

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 20th March, 2016: Palm Sunday - 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 7.30pm
Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am

Weekday Masses

Tues & Wed 9.15am
Thurs 7.30pm

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 Is 50:4-7
Despite rejection, Isaiah does not
abandon his call.
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20. 23-24. R.v.2
Second Reading Phil 2:6-11
Jesus made himself lowly and was
exalted.
Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9
Gospel Lk 22:14 - 23:56
The Passion.
Lk 23:1-49
The Passion - Shorter Form

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 Weeks Readings

First Reading Acts:10:34. 37-43
Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R.v.24
Second Reading Col 3:1-4
Set your heart on the greater gifts.
1 Cor 5:6-8
Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8
Gospel Jn 20:1-9
Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty,
Peter sees and believes.
Lk 24:1-12. The women meet an angel
at the empty tomb.
Lk 24:13-35



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God,
why have you
abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to
death dying on the cross,
Therefore, God raised him on high and
gave him a name above all other
names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!



We pray for those who
are recently deceased
Angelina Casonato
Denzil Mascarenhas

We also pray for those whose
anniversaries fall at this time
Sebastian Cartisano

We pray for those who are sick and
in need of care
Tullio Saltalamacchia
Trish Henry (spinal infection)
Peter Boundy

THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER



On Holy Thursday (March 24th) gather at 7.30 pm

to celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The mass will include the moving ritual of the humble washing of the feet of parishioners by our priest and in the spirit of service and good works, we are encouraged to return our Project Compassion boxes to be offered and blessed at this mass. With the consecrated hosts removed and the altar stripped, we will leave the Church in stillness and silence, to watch and pray; the church will be open until 10pm.

On Good Friday (March 25th) at 11.00am

we walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary as we prayerfully reflect on the Stations of the Cross and at 3pm we will venerate the holy wood of the cross. We will listen again to the Passion of Christ and take communion, as we keep watch, in stillness and silence.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

It is our Passover into new life.

The Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 26th) start 7.30pm

when we gather for the blessing of the fire and the procession of the Paschal candle. We will proclaim the story of salvation - from the roll-call of creation and the testing of Abraham to the liberation of Israel from Egypt. The prophets will expound on the fidelity of Israel's God and the gift of God's own spirit.

And then, the Resurrection!

Please take a copy of the yellow flyer on the Celebration of the Easter Triduum - the three days that changed the world FOREVER: it offers all we need to know about Holy Week and Easter along with concise and helpful reflections

There is also four pages of reflections on all this week's celebrations - the reflection on the front page is "How to Spend the Holy week".

Easter Hospitality

It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate to share after the Vigil Mass and the 9.00am and 11.00am Easter Sunday Masses.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be available after 9.15 am Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will not be Reconciliation next Saturday at 9.30 am. From Holy Thursday onwards, our Reconciliation opportunities have passed as we focus on the major celebrations of the Triduum.

Ministry Volunteers

For those who volunteered for any of the ministries or roles for Holy Week and Easter, would you please check the noticeboard for confirmation. If it is not clear, speak to Vicki Jordan, Peter Reardon or Fr Kevin. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Easter Bulletin

Articles for the Easter Bulletin need to be submitted by 10.00am next Wednesday.

Project Compassion

Please return any boxes and envelopes for this very worthwhile cause during the week or next weekend.

Rosters

We all know that being rostered can be a pain, but like democracy, we can't come up with a better system. If you are rostered for reading, commentating, Eucharistic Minister, sacristan, counter or hospitality, you will need to:-

- Have a roster (spares always available)
- Make a note of your dates in your diary, calendar or fridge or whatever.
- If unavailable, please phone fellow parishioners for a swap or substitute. As far as possible, indicate the change on the list on the sacristy notice-board; otherwise phone Fr. Kevin. It is risky trying to rely on the Mass bulletin.

Young Parishioners

Children are invited to sign up to help during the Holy Week ceremonies, Holy Thursday, Saturday Vigil & Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

Easter Marian

The Easter Marian is available on the table in the gathering area; thanks to our new editor, John Stuyfbergen

How Much Do We Care?

People involved with B.A.S.P. care. B.A.S.P. is the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. The Brigidine's are a religious order of nuns - you may have heard of Sr. Brigid Arthur, an inspiring, heroic woman who devotes her energies into helping asylum seekers. Learn more about this impressive project: there are two things on the table in the gathering area:-

- Coloured leaflet "I Was a Stranger and You Made Me Welcome"
- Six pages entitled "Strength and Kindness Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project".

Melbourne Catholic

The second edition of Melbourne Catholic is available from the table in the gathering area - this is the final free copy. If you like it, you are invited to subscribe for \$36 for the rest of the year.

St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Eltham would like to thank parishioners who responded so generously to its recent request for food donations to assist its work in the parish. Our stock of food has risen dramatically - thanks to you all.

Palm Sunday

Walk for Justice

1pm Eltham Train Station gets us to the State Library in time for 2pm start. Large numbers of walkers DO influence government policy; Let our politicians know that Manus Island and Nauru detention centres should be closed and that refugees already in Australia should be set free and offered permanent protection.

Passion Play

Today, Sunday at 1.30pm & Good Friday - 10am
Ruffey Lake Park, Church Rd, Doncaster, both free!
For more information visit www.passionplay.info or contact Marisa on 0409965965.



Malawi Crazy Whist

Thank you to all concerned that contributed to the total amount of \$357.85 being raised for this great social event. We sold 28 tickets to card players and also had a further \$77.85 contributed in very kind donations through the Jelly Bean Box from parishioners unable to attend on the night.

Winners on for the various prizes were Barbara Hermans, a visitor Simon Marsden, John Stevens with a top score of 112 points, visitor Myra Heaslip, visitor Sally Knight and Pat Croft.

Thank you all again for the support and watch for the Mother's Day Raffle.

Last week we remitted **\$A7,000** on your behalf to your sister parish to continue to support Fr Taylor with the scholarship programs and assistance to the needy in the outlying areas.



A BIG THANK YOU

To Father Kevin, Barbara Bibby, Barbara Hermans and the Choir, Angela, Marlis, Miranda & Gina and

all the wonderful parishioners for their love and support in celebrating Angelina's beautiful life. Angelina's Family.

OLHC 2017 Prep Information Night



Tuesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

Come and hear all the information you need to know about our school for the best start to your child/ren's school life. Further information call our school office on 9439 7824.

McCauley Community Services for Women

The McCauley Community Services for Women operate a refuge in the western suburbs of Melbourne for women in desperate need. The refuge is in a state of disrepair, and needs repainting. We are seeking volunteers who are prepared to give up a few Saturday hours in April to assist with painting. Volunteers will be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement (using local Western Suburbs volunteers is not appropriate). Please contact Michael Bates on 0418 104 206 or 9434 1004. Offers to provide paint, brushes, etc are also welcome.

Goldern Jubilee & Reunion for St Damian's Parish & School

Sunday 17th April 10.00am

5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora

St Damian's Parish and School, Bundoora are holding a Celebratory Mass and Reunion for their Golden Jubilee on April 17th beginning with Mass at 10am. This will be followed by St Damian's school tours and memorabilia displays concluding at 3pm. There will be light refreshments at the School/Parish Hall. All former Parishioners, Students and Teachers are cordially invited to join us for this special occasion. For catering purposes please book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/KMZR>. For more information please contact the Parish Office on 9467 2797 or email bundoora@cam.org.au



LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for March

The Pope's Encyclical Letter: Laudato Si' will be of interest to those who want to know where Pope Francis hopes to direct our church.



Walk the Camino - A Journey of a Lifetime

Friday, 16th September - Saturday, 8th October

Explore Rome, Madrid, Barcelona, Experience Assisi. Quality accommodation, small group pilgrimage, 24 Day Journey. Boundless Mercy: Endless Joy.

For more information visit www.boulessmercy.com.au. For bookings contact the tour leader, Paul Skippen on 0412 850 883.

How to Spend Holy Week

With the beginning of Holy Week, we celebrate the events of the last week of Christ's life. We follow in Holy Week those events Jesus endured, not like seeing a re-run of an old movie, but as the way to grow more closely with Jesus in his acceptance of the Father's will.

The death of Christ is a tragedy, reminding us of our sinfulness; our rejection has sent him to his death on a cross, but the story does not end with our condemnation in his death. By raising Christ from the dead God has restored life to the world. It is our calling to create conditions in our world (our family, community, nation) where human life can be lived freely and fully without fear. It is this way that we identify with Christ in his dying and look with confidence through his resurrection to a better way of life for all in a better world. Christ is a king who conquers sin and death rather than a tragic hero who just submits to death. Through Jesus we have been saved and set free. We have to pledge ourselves to continue to work against injustice and for the establishment of Christ's kingdom here and in this place we live and worship. Palm Sunday should not find us escaping from the realities of life (inflation, unemployment, violence, disillusionment) but in the spirit of the risen Christ bringing hope through our actions to combat today's evils for Christ who would be King.

Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers. We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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
Breakfast cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, spreads - jam, honey, peanut butter, vegemite. Sugar, tea, coffee, etc.

Altar Society

March 19th G Milwain, V Hall, A Rough
March 26th Gabrielle Frediani
April 2nd Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully, Mary Snipe

Counters

March 20th Ian Ashworth, Colin/Trish Taylor
March 27th David Schulz, Colin Leahy
April 3rd Paul Riley, Greg Northrop

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

March 20th Dhanasen Family
March 27th Stewart Family
April 3rd Ryan Family

Sunday Morning Tea

March 20th	9.00am	Sharon & Paul Crowle
	11.00am	Lyn & Neil Smith
March 27th	9.00am	Trish Taylor & Marlis Dopheide
	11.00am	Colleen Egan
April 3rd	9.00am	Trish & John Joss
	11.00am	Maurice Gonella

KidzInC

March 20th	11.00am	Loretta Marazzato
March 27th	11.00am	No KidzInC on school holidays
April 3rd	11.00am	No KidzInC on school holidays

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
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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

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2016

Holy Thursday, March 24th
7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25th
11.00 am Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER CEREMONIES
Easter Saturday, March 26th
7.30 pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 27th
9.00 am & 11.00 am Masses



Weep not for me, but for yourselves

This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem, if not in body, at least in mind.
They stand at the foot of the cross, beating their breasts, and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth.

They listen with reverence as he prays for his killers:
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

But when the week is over,
they return to their homes to resume their deep-rooted spites
and the burden of things they can't forgive.

Let us not then weep for Jesus.

Let us weep for our own sins.

Then maybe, like Jesus, we will be able to forgive others who sin against us.

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
March 19th & 20th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
6.00pm	David Scannell	Beverley Gillard	Vicki Jordan, Marianne Hadley, Beverley Gillard
9.00am	Greg Scully	Julie Craw	John Gaspersz, Karen Gaspersz, Natasha Gaspersz, 2 volunteers needed
11.00am	Jennie O'Dell	Wen Zavadil	Colleen Egan, Linda Dunell, Marian Goss, 2 volunteers needed
March 26th & 27th			
7.30pm			
9.00am	Greg Scully	Maria Gartland	
11.00am			