Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 12th April 2015: Second Sunday of Easter -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
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Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Early believers share what they have.
Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24 R. v.1
Second Reading: Jn 5:1-6
Love God by keeping the commandments
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 20:29
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31 Doubting Thomas.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
Peter calls the people to reform.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2. 7. 9. R.v.7
Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5
To know Jesus, keep his commandments.
Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 24:32
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48
Jesus appears to the disciples gathered together.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting

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!

BAPTISMS

Congratulations
to the families of

Oliver & Toby Campbell
Fionn O'Sullivan
&
Blair Whitehead

as they are baptised as members of our parish community on Sunday

We pray or 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-:

Don Iverson

Project Compassion
Please return any boxes or envelopes for this very worthwhile cause to the church next weekend at the very latest or drop into the presbytery during the week.

Counters Rosters
New Sunday Counters Rosters are available on the table in the gathering area in alphabetical order of surname.

Masses of April 19th
Bishop Terry Curtin will celebrate the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday week April 19th. Bishop Curtin was consecrated a Bishop last December for the northern region of the Melbourne archdiocese; he resides at St. Monica's parish, Moonee Ponds. Bishop Curtin will be here again on Saturday June 20th for Confirmation Mass at 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Confirmation & Reconciliation Families
Next weekend, **CONFIRMATION** families are asked to attend one of the Commitment Masses, either **Saturday, April 18th at 6.00pm or Sunday, April 19th at 11.00am.**
Families at OLHC School with children preparing for their **FIRST RECONCILIATION** on Tuesday, May 26th at 10.00am are asked to attend the FORMATION session for both parents and children this coming **Thursday, April 16th at 7.00pm** in the Community Centre at the school.

Accommodation for Asylum Seekers
There is a desperate need for accommodation for asylum seekers. Families and a few individuals are being released from detention at the rate of about 250 every fortnight across Australia. Approximately a third of these are placed in Melbourne. They go into properties leased by Red Cross or AMES for 4 to 6 weeks. After that they have to find a house themselves wit the help of a housing worker but often they get little help. Then they have to furnish the house. See "Asylum Seekers News" for more information.

Deanery Art Sale
Local artist and deanery resident Judy Racz has generously donated 200 of her paintings to the Diamond Valley Deanery with the desire that all proceeds from their sale go to meeting pastoral needs within the Diamond Valley Deanery. Paintings are available for sale now prior to a silent auction on Sunday 3 May 2015 at Loyola College Watsonia. More information about the sale and images and details of artworks at www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au/gallery. Wide range of subjects, styles and prices. Brochure available to peruse on table.

We're Better Than This
Is a movement that has grown from a decision by ordinary Australians to do something about the extraordinary cruelty of our Government towards the hundreds of innocent children in detention/deterrence camps. *We're Better Than This* has the support of prominent Australians. The founders are a small group of professionals with experience in human rights, refugee, advocacy, PR, film making, advertising, marketing and social media.
Visit http://wbttaus.org/ for more information.

Asylum Seekers Insights
Do you oppose or support boat asylum seekers?
Which side are you on?
St.Kevin's Templestowe offers you a chance for some new insights. Saturday, May 2nd at 7.00pm in the school library. Speakers are two young people, Dana Affleck, who has established an interactive website and Ara Mylvaganam, a Tamil refugee.
For catering purposes please call St. Kevin's on 9850 5983.

Social Justice in the City Series
St. Vincent's de Paul's Melbourne Conference invites us to attend a session "Full Participation for all in a Cohesive and Diverse Society: a Practicle Approach for Refugees and Asylum Seekers" on Wednesday, April 29th from midday to 1.00pm at St. Francis Pastoral Centre, cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts, Melbourne. Presenter is Cath Scarff, CEO of AMES, Australia's largest single provider of settlement, education, training and employment services to asylum seekers, refugees and newly arrived migrants. More details on noticeboard or phone Paula on 9895 5800.

Special Melbourne Centenary Events
The Carmlites invites us to join them in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila, theologian and mystic. On Wednesday, April 29th, Professor Bernard McGinn will present a lecture at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. It is entitled "St. Theresa of Avila: The Contemplative in Action". There is also an Interactive Workshop on Friday, May 1st from 10am to 12pm at The Carmelite Centre, 214 Richardson St, Middle Park and a Symposium on May 21st to 23rd. More details on noticeboard and on table in gathering area. Equiries to: 9690 5430 or visit www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org.

Easter Celebration Feedback
How were the Holy Week and Easter celebrations for you? If you would like to indicate your response, please email the parish or write a comment on the sheet on the table in the gathering area, whether it's a general comment or a comment on a particular ceremony. Feedback is helpful for the liturgy group that meets this month and for Fr. Kevin.

Weekend Conference
See noticeboard for details of a weekend conference in May 1-3 at Pallotti College , Millgrove (near Warburton). Guest speakers are Pallotti's priest, Fr Denny Murphy and Fr. Bob Magurie.

Security
In the light of recent attacks on several churches, we have been advised to update our security arrangements. We need to be more careful especially regarding the use of the church key; sometimes, it is left in a church door and anyone could come along and help themselves to it, then return at any time to cause untold damage. Our church is a very valuable asset and we need to take all reasonable precautions to protect it. If we continue careless habits, we may not be covered by insurance in the event of damage, fire, etc. Please, if you use the safe key, immediately return it to the box and be sure to change the numbers.

Position Available

The Doncaster Parish is seeking to employ a Casual Youth Minister and would love to speak with anyone who might be interested in this work. To make application: Please send a résumé with referees to the Parish Priest at doncaster@cam.org.au by 10 April 2015. Enquiries before can be addressed to Sharon on 98468657 or to Monsignor Tony on 98482395. A notice for the notice board is attached.

The Way Prayer Group

A Healing Mass including the Sacrament of Anointing, will be celebrated on Thursday, 16th April at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry St, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by prayer ministry and supper after Mass. All very welcome. For details please contact Emilia on 9435 7475.

Catalyst for Renewal
May Reflection Morning

The next Reflection morning when experienced leaders reflect on aspects of our theme: "THE SPIRITUALITY OF OUR LIVES" will be held on Saturday 2 May
TITLE: A MORNING IN EASTERTIDE
LED BY: Maureen Delaney rsc
TIME: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
PLACE: CURRAJEEN 811 Bridge Inn Road, DOREEN (See Melways Map 391) Entry by donation – suggestion $10-15. For further information contact Margaret Costigan email: macrsc@netspace.net.au or mobile 0425 878 236.

Church Music Panel Discussion:
At the Crossroads Again?

Monday 20 April, 6.30–8pm
St Paul's Cathedral, Cnr Flinders and Swanston Sts, Melbourne. Come along and hear an insightful disscussion about church music. The panel will consist of musicians and theologians and will be chaired by Peter Sherlock, the Vice- Chancellor of the University of Divinity. Questions from the floor are welcome, and hymns and songs will be sung by all. This event is free and open to all with an interest in church music.
Registration and details: Marion Dewar on 5662 4432 or imdewar@dcsi.net.au

MenALIVE Men's Weekend

Saturday 16 May to Sunday 17 May - Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Rd, Keysborough.
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. There will be space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives. These weekends are powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in you local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age. Cost: $30 RSVP: Friday 8 May
Details and registration: Glen on 0422 892 541 or glen.dcunha@hotmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS - Book of the Month for April -

MALAWI GROUP

Advance notice that **Mother's Day** raffle tickets will be on sale for the two weekends only of 25/26th April and 2/3rd May, at the same old price of $2 each or 3 for $5. Once again we will have really lovely prizes to win and these will be drawn after the 11 am mass on Sunday 3rd May, so they will be all ready for the lucky mums on the following Sunday. You do need to be in it to win it so Group members will be on duty after each mass over those two weekends. **THANK YOU** again in anticipation of your continued support for our Sister Parish at St Kizito's.

Evangelii Gaudium

"... it is becoming increasingly difficult to find local solutions for enormous global problems which overwhelm local politics with difficulties to resolve. If we really want to achieve a healthy world economy , what is needed at this juncture of history is a more efficient way of interacting with due regard for the sovereignty of each nation, ensures the economic well-being of all countries, not just of a few."

Par 206 from *Evangelii Gaudium,* Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Notes on the text

"The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is always told on the Second Sunday of Easter - and is, in fact, the only Gospel that is used in all three Years of the liturgical cycle. Perhaps, a point is being made.

"The Liturgy can speak to us so deeply that we can be tempted to feel that our faith in the Resurrection is secure. We can also be tempted to believe that, had we been in Thomas' place, we would have accepted the words of those around us. There may be a few of us who would trust the words - but most of us would share Thomas' scepticism - a disbelief born of deep grief.

"How many of us have longed for someone who has died to say just one more word - share one more embrace? How cruel it would be if people around us claimed that they had seen the one we love - but, because we hadn't happened to be present, that glimpse - that moment of knowing they are still alive had been denied us. Would we accept it graciously - rejoicing with the others? Or would our pain speak for us - our grief and disbelief?

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
Tinned food including soup, fruit, tuna, salmon, meat, baked beans, spaghetti, vegetables, etc..

Altar Society

April 12	B. Morganti, L. Dunell
April 19	G. Milwain, V. Hall, A. Rough

Counters

April 12	G. Scully, L/N Smith
April 19	P.Stewart, P. Rigg

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

April 12	Rough Family
April 19	Rigg Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
Barbara Bibby	9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

April 12	9.00am	H & G Scully
	11.00am	K & P Reardon
April 19	9.00am	J Medeira
	11.00am	F & C Beall
April 26	9.00am	B & D Morganti
	11.00am	L & N Smith

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

April 2015

15th 8.00pm	**RCIA meeting**
16th 7.00 pm	**Reconciliation formation Session for school families**
18th 6.00pm	**Commitment Mass for our school Confirmation families**
19th 11.00am	**Commitment Mass for our school Confirmation families**
23rd 7.00pm	**Formation Session for our school Eucharist families**
30th 7.00pm	**Formation evening for our school Confirmation families**

Saint of the Week - St. Martin

"When Martin I became Pope in 649AD, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

"A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice emperors had officially favored this position, Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.
"Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy (which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor), Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. Constans II, in response, tried first to turn bishops and people against the pope.
"Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with the exarch Calliopas and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the torture imposed already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill. "Martin died shortly thereafter, tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr."

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
April 11/12th - Second Sunday of Easter (Devine Mercy Sunday) - Year B			
6.00pm	L Furtado	D Furtado	S Casey, Y Iliffe, J Stuyfbergen
9.00am	J Bylsma	T Taylor	S Fitzgerald, T Scott, m Snipe, volunteers needed x 2
11.00am	C Kibby	J O'Dell	K Conte, A Conte, volunteers needed x 3
April 18th/19th - Third Sunday of Easter - Year B			
6.00pm	V Jordan	D Zylstra	K Gaspersz, J Gaspersz, N Gaspersz
9.00am	T Taylor	G Scully	H Azzopardi, I Azzopardi, B Mofardin, volunteers needed x 2
11.00am	M Jones	P Reardon	G Northrop, S Northrop, A Thompson, volunteers needed x 2