

Our Lady Help of Christians



Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 28 July 2013: seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

Today's Readings

First Reading Gn 18:20-32 Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3
Second Reading Col 2:12-14 God pardoned our sins through the death of Christ.
Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15
Gospel Lk 11:1-13 Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 All things are vanity.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1
Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Set your heart on the greater things.
Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3
Gospel Lk 12:13-21 Parable of the rich man with a good harvest.

Parish Information

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am

Weekday Masses

Fri 9.15am

Communion Services

Tues -Thurs 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
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OPENING PRAYER

O God, you guide and enlighten those who hope in you. We ask you to help us to use the good things in life to give you praise and glory.
We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, as we receive Your divine life in this wonderful Sacrament, we pray that this gift of your life may help to free us for the fullness of eternal life with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.

THANKSGIVING RECEIPTS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION



Thanksgiving receipts for July 2012-June 2013 available on table in gathering area. Please take yours home and if possible, deliver any that are in your street or surrounding area, as this will help with postage. Many thanks

FR KEVIN AT CLERGY CONFERENCE 29 JULY - 1 AUGUST

Next week Fr Kevin will attend the Melbourne Clergy Conference - "**Exile: A Paradox**" at Torquay from Mon July 9 to Thurs August 1 (afternoon).

Keynote speakers are:

- Rev Dr David Ranson- from Broken Bay in N.S.W and lecturer at Sydney College of Divinity. Previously a Cistercian member at Tarrawarra Abbey, Yarra Glen.
- Fr John Hill CSsR - a Redemptorist and Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne.
- Mr Francis Sullivan - Theology master and holder of an honorary Doctorate from ACU for public health advocacy.

SENSING MOBILITY

A 'mindful movement' session with Nia Technique, a session that is safe and suitable for everyone wishing to have the gift of joy in gentle moves. Come and laugh with us as you move with uplifting music. Mondays 9.30 am & 12.00 noon here in the Parish Gathering Area.

For enquiries ring Monica Espinoza 0411230444

MARIAN - CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS AND PARISH GROUPS

It is time for the next edition of the MARIAN.

Deadline for contributions: Thursday August 22.

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR STELLA MARIS

This Sunday is Sea Sunday. Stella Maris (Apostolate of the Sea) cares for all seafarers who come to our shores, irrespective of race, colour, creed or sex. Envelopes are on gifts table and in gathering area.

PARISH MUSIC NIGHT

Marist Brother Michael Herry a well known local church musician is leading a workshop for parishes on Thursday 1st August, 7.30—9.00 pm in the Parish Church of St Martin of Tours, Macleod. Br. Michael will teach everyone a new Mass and some hymns/chants he has composed. Much of what he will teach us is aimed at Year A 2014, including some Advent material, and hymns/chants focused on Our Lady. This is a real opportunity for all choir members, as well as people interested in singing, music and prayer.

ST PIUS X 60TH ANNIVERSARY

St Pius X Heidelberg West cordially invites past parishioners and anyone previously involved in the parish to attend our 60th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday 18th August. Mass is at 10.30am followed by a tour of the primary school (and Art Display), memorabilia photo display and a chance to catch up with old friends over refreshments.

When: Sunday 18th August

Where: 431 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West

Details: Fr Wayne Edwards 9457 5794 or stpiousvic@bigpond.com



Adoration Friday August 2, 7-8pm.

PHILIPPINES SOCIAL OUTREACH VISIT

An invitation is extended to members of the Diamond Valley Deanery to consider a trip to the Philippines in February 2014 for two weeks. The trip offers visits to different communities in Manila & Cebu, family home visits as well as connecting with young people in a range of situations. This is a grass roots visit where there is time to talk to people to try & understand their life. There is a very strong social justice component which is always challenging but an important part of the trip. The Philippines is a Third World country and a near neighbour of Australia. The people are very welcoming & willing to share their stories for our benefit. If you would like to find out more about this trip an information night is being held on Wednesday August 21 at 8.00pm in the hall of St Francis Xavier, Mayona Road, Montmorency. further information contact Glenys Gayfer: papel-imports@bigpond.com/0411 196 395

SACRED HEART DIAMOND CREEK FUNDRAISER

Australia's favourite professional organiser, Lissanne Oliver, is an expert in helping people organise their work, life and home. Be inspired, informed and immediately able to put many simple ideas into practice; learn how to get organised and remove the costly, stressful burden of clutter!

When: Thursday 8 August, 7.30-0.00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish, 25 Gipson St, Diamond Creek
Books for sale on the night (cash only). Tickets \$20 per person available from the Parish Office 9438 1015 or the School 9438 1590

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Father Joe Giacobbe is seeking assistance to find a 2/3 bedroom house to rent in the Northern Suburbs for a family relocating to Victoria from Western Australia. References are available. Contact Fr Joe on 0414 66 1793 or Matt Purcell on 0418 387 966 if you can assist.

MARCELLIN COLLEGE GALA DINNER

The Marcellin College Community Association have organised a Gala Dinner to celebrate 50 years at the Bulleen Campus. Join the Marcellin Bulleen Campus community in the beautiful Great Hall at the Ivanhoe Centre on Saturday August 3. Past and present families, students and friends will be treated to a beautiful 3 course meal with beverages and a full night of recognitions and entertainment. The Great Hall The Centre Ivanhoe, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe
CONTACT DETAILS: For event enquiries please contact the event manager Helen on: admin@creativefootprints.com.au or 0409 830646 Tickets: <http://www.trybooking.com/52016>

DIAMOND VALLEY ANTIOCH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Antioch is a youth to youth ministry group. We are preparing for our inaugural Antioch Weekend in September and wish to invite all of you to come to a fundraising dinner party on Saturday 10th August. It will be night of song, music, fun and lots of food!! We would love to see you all there. Come along organise a table bring your friends - it should be a great night out. Please contact Mark on 0409 516 911 Joe on - 0408 937 395 or Alysia on 0424 560 644. Also if you are between the ages of 16 - 22 and you want to meet some great people, have lots of fun and have many opportunities to do great things in the community do not hesitate to ask us about joining the group. We would love to have you on board!!

PETITIONS AND PERSEVERANCE

Jesus urges us to ask with perseverance without ever getting tired of asking, but rather tiring God. God will not always give us what we ask for, nor in the way we ask, since we do not know what is good for us. But he will give us a holy spirit, or a clearer vision of his will, and at the same time, the courage to follow it.



Knock and it will be opened to you. A page from Fr Molinier is a commentary on this verse. "If God does not open up at once, it is not because he enjoys making us wait. If we must persevere in prayer, it is not because we need a set number of invocations, but rather because a certain quality, a certain way of prayer is required. If we were able to have that at the beginning, our prayer would be heard immediately.

Prayer is the groaning of the Holy Spirit in us, as Saint Paul says. Yet, we need repetition for this groaning to open a path in our stony heart, just as the drop of water wastes away the hardest rocks. When we repeat the Our Father and the Hail Mary with perseverance, one day we can pray **them in a way which is in perfect harmony with God's will.** Jesus invites us to ask with perseverance, not so that God will grant us our wishes, but so that we may be more attuned to his thoughts and desires. Persevering petitions cease being self-centred and become prayer, that is, they lift us up and bring us closer to God.

WISDOM AT THE GATE: RADIANT & UNFOLDING COLLOQUIUM
Wisdom at the Gate is facilitated by the Council for Australian Catholic Women and supported by the National Office for the Participation of Women. It aims to gather, connect **and reenergise those responding to the issues of women's participation in our church within their local context.**

When: Friday 16 August, 9am - Saturday 17 August, 7pm

Cost: Full Colloquium \$300, Friday only \$100, Saturday only \$200. Note: Friday night dinner and drinks are an optional extra that can be selected at registration.

Register: wisdomatthegate.org.au

Contact: Mary Mackillop Place (02) 6201 9845

COMMUNITY DAY FEATURING FR BRENDAN BYRNE

Theme: Life and teachings of St Paul

When: Saturday 17 August 10am - 4pm

Where: Mary McKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne Cost: Donation of \$20 - Bring lunch to share

More info: chrmedvic@gmail.org

BISHOP GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM:
MIGRATION & POVERTY: EXPLORING ETHICAL ISSUES

When: Thursday 22 August, 7pm - 9pm

Where: Central Hall, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

All welcome to this special event for Migrant and Refugee Week. More info: 02 6201 9848

PRAYERS PLEASE

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENTLY DECEASED:

- Fr Amin Abboud, a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei.

ANNIVERSARIES:

- Karl Rothe (father of Ruth Decker)

We also remember those who are sick and in need of care.

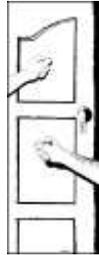
LIBRARY NEWS - July Book of the Month 'Vula Bevalile'



This beautiful little book of letters from a young Australian doctor, Maithri Goonetilleke, was lent to me by a parishioner. I was so inspired and moved by his extraordinary love for the poor of Swaziland, I bought a copy for the parish. It is a quick yet powerful read.

Reminder - please return books ASAP as others wait upon them.
Trish

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL



Did you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address was 250 words long? The man before Lincoln spoke for over an hour. The man who followed Lincoln spoke for even longer. No one remembers today what they said. Lincoln's two and a half MINUTES, by contrast, changed the USA's history and the mentality of the western world. This call to brevity is always a good challenge to preachers too!

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer, which has 38 words, is another example of how a few sentences have changed history.

Around 50 years after the death of Jesus, Luke's Gospel was written for the Christian community in Antioch, which was the political and cultural capital of the Roman Province of Syria. There are six major themes running throughout this Gospel: prayer, hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, the common life and care for the outsider. Most of them are expressed in the 38 words of this prayer.

We declare that we belong to God in the most intimate of ways, as members of God's family, and therefore we belong to each other. We pray that God's Kingdom will come here and now, and, through our gratitude for God's generosity and forgiveness, we can be saved from evil. I think Christians should keep saying this prayer with great urgency. In most western countries today there are strong right wing political movements who say they are for Christ **or that they want our country to return to 'Christian values', but these policies are irreconcilable with the Lord's Prayer.** Indeed one politician I heard recently argued that the Immigration Act should be reviewed so that only Christians are allowed to settle here. There is little of the Gospel's hospitality, forgiveness, compassion, common life and care for outsiders in the views of these groups. These people, of course, have every right to publicly state their views on any subject they choose. Morally, however, they must also accept responsibility for what they say and its implications.

It is so easy to allow our faith lives to become compartmentalised. For some, religious belief and practice fits into a nice little box that has no discernible influence on the rest of their lives. Coming to Church is a privatised affair. This may be many things, but it's not Christian. What we celebrate here each Sunday is supposed to have an affect on all areas of our lives, every day. Though we can try to make ourselves feel better by turning religion into a weekly spiritual bonbon, that is not what Jesus and the martyrs of our faith gave their lives for.

There is no question that these right-wing groups appeal to many of our compatriots because of the difficulties in rural areas, the demoralisation of high unemployment and the growing inequity in wealth distribution. There is,

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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:

Pasta, pasta sauces, rice, noodles, oil, tomato sauce, longlife milk, longlife custard, Quik, Milo, Ovaltine, cordials etc

Altar Society

July 27/28 B. Morganti, L. Dunell
August 3/4 G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough

Counters

July 28 P. Wenn, A. Conte
August 4 I. Ashworth, C. & T. Taylor

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

July 28 Scannell Family
August 4 Donahoo Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

July 28 9.00am M. Snipe
11.00am M. & C. Gaffney
August 4 9.00am M. Donahoo
11.00am S. Grounds

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

August 2013

Fri Aug 2	Adoration 7-8pm
Tues Aug 6	Malawi Group 7.30pm
Wed Aug 14	St Vincent de Paul 7.25pm
W/E Aug 17/18	OLHC Families' Confirmation Commitment Masses - 6pm and 11am
Wed Aug 21	Seniors' Lunch 12noon Lwr Plenty Hotel
Thurs Aug 22	OLHC families' Confirmation Formation evening 7pm (school)
Wed Aug 28	LinC AGM 8pm
W/E Aug 24/25	National Day for Migrants & Refugees Malawi raffle tickets on sale

Feast Days

Mon July 29	St Martha
Wed 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola
Thurs 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori

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however, NO solution in using race relations, refugees, migrants, single mothers and the poor as scapegoats for our economic shortcomings. All this does is appeal to the worst traits in our human desires, where someone else is always to blame for our difficulties. Long-lasting, truthful and humanly dignified solutions to our nation's problems are those that embody the sacrificial love and compassion of Jesus. On every occasion racism, sexism, bigotry, violence and greed are sinful. This is the Gospel. This is the teaching of the Church.

Often Catholics argue that the Church's teaching should be more publicly proclaimed and obeyed. In its social teaching, the Church tells us that we should support political parties which best represent these key values in the Gospel. The Church has also taught us about refugees, immigration, gun control, violence, capital punishment and the

rights of minority groups. All Catholics are called to hold true to these teachings.

Some Catholics complain that the Church should not speak out on political issues. It is, however, precisely the role of the Church to help people form their consciences and to declare what it sees as evil, sinful or harmful in society. Christ expects nothing less of all of us. And where the Church has not done this, history has judged it VERY harshly, as in the Church's relatively recent condemnation of slavery.

The old line goes, 'Be careful what you pray because you might just get what you ask for.'

Let's join then with all Christians and be worthy of the one prayer which unites us and, in the spirit of these 38 words, pray fervently that all people everywhere will become one – in Christ – under our one Father in heaven.

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LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
July 27/28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	L. Furtado	D. Furtado	C. Baker, C. Porter, D. Scannell, M. Scannell, V. Jordan
9.00am	T. Taylor	M. Donahoo	S. Arneson, P. Shea, G. Scully, H. Scully, R. Decker
11.00am	P. Reardon	W. Zavadil	A. Thompson, I. Ashworth, R. Ashworth, B. Toone, K. Reardon
August 3/4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
6.00pm	F. Zylstra	K. Nolan	J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, M. Snipe, V. Jordan
9.00am	J. Bylsma	T. Taylor	P. Rigg, M. Dopheide, S. Arneson, T. Goonan, R. Decker
11.00am	J. O'Dell	C. Egan	A. Conte, K. Conte, C. Zavadil, K. Reardon, A. Thompson