

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 28th April, 2019 - Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

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 Easter Vigil 7.30pm
Easter Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Mass

Wed & Fri 9.15am
Thu (St Vincent's Care Services) 10.30am
Communion Service
Tue 9.15am

Parish Team

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

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
The Apostles perform many signs.

Resp. Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 22-27, Rv1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

Son of Man appears to John, instructing him to write his visions.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

Doubting Thomas.

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.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.

Resp. Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, Rv2
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14
John hears the voices of angels.

Gospel Jn 21:1-19
Jesus questions Peter.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good, his love is ever-
lasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those who have
not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

*We pray for those who are sick
and in need of care.*



**Alan Bradley
Teresa Revitt
Derek Warman
Ryan Laurey**

*We pray for the
recently departed.*
Helen Halpin
(cousin & friend of Fr Kevin)
Klara Doroszlay
(mother of Clare Zavadil)

*We pray for those whose
anniversaries fall at this time.*



Baptism Today

Congratulations to
Zoe Tsirbas.

We pray for Zoe, may God keep her in his love.

At this Saturday night's 6.00pm Mass, we welcome Zoe Tsirbas as she celebrates the three Sacraments of Christian initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

PLENARY COUNCIL - UPDATE

Many of you will know that in 2020, a formal gathering representing all local churches in Australia will meet through a Plenary Council. This will be an opportunity to discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues including matters of faith, morals and discipline. In preparation for 2020, the Catholic community was invited to submit responses to the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" This process closed on 6 March 2019. While there may have been individual submissions from the OLHC Eltham Parish, an overarching Parish position was not submitted. On 9 June, a thematic synthesis of the 17,000 submissions will be released. In the meantime, Catholic communities are encouraged to keep the conversation going.

In this spirit of ongoing dialogue and sense making, over 32 parishes have come together to independently synthesise their own submissions (22 in total) into a joint statement. This synthesis will be made available to the participating parishes and the Plenary Council process on 15 May. On Saturday 13 April, representatives from these parishes (including OLHC Eltham represented by Mark Noonan) met to workshop the emerging themes for the joint statement. A draft will be made available to OLHC on 30 April for comment by 13 May.

Several years ago **The Way** Prayer Group could no longer access their weekly meeting place so Eltham Parish happily accommodated them in our Gathering Area and Church on Thursday evenings - now they have the opportunity to return to St Thomas' Church, North Greensborough so they have just made the move.

A grade of school children resume at this Friday's 9.15am Mass; this week it's 5/6AH, family and friends are welcome to attend and stay for morning tea.



EASTER CANDLE 2019

The concept behind the design is a simple one. We are healed by the blood of Jesus Christ and if we repent, we are forgiven purely by his Grace and Mercy.

The Blue and Red ribbon is an interlinked infinity symbol
The Alpha symbol is the beginning.

The cross is depicted as a tree trunk probably exactly as it was 2000 years back.

The Dove is the Holy Spirit, the sign of Peace with an olive branch and also the Paraclete (councillor or advocate).

The chalice is depicted as in the 'days of old', made from clay or ceramic and decorated or painted in gold & silver.

The Omega symbol the end.

**Thanks to Ramos for
another delightful work of art.**

Available on the table in the Gathering Area are copies of:

- Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Easter message as well as letter to Eltham and Montmorency Parishioners with plans for the future;
- Tropical Wilderness Retreat in Far North Queensland - Cairns, 15-22 July;
- Several articles from Jesuit publication, Eureka Street:
 - * "The great Murray-Darling swindle"
 - * "Australia needs its own Green Now Deal"
 - * "Is the legal tide turning on climate change?"
 - * "New old news for Palestinian apartheid"
 - * "Can the Church survive it's terminal self-harm?"
 - * "Trump's new Cold War"
 - * "The gifts of poetry and Down Syndrome"
 - * "Sense and censorship in the social media crackdown"
- * 6 articles on various aspects of the ANZAC Day narrative including one from Jesuit priest Andrew Hamilton and Fr Kevin's homily "Lest we forget".



The Eltham Refugee Support Network is looking for men in the community to help out in organising games (cards, chess, etc) and a cuppa for Refugees (men's group). If you are interested, even on a one-off basis, please put your name and contact details on the Sign Up Sheet in the Gathering Area. For further details, please contact Gina Ang, 9439 9206 or gina.ang@cam.org.au.

Malawi Group



Mother's Day raffle tickets will be on sale for this weekend and next weekend 4/5 May at the same old price of \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Once again we have a really lovely prize to win and this will be drawn after mass on Sunday 5 May so it will be all ready for the lucky mum on Sunday the 12th.

You do need to be in it to win it so Group members will be on duty after each mass over this and next weekend. The famed JELLY BEAN Box will be out just in case some people may wish to make a direct donation instead of taking any raffle tickets.

THANK YOU again in anticipation of your continued support for our Sister Parish at St Kizito's.



Exploring the Gospel of Luke

St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham invites you to attend an afternoon with Rev Canon Prof Dorothy Lee, who is a theological New Testament scholar of international distinction. A great deal of her work has focused on understanding the gospels.

Saturday 4th May at 1pm to 4pm

St Margaret's Church, 79-81 Pitt St, Eltham

This is a free event.

No RSVP required.

Everyone welcome.

parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au 9439 9238



Sands Memorial Service

Sunday 5th May @ 1.30pm

Marwal Centre, Marwal Ave, Nth Balwyn

Stillborn and Newborn Death Support - further information available on noticeboard.

Vinnies Food Appeal

The Eltham St Vinnies food reserves are almost exhausted due to high demands for assistance. We seek your help to provide us with basic foodstuffs. In particular, we are very low in **pasta, pasta sauce, long-life milk, tins of fruit & vegetables, breakfast cereal, tea, coffee, sugar and tins of baked beans.**

If you can help us, please be aware that we cannot use goods that are past the USE BY date or BEST BEFORE date.

Thank you for your generosity in the past.



Book of the Month : MAY



Thomas Merton's **1st book** explores his faith journey:

The Seven Storey Mountain.

It's an interesting exercise to follow that journey through to some of his latest books.

It shows us how much our church has evolved over the last 20+ years and reminds us it continues to evolve, as indeed, we do personally.



Fr Kevin's Farewell Mass will be on Sunday, 26th May at 2.30pm.

Catholic bishops' federal election statement.

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday 29 April, 7pm

Siena College, 815 Riversdale Road, Camberwell

An initiative of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Uniting Church Synod of Victoria. After the service, you are invited to share kosher light refreshments and conversation.

Additional parking will be available in the St Dominic's Church carpark in Dominic Street, opposite Siena College.

Enquiries: Martin Chatfield on 0419 382 014 or martchat86@gmail.com

Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2I9kYLw>

CHOSEN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 July

Sacred Heart Girls' College, 113 Warrigal Road, Hughesdale

Chosen Youth Conference is an initiative of Jesus Youth Australia to help young people to encounter Jesus in a life-changing way. Join us for fun, faith discovery and fellowship. Open to 18-35 year-olds. The theme of the conference is 'Be strong, take courage': 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' (Joshua 1:9).

Enquiries: 0491 002 081 or

info@chosenconference.org.au

Details: www.chosenconference.org.au

PARISH SCHEDULE

Baptisms

On 1st Sunday of each month at 11.30am.

Six weeks notice required.

Baptism preparation held last Saturday of the month at 10:00am.

Baptism Welcome held on 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

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

Apr 27 Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully
May 4 Carmel Saltalamacchia, Linda Dunell
May 11 Gianna Milwain, Vali Hall

Counters

Apr 28 Brian Wordsworth
May 5 Kevin Meehan, Vin McHugh
May 12 Peter Rigg, Peter Reardon

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Apr 27 Dhanasen Family
May 4 Stewart Family
May 11 Ryan Family

Sunday Morning Tea

Apr 28 O'Brien Family
May 5 Reardon Family
May 12 Scully Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinator

Gina Ang 9439 9206

Playgroup Enquiries

Loretta 0412 273 794

Diary Dates

Stations of the Cross: Friday: 8.45am (*Not Good Friday*)

Adoration: First Friday of the month: 7-8pm

May

Wed 1st	6.00pm	Meditation (Gathering area)
Tue 7th	11.00am	Prayer Shawl (Gathering Area)
	7.30pm	Malawi Support Group
Wed 8th	6.00pm	Meditation (Gathering Area)
Thu 9th	7.30pm	Prayer Shawl (Parish Hall)
Wed 15th	6.00pm	Meditation (Gathering Area)

Feast Days

Mon 29th April	St Catherine of Siena
Thu 2nd May	St Athanasius
Fri 3rd May	St Philip & St James



Believing in people

It can happen that we lose interest in people,
And even become blind to their strengths,
When we discover their limitations.
During his passion Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter.
Yet he didn't write him off.
He continued to believe in him,
And in time he came good.
Like Peter, we are weak human beings,
Who are inconstant in our beliefs.
We need someone who understands our weaknesses,
Who realises that it may take time for us to overcome them,
And who doesn't write us off because
We don't produce the goods at once.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
April 27th & 28th - Second Sunday of Easter - Year C			
6.00pm	Lorraine Furtado	Lionel Furtado	May Foong, Vicki Jordan, John Stuyfbergen
9.30am	Paul Jakubik	Terry Fanning	Sheilah Arneson, Greg Scully, Helen Scully, Clare Zavadil
May 4th & 5th - Third Sunday of Easter - Year C			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
6.00pm	David Scannell	Volunteer please	Beverley Gillard, Marianne Hadley, Yvonne Iliffe
9.30am	Trish Taylor	Claire Walker	Hugh Azzopardi, Paul Crowle, Anne Stevens, John Stevens, Frans Zylstra