articles for the Easter Marian to the parish office olhc@alphalink.com.au by Thursday April 10

NATIONAL LAMENT
"We are a society that has forgotten how to weep"
(Pope Francis)

Sister of Charity Annette Cunliffe, President of the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, is calling for a National Lament. She says:

"Many people throughout Australia are disturbed by the punitive and harsh policies and conditions to which people seeking asylum in Australia are being subjected. The recent incident on Manus Island and the death of one person and the injury of many highlights the lack of care and dignity in the policies of both the Government and the Opposition and the absence of awareness of their legal and moral responsibilities.

In response to the desire for prayer and action, Catholic Religious Australia is inviting you to participate in a "National Lament". We are taking our inspiration from the words of Pope Francis when he visited Lampedusa, Italy. The National Lament is a campaign of prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia. We are seeking to make a Christian response to these people, rather than treating them as a "problem" to be solved."

The National Lament will have 2 parts:

Part 1 Engaging in prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia

- Making Friday in Lent a day of prayer and penance for people seeking asylum
- Continuing this practice after Lent through to the Ascension
- Writing to one's local Federal member and to the Minister, Scott Morrison, expressing our lament for people seeking asylum in Australia

Part 2 Engaging in a Week of Prayer and Prophetic Presence during Ascension to Pentecost, 1 to 8 June

See www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org for ideas for the letter and updates, or email for more information: justice@www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org


G.S.A. families are reminded that their enrolment forms are due to be given to the parish office by this Friday, March 14.

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST WITH FRANCIS BOURKE
Hear Francis tell his story: "Faith, Family and Football."
The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia.
When: Thursday 13 March, 7am – 9am
Cost: \$45 per head.
Where: CQ Club 121, Queen St, Melbourne.
Contact: Michael Bohan for bookings and enquiries 0439 172 465 or michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the month for March

Sacred Silence, by Donald Cozzens; priest and writer, calls for the recovery of the church's trust in truth and in the Spirit's guidance.



Trish

FR KEVIN'S GOSPEL REFLECTION
Jesus was faced with the idea of being a material and political Messiah with its accompanying human privileges of wealth, glory and power. He chose instead utter dependence on God, humility and obedience to God's will. American Jesuit Fr John Powell interprets the three temptations in terms of our life-principles or basic attitudes. He believes that we can understand these life-principles in terms of the approach of three leading psychiatrists of recent times, namely Sigmund Freud, William Adler and the group known as determinists. Freud claimed that we are all driven by pleasure; Adler says it's all about power, while the determinists school believes that we don't have free will and ,being programmed, we are not responsible for our life.
As Christians we ask ourselves "What is my life-giving principle? Am I selfishly living for my own pleasure? Am I so discontented with my lot in life that I get my kicks pushing others around? Am I so defeatist, I say: 'so what! You can't change anything.'"
Jesus says "NO!" to all these questions. Jesus says, "YES" to Love. The theme of His life was one of LOVING SERVICE that is truly LIFE-GIVING

BRINGING AN END TO MODERN SLAVERY
An information session to discover the realities of human trafficking in today's world. What is meant by 'trafficking in humans'? Does modern-day slavery really exist in Australia? This session is especially relevant for parish social justice groups, deaneries and schools interested in raising awareness about this important cause. Hosted by the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). Light refreshments provided from 6pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes.
When: Wednesday 19 March, 6pm - 8pm
Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melb.
RSVP: Friday 14 March
Contact: evangelisation@cam.org.au or 9853 7559.

CULTURED CAFE PRESENTS: FR MORGAN BATT
Fr Morgan is a Brisbane priest and mountaineer with a wide range of experiences in youth ministry as an army chaplain and now the head of Brisbane Vocations. Fr Morgan is sure to keep you entertained and on the edge of your seat.
When: Thursday 20 March, 7:30pm
Cost: \$5 including a delicious dinner, drink and dessert.
Where: Cardinal Knox Centre (Cnr Lansdowne St and Albert Street, East Melbourne)
Contact: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9287 5565

PARISH PICNIC



Westerfolds Park on Sunday March 16th - 12 noon. It's only one week away!
Come along and join in the fun and be part of the action. Games for everyone.
Transport is available - speak to Fr Kevin or phone the parish office.



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

Altar Society

March 9	B. Morganti, L. Dunell
March 16	G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough

Counters

March 9	P. Wen, A. Conte
March 16	I. Ashworth, C. & T. Taylor

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

March 9	Stewart Family
March 16	Ryan Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
Barbara Bibby	9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

March 9	9.00am	M. Dopheide
	11.00am	C. Lewin
March 16	9.00am	A. & J. Stevens
	11.00am	C. & N. Walker

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

March 2014

Mon Mar 10	Rosary 7.30pm, Church
Wed Mar 12	Seniors’ Healing Mass & Luncheon, 11.30am OLHC school formation session for Eucharist families - School, 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul, 7.45pm
Fri Mar 14	Stations of the Cross, 8.45am Cut-off date for GSA enrolment
Sun Mar 16	Parish Picnic Westerfolds Park, 12.00 noon
Mon Mar 17	Rosary, 7.30pm, Church
Wed Mar 19	St Vincent de Paul DV Regional Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thurs Mar 20	Healing Mass, 8.00pm
Fri Mar 21	Stations of the Cross, 8.45am
Mon Mar 24	Rosary, 7.30pm, Church
Tues Mar 25	OLHC School First Reconciliation 10.00am
Thurs Mar 27	Liturgy Committee, 7.30pm
Fri Mar 28	Stations of the Cross, 8.45am

PRAYERS PLEASE

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

Recent Deaths


- Eric Jordan

Anniversaries

- John Kibby,
- Thomas & Dorothy Yonckheere
- Bishop Anthony Burgess

Sick and in need of care

- Rosemary Yonckheere
- Maureen Cummane (Jim Cummane’s mother)**



LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
March 9 - 1st Sunday of Lent			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	P. Stewart	Y. Iliffe, M. Hadley, C. Baker
9.00am	A. Stevens	M. Donahoo	P. Shea, D. Donellan, T. Taylor, 2 volunteers
11.00am	P. Reardon	M. Stella	A. Conte, K. Conte, A. Thompson, 2 volunteers
March 16 - 2nd Sunday of Lent			
6.00pm	D. Scannell	L. Furtado	J. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz
9.00am	G. Scully	M. Dopheide	B. Mofardin, P. Rigg, R. Decker, 2 volunteers
11.00am	C. Egan	J. O'Dell	M. Goss, G. Northrop, S. Northrop, 2 volunteers