

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 16 Mar 2014: Second 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.

Today'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

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Ex 17:3-7 The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert. Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8
Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Christ laid down his life for us.
Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15
Gospel Jn 4:5-42 Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

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, Wed, Fri 9.15am
Thurs 9.15am,
8.00pm (Healing Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

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OPENING PRAYER

Father, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son,
we pray that you nourish us inwardly by your word,
so that, with renewed spiritual sight, we may rejoice in your glory.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! !

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we celebrate these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, Lord,
for empowering us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you once again to all the Parishioners who completed a pledge card and a Time and Talent Sheet, and a big thank you to our hard working Follow-up

Pledge cards are available at the back of the church if you were away or missed out over the past couple of weeks. 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 next week-end.

Tuesday March 18, 7.30pm: Stewardship program report and social in gathering area.

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
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PERSPECTIVES

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

- **"New article, rational and balanced, by Sydney University Professor of International Law, Ben Saul: "Processing refugees: they get the hits, we get the myths."**
 - A page from Melbourne Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office entitled **"Justice for refugees and people seeking asylum would mean:"**
 - **Informative & challenging "JUSTICE TRENDS"** magazine
 - **Fr Kevin's summary of the main points re presidential prayers of the Mass**
 - **One page of the "Ideal" Parish Priest and secretary.**
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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 for youth news. 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.

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

On Palm Sunday, April 13 there will be a Prayer Service in Solidarity with Refugees from 1.00pm - 1.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral; it will be led by Bishop Vincent Long, who was an asylum seeker from Vietnam.

Then we can walk for 'Justice for Refugees', starting at 2.00pm at the State Library, Cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts. More information on gathering area table. Pope Francis reminds us that "whoever turns refugees away, forgets that Jesus was also one."

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?** 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.

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

See Fr Kevin for a copy of Pope Francis' superb booklet "The Joy of the Gospel" for \$10.

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 & now the head of Brisbane Vocations. He is sure to keep you entertained & 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

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.

HEALING MASS

This **Thursday's 8.00pm Mass is a Healing Mass** with music provided by the Churinga prayer group. The session starts at 7.30pm with songs of praise and after Mass there will be the opportunity for people to come forward to two or three of us leaders for brief personal prayer support. Supper also available after Mass.

MEET THE AUTHOR OF 'THE PEOPLE SMUGGLER'

Robin de Crespigny will speak about the story behind her book. How, when and why she came to the project, her writing process, and how she worked with Ali Al Jenabi to tell his epic story of trying to find a safe place in the world.

When: Sunday 30 March, 2pm

Cost: \$5 donation

Where: St John the Baptist Parish School Hall, 19 Forest Road, Ferntree Gully

Contact: Patrick Sawyer 0434 072 831

GSA Enrolment's cut off date was Friday 14th March. If anyone has overlooked the date, they can contact Gina at Gina.Ang@cam.org.au or 9439 9206.

CLOSE THE GAP - OXFAM MEETING

Close the gap between Aboriginal people and other Australians. Parishioners are invited to the Diamond Valley Oxfam group meeting on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 8pm.

Where: Eltham Living & Learning Centre, 739 Main Road, Eltham

Contact: Marguerite Marshall 9439 3232

Palms Australia is selling free trade coffee and chocolate for 50% off with all profits going to Project Compassion. See notice in gathering area for details.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES - SIGN-UP SHEETS

Please consider signing up for one of the roles during the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies this weekend, so that rosters preparations can be finalised. The sheets will only be out for two weeks after which individuals will be asked to fill in any gaps. If you have not previously taken on one of these roles and would like a bit more information, please talk to Vicki Jordan, Peter Reardon or Fr Kevin. Also, if someone has already put their name down for a role you would like, put your name down too - as backups are much appreciated.

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.



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THE CARMELITE CENTRE

The Carmelite Centre presents numerous events and programs designed to facilitate spiritual development. Here are a few:

- Spiritual Reading Group - 'Markings' Dag Hammarskjold with Carol O'Connor Tues March 18, 4.30pm - 6.30pm (*The Carmelite Library, Middle Park*)
- Poetry for The Soul, Australian Spirituality with Anne Elvey and Anne Boyd Wednesday 26 March, 6.30-8.30pm (*O'Connor / Pilkington Rooms, Middle Park*)
- Finding Living Water - Retreat Day with Bernadette Micallef, Saturday March 29 10.00am - 3.00pm (\$50) (*O'Connor / Pilkington Rooms, Middle Park*)

Carmelite Centre: 214 Richardson St, Middle Park. See www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org for details of all events or phone 9690 5430.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The transformation of Jesus on the mountain blew the minds of the disciples who were witnesses. In the other versions of the story, in Luke and Mark, Peter became incoherent with wonder and they were all terrified. But how did Jesus respond to the situation?



There is no information in the Gospel stories about what Jesus thought or how he felt about the experience; but it must have left a lasting mark on his life – a spiritual signature. The Gospel writers describe this awesome manifestation of God in terms of bright light, so perhaps one of the after effects for Jesus was a sense of glowing. In any case, **being 'enlightened' seems to have been part of his job description.**

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TRANSFIGURED BODYSOULS

(Excerpt from commentary by Fr Michael Tate)

One often hears the comment: 'All religions are the same. Somewhat different packaging, but really they all believe in the same things.' But do they? For example, what do they say about our final destiny?

Some believe that the soul is more or less trapped in the body. The best thing would be for the soul to be freed from the body, leaving the old corpse behind and enjoying heaven simply as a soul - forever.

Well, that might be what the ancient Greeks taught, but it is not what Christians believe. What do we believe?

The soul is not a miniscule dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the soul is not in the body so much as the body is in the soul! There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. I am my bodysoul. So it is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be

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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 16 G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough
March 23 T. Daw, L. Bignell

Counters

March 16 I. Ashworth, C. & T. Taylor
March 23 D. Schultz, C. Leahy

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

March 16 Ryan Family
March 23 Zavadil Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

March 16 9.00am A. & J. Stevens
11.00am C. & N. Walker
March 23 9.00am H. & G. Scully
11.00am C. & W. Zavadil

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

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

This Week's Feast Days

Mon Mar 17 St Patrick
Wed Mar 19 St Joseph

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saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

What might this involve? It will involve my whole person, **bodysoul, being transformed, sharing in the radiance of God's Glory.**

Today's Gospel gives more than a hint as to what we believe. This was no out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. This was an **utterly bodily experience. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light.**

You and I can be, and with God's grace will be, bodysouls radiant with Divine Light, translucent to Divine Glory, filled with 'immeasurable well-being' - 'infinite joy in our heart.'

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

- Maureen Cummane (Jim Cummane's mother)

Sick and in need of care

- Colleen Scully

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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
March 23 - 3rd Sunday of Lent			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	D. Zylstra	M. Hadley, M. Snipe, V. Jordan
9.00am	J. Bylsma	T. Taylor	S. Arneson, M. Armstrong, M. Dopheide, 2 volunteers
11.00am	S. Rawlinson	C. Zavadil	L. Dunell, I. Ashworth, R. Ashworth, 2 volunteers