

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

PARISH BULLETIN



SUNDAY, 22ND FEB 2015: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT —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 to Fri 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

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

First Reading Gn 9:8-15 God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9 R.see v.10
Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22
As life was saved by the ark, so are our lives saved in Baptism
Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4
Gospel Mk 1:12-15 After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

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,

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Gn 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
God puts Abraham to the test.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10.15-19.
R.114:9
Second Reading Rom 8:31-34
God, sacrificing even his Son for us, will grant us victory.
Gospel Acclamation see Mt 17:5
Gospel Mk 9:2-10 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth
to those who keep
your covenant

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!



BAPTISM WELCOME

This weekend we
welcome to our parish
community

Sebastian Favrin

Son of Alessandro &
Gabriella

&

Eli Beynon

Son of Paul & Karen



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.

- Barbara Bibby
- Indra Wojetunga
(Aunt of RCIA candidate,
Tanya Murugan)

Anniversaries

- Bertha Rothe (Ruth Decker's
mother)

BREAKING NEWS: Our Annual PARISH PICNIC is on SUNDAY, March 15th at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe, starting at midday. A good time guaranteed - various games and activities - something for everyone. Please come along and join in the fun.

LENT Let’s get started! It’s time for decision making - some prayer, some penance, reaching out to those needing help or working on a relationship that’s damaged.

Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available from the gathering area along with an information sheet.

Thanks Giving Envelopes for the whole of next year are available for collection in the gathering area in alphabetical order of surnames - you will need them for next weekend.

The Journey Catholic/Christian Radio Program

The Diocese of Wollongong’s Catholic radio show podcasts is available to download from iTunes (Search Cradio The Journey). This Lenten season, you will hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Dr Francine and Byron Pirola, Bruce Downes -The Catholic Guy, Trish McCarthy, Peter Gilmore, Sam Clear and Fr Dave Callaghan. You also have the show sent to you each week, just sign up at www.radio.dow.org.au so you can listen to the Journey anytime.

Passion Play Now Recruiting

The 19th Melbourne Passion Play is now recruiting cast and crew members for this year’s performance.To be held at Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster on Sunday 29 March. Acting roles include townspeople and Roman soldiers. Backstage crew also required.

Contact: Director Robert Durai, 0422 130 014 or robertodurai@yahoo.com. **More info:** www.passionplay.info

MenAlive Men’s Weekend -Saturday Feb 28 to Sunday 1 March

Holy Family Church, 100 Power Rd, Doveton

Rediscover God’s presence and purpose for your life. The menALIVE Men’s Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God. The weekend provides space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives. Suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

Cost: \$30 per person **RSVP:** Tuesday 24 February

Contact: Peter on 0418 207 898

More info: www.menalive.org.au flyer available on the table in the gathering area.

Aussie CAMINO

Beginning Monday September 21st., some parishioners and others are doing the Mary McKillop walk from Portland Victoria to Penola SA. It’s a seven day walk so we get home on Tuesday Sept 29th. See Fr Kevin, who is also walking, if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity - we have 17 already. We’re nearly full up so speak up soon!

Healing Mass - our first parish Healing Mass is on Wednesday, March 4th at 11.30 am - sign up form for lunch is available on the table in the gathering area.

Easter Marian

Please send articles in plain text or word format to Vicki - vkjordan@gmail.com by March 21.

Ryder Cheshire Film Day

Saturday 28 February, 4pm Palace Cinemas

233 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn

The Ryder—Cheshire Foundation of Victoria invites you to a film afternoon to support their work in East Timor and India.

“The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”. The old cast will be joined by Richard Gere for another side splitting story that leaves us all walking out of the cinema with smiles on our faces. **Cost:** \$25 (all inclusive) **Contact:** Marg McConnell on 9939 7501 or at marg.peter@optusnet.com.au, or visit www.ryder-cheshire.org

The **Call of Guadalupe musical** which has been going for 10 years. The theatre group is preparing to produce a new musical, **'Amazing Augustine'**, about the life of the great Saint Augustine in September. It has been written by talented local Melbourne composers and will be shown for the first time this year. Our musicals have brought people closer to God. A variety of supporting character roles are available. Backstage, makeup and volunteers are most welcome! Contact 0433 981 212 or lgandaw@gmail.com

PERSPECTIVES:

Four interesting articles on the gathering area table:

- “Why the Nordic gods have plenty of wisdom to impart”. It describes an alternative to our adversarial political system which results in positive policies.
- “Build your kids character, don’t just give them stuff” by Brian Steer
- Two fascinating reflections by Fr Richard Rohr
- Torah, Prophets, Wisdom

MALAWI SUPPORT GROUP - Crazy Whist Night

The Group wish to lodge advance notice for their first event of the year, the wonderfully social Crazy Whist night. It will be held on Saturday 14th March in the Church Gathering Area commencing at 7.30 pm. Cost remains at \$10 per head with BYO drinks, glasses and a plate to share at the Supper Break. Tea and coffee will be provided. **Tickets will be on sale FOR ONE WEEK ONLY after each mass on the weekend of 28th February & 1st March.** **Contact Bernie Murray on 9422-4058.**

2015 International Speakers

With a mix of lay people and clergy from a variety of ministries, the International Speakers Program, presented by the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation, seeks to provide parish leaders with insights, inspiration and experience from the Universal Church.

Themes include Mary Communicating Christ, Sharing the Good News, the Faith of Ordinary People, Contemplative Living, the Compassion of God and Catholic Social Teaching. Speakers include Judith Dupre (March) Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli (May) Wilfred Cardinal Napier (May), Dr Donna Orsuto (August) Margaret Silf (October) and Oscar Cardinal Rodriguez (November) More info www.cam.org.au/ebangelisation/Services/International-Speakers/Visiting-in-2015.

Short Courses in Jesus’ Passion, Death & Resurrection
Wednesdays 25 Feb, 4 March, 11 March & 18 March 6.30 - 8.00pm
Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

Where is the meaning of the Last Supper? Why did Jesus suffer and die? What does it mean that Jesus descended into hell? What does the Resurrection actually mean? This short course offered by the ACU for the public is an opportunity to explore the most important topics of Christian faith during the season of Lent. Delivered by theologians, incl Rev Prof Anthony Kelly CSsR and Rev Prof Francis Moloney SDB. The course will follow the events of Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), as they are stated in the Apostle’s Creed. Refreshments provided from 6pm. Registration is essential and closes Friday, 20th Feb. Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/686192> or contact Dr Joel Hodge at joel.hodge@acu.edu.au

As you enter our Church you see a notice that says “You are entering a sacred place; **please turn your mobile phones to silent**”. For people who can’t resist the temptation to bring mobile phones to church, please take this seriously, the way it’s intended. In the past few weeks we have had two incidents of people answering their phones inside the church or just inside the gathering area, heard and/or seen by everyone. This is very discourteous, intrusive and totally unacceptable, so please desist.

The Way Prayer Group meets in our gathering area each Thursday from 8 pm to 9.30 pm, anyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with our God. A four week Bible course “A Journey to Freedom” begins on February 26th and ends on March 26th. Please register by Monday Feb 23rd with Emilia on 9435 7475.

We are looking for **six large palm fronds** for Palm Sunday - if you can help us, please see Fr Kevin, Vicky Jordan or phone parish office.



LIBRARY NEWS - Book of the Month for February - Richard Rohr's Simplicity



Catholic Social Teaching, an introductory workshop presented by Catholic Social Services, Vic., on Tuesday, 3rd March, 9 am to 12.30 pm at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. Bookings www.trybooking.com/GTGB. Enquires: Lucia Brick 9287 5566 Come and discover the richness and diversity of the practice of Catholic Social Teaching. It offers a stimulating mix of input, reflection, dialogue and empowerment. Help yourselves to the leaflet headed: “Catholic Social Services Victoria”.

LENTEN RETREAT : The Retreat Team of St Mary’s Greensborough warmly welcomes all who seek a time of reflection, contemplation and prayer during our Lenten Season. In our world of busyness and noise of TV, radio, computer, mobile phone, iPad and the like, people may feel disconnected from themselves, others and their God. Our theme for this Retreat, based on the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, is ‘Inner Peace in Darkness and Light’. This Retreat begins on either Tuesday mornings from 10:15 - 11:45am - 24th of Feb, 3rd 10th, 17th and 24th of March, or Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.00pm - 25th Feb, 4th, 11th , 18th and 25th March. Further details and registration via Jacinta Bright at the St Mary’s Parish Office – 9435 1543

St. Margaret’s Anglican Church, Eltham. Two presentations looking at the **“The Panoramic Story of The Bible”**. The hope is that participants will gain a clearer idea of how the diverse books of the Bible form one overarching story - Saturday 7th March and Saturday, 14th March from 1 pm to 4 pm, 79-81 Pitt St, Eltha, with Bishop Graeme Rutherford. See flyers on table in gathering area.

Young Catholic Singles aged 21-35: Please join us for a movie under the stars "Skyfall" on Thursday 5th March, 7pm at Point Park at Yarra's Edge (Docklands). Please bring a plate to share. Hope to see you there!
Contact: Angela <http://www.meetup.com/Young-Catholic-Singles-of-Melbourne/>, yscmevents@gmail.com

Evangelii Gaudium

“This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture and in their ways of living the faith.”

Par 199 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

PARISH SCHEDULE		
<u>Baptisms</u> 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.		
<u>ST. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses -</u> Donations for next week: Pasta, pasta sauces, rice, noodles, oil, tomato sauce, longlife milk, longlife custard, Quick, Milo, Ovaltine, cordials, etc.		
<u>Altar Society</u> February 28/01 G. Frediani March 7/8 K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe		
<u>Counters</u> February 22 P. Garriga, L. Glassford March 1 P. Hyland, M. Brosnan		
<u>Pilgrim Rosary Statue</u> February 22 Rigg Family March 1 Scannell Family		
<u>Caring Group Co-Ordinators</u> Jayne Britton 9431 2667 Barbara Bibby 9439 8594		
<u>Sunday Morning Tea</u> March 1 9.00am Zvonka, J.Bylsma 11.00am A. & C. Franciscelli March 8 9.00am T. & C. Taylor 11.00am C. Ritchie		

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

February 2015

Sun 22nd

1st Sun of Lent,

OLHC School Fair Noon to 5 pm

RCIA Right of Election @
St. Patrick’s Cathedral at 2.30 pm



A Reflection

The Rainbow is God’s signature to a treaty with humankind. On God’s part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God’s rainbow relationship to nature. This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
February 21/22 - 1st Sunday of Lent			
6.00pm	F. Zylstra	D. Furtado	P. Crowle, B.Gillard, V. Jordan
9.00am	N. Walker	M. Donahoo	B. Morfardin, F. Zylstra, 3 volunteers
11.00am	L. Dunell	J. O'Dell	K. Conte, A. Conte, B. Toone, 2 volunteers
February 28/01 - 2nd Sunday of Lent			
6.00pm	D. Scannell	D. Zylstra	Y. Ifille, S. Casey, J. Stuyfbergen
9.00am	J. Bylsma	M. Armstrong	D. Donnellan, G. Scully, H. Scully, 2 x volunteers
11.00am	C. Kibby	P. Reardon	C. Zavakil, C. Egan, M. Jones, 2 x volunteers