

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 4 May 2014: Third Sunday of Easter - 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 Acts 2:14, 22-33 Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11
Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21 We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.
Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32
Gospel Lk 24:13-35 Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41 Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25 Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.
Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14
Gospel Jn 10:1-10 Jesus the sheepgate

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, Thurs, Fri 9.15am
Wed 9.15am & 6.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 4.00pm)
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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

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.
Alleluia!

MAY: THE MONTH WE DEDICATE TO MARY

The practice of dedicating the month of May to our Lady was popularized by Leo XIII in the 1880s.

Why May?

In classic western culture May was recognized as the season of the beginning of new life. In May (in the northern hemisphere), winter comes to an end and spring begins. This new beginning and new birth is a testimony to the motherhood of Mother Earth. It seems that this ancient tradition led to a realization that May is very much the month of motherhood – **probably the reason why Mother's Day is celebrated in May.**

The connection between motherhood and May led Christians eventually to adopt May as **Mary's Month. May is the Month of Our Lady** precisely as the Mother of God.

How OLHC is celebrating May

- Every Monday evening during May the rosary will be said at 7.30pm.
- Each week, the bulletin will contain an item on one of Mary's iconic images.
- Mothers' day weekend will be special.
- Our parish feast day will be celebrated with a school Mass on May 23.
- Each week the bulletin will include a prayer to Mary.
- Each Mass will include the 'Hail Mary'.

OUR LADY'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:12-13

We are having our first gathering of the Friendship Group open to men and women of all ages. If you can spare some time, come and join us for a cuppa at Eltham Tea House on Tuesday, 13th May, 2.30pm. Come make some friends or be a friend to someone.
Devonshire Tea promotion at \$10 or you can order anything you fancy from the menu.
We will be organizing activities from time to time, so please come and give us some ideas on what you enjoy. We are happy to arrange transport for you so please put your names down at the gathering area. Hope to see you. For further information call Samantha 0425 785 287 or Gina 9439 9206

MALAWI GROUP
Mother's Day raffle tickets are on sale again this weekend - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
We have THREE lovely prizes to win and these will be drawn after the 11 am Mass today so they will be all ready for the lucky mums on the following Sunday. THANK YOU again in anticipation of your continued support for our Sister Parish at St Kizito's.



YEAR 12 STUDENTS - HEARD ABOUT CROSSROADS?
Crossroads applications now open!
Pilgrimage to Alice Springs for Year 12's
Dates: 26 Nov – 8 Dec 2014, applications close 31 July 2014
Crossroads is a two-week pilgrimage to celebrate the end of almost 13 years of formal schooling. A group of young people, accompanied by experienced youth leaders and spiritual advisors, will travel from Melbourne to Alice Springs—exploring sites of Australia whilst doing social justice activities in an Indigenous community to help the participants explore and deepen their Catholic faith. Crossroads is open to any year 12 student from Melbourne finishing school in 2014.
Application forms: www.cam.org.au/youth/Crossroads
More info: 9287 5565. Leaflets on gathering area table.

G.S.A. families are reminded of their Mass this Wednesday May 7 at 6.30pm followed by dinner.



Wednesday's 9.15am Mass will be a Thanksgiving Mass for the 25 children from our parish school who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend.

We congratulate these children and their families as we **welcome them to the generous hospitality of the Lord's** Eucharistic table. We also welcome the G.S.A. children as they prepare for their Eucharist on June 22.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
Each Tuesday evening, parishioners collect bread from **Brumby's in Montmorency and take it to struggling families.** Our "bread runners" are not getting any younger and we urgently need more helpers - **it's about one hour once every 6 weeks..** Please let the parish office, Mary O'Connor or Fr Kevin know if you can help.

OUR LADY'S INVITATION - HELP US CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEK
We are buzzing with excitement about Family Week next week. Next Friday, May 9, EVERYONE is invited to join us for Mass at 9.15. There will be a PowerPoint that focuses on significant people in our families. Children have **been busy writing "Letters From The Heart" about a** significant person in their family and these will be displayed around the school just in time for Family Week. Visitors are asked to come over after Mass to read the children's letters. Please feel free to join us on this very special day. All visitors are then invited to Morning Tea in the Community Centre.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS
Mercy Connect Project Melbourne - Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions in secondary and primary schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired, casual and part-time teachers along with teacher students are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted on Thursday June 19.
Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.
Mercy Connect Project Melbourne: 9326 1895
www.mercyworks.org.au / somml@bigpond.com

MAGNIFICAT WITH STEVE ANGRISANO
Celebrate the month of Mary with young people from across Melbourne in a joyful night of song and prayer. Featuring international musician Steve Angrisano and a host of talented local artists. Bring your youth group and invite your friends!
When: Friday 23 May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Rathdowne & Pelham Streets Carlton
Cost: \$5 entry. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/83308
Book early to avoid disappointment.
Contact: 9287 5565 or aoy@cam.org.au

MASS COUNT
Beginning today, we have the annual count of everyone at Masses for the whole month of May.

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

- Anthony Chow

Anniversaries

- Claudio Valmorbida
- Christiane Hussin
- Dr Kevin & Marie Louise Young

Sick

- Ruth Decker

NEW RESOURCE FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN AND PARISHES
The Genius Project is an amazing new four-part DVD resource for Catholic women. Based upon Pope John Paul II's teaching on the vocation and dignity of women. Use it at home or form a small group in your parish. Find out more at www.beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/

CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE - COLLEGE TOUR

Friday 9 May, 2014

Tours leave the Sr Una McAllister Centre at 9.00 am, followed by Morning Tea at 10.15 am.

Applications are welcome for students who are currently in Year 3, 4 and 5 for placement in Year 7 in 2018, 2017 and 2016 respectively.

Further information: www.clc.vic.edu.au or by phone to the College Registrar, Mrs Helen Cattapan, on 9430 2076.

NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY NETWORK (NEEN)

Parishes and Catholic organisations keen to care for the earth are invited to join leaders and change agents from across the community sector to explore the benefits and opportunities energy efficient practices can bring to the communities within which they work.

Includes an energy efficiency seminar, community workshop and networking lunch to enable attendees to connect, explore, collaborate and take action. If possible, please bring along your laptop, tablet or smart phone on the day. This event is supported by Catholic Earthcare Australia.

When: Friday 9 May, 9am - 2pm

Cost: Free

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/neen-community-launch-melbourne-tickets-11275923591

Contact: events@neen.org.au

RETREAT WORKSHOP FOR MARRIED COUPLES

"Living in Love"

Holy Saviour Parish, Vermont May 24-25, 2014

More information: abro6450@bigpond.net.au / 9800 0851
www.livinginlove.org

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the month for May:

John Henry Newman by Austin Cooper.

A beautiful commentary on an extraordinary and insightful man.



FYI

The full version of the recent Marian article about humour at church can be found in *Heaven & Mirth*. It's on the top shelf.

Trish

GOSPEL COMMENTARY



Luke's account of what took place on

the road to Emmaus inspires us each time we hear it. It is told, that later generations of believers may share the experience the first disciples of Jesus, as they learned to make the Risen Lord the centre of their lives. Their finding of faith is a reversal of all that their earthly expectations had

looked forward to: **"Our hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free". The fulfilment of their hopes** was not to be a political triumph, but a messiah who drew close to them at sunset on the dusty road of their disappointment...Touched by the message that makes their **hearts "burn within them", they ask the stranger to stay in** their company. How easily, in the bustle of our lives, we pass up the opportunity to enter more deeply into the relationships and special moments that can nourish our faith.'

Fr John Thornhill

http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-x22Wwp5byOA/TbtramHY_FK1/

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

May 13, 2014 is the 96th anniversary of the apparition of the Holy Mother in Fatima.



Between the months of May and October of 1917, our Blessed Mother appeared six times to three shepherd children (Lucia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Mart) near Fatima, Portugal, giving them a message for the world which has since become known as the **"Peace Plan from Heaven". The apparitions of Our Lady were preceded by three** apparitions of an Angel of peace whose mission was to prepare them for the coming of Our Lady.

As described by Lucia, Mary appeared to her brighter than the sun, radiating beams of light. Our Lady was dressed in a pure white mantle edged with gold, with a Rosary whose beads were like stars and its crucifix the most radiant gem of all. In her message, she encouraged the praying of Rosaries to bring world peace.

At the third apparition, Our Lady revealed three secrets:

The First Secret: a vision of hell

The Second Secret: the punishment and the means of avoiding it.

The Third Secret (revealed only to Lucia): a vision of an imminent chastisement, an immense catastrophe, and the great return of souls to God.

On the sixth and last apparition the sun appeared to dance in the sky.

Our Lady instructed the children to add the following prayer at the end of each decade of the Rosary:

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.



Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia

<http://www.fatima.org.au/index.php> & <http://www.marypages.com/fatimaEng.htm>

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:
Washing powder or liquid dishwashing liquid, paper towels, chux, plastic wrap, aluminium foil etc.

Altar Society

May 11	K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe
May 18	B. Morganti, L. Dunell

Counters

May 4	V. McHugh, K. Meehan
May 11	G. Price, E. Millar, J. Callahan

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

May 3	Dhanasen Family
May 11	Stewart Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton	9431 2667
Barbara Bibby	9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

May 4	9.00am	Sharon & Paul Crowle
	11.00am	Lyn & Neil Smith
May 11	9.00am	Trish & Colin Taylor
	11.00am	Maree & Chris Gaffney

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

May 2014

W/E May 3/4
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Mon May 5
Tues May 6

Wed May 7
Thurs May 8
Sun May 11
Mon May 12

Tues May 13
Wed May 14
Mon May 19
Sat May 24
Mon May 26

Feast Days
Sat May 3

Malawi Mothers' Day Raffle tickets on sale

First Eucharist 6pm & 11am Masses

Rosary 7.30pm

Malawi Meeting 7.30pm

Parish Education Board 7.30pm

GSA Mass & Dinner 6:30pm

Parish Support Group meeting 7.30pm

Mothers' Day

Fr Kevin Sabbatical

Rosary 7.30pm

Friendship Group 2.30pm Eltham Tea House

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7.45pm

Rosary 7.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

Rosary 7.30pm

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

Do you wish to find out the really sublime?
Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Napoleon Bonaparte

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY THE ARTIST

Gospel stories of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus are fascinating for their variety. There is nothing uniform in the way that Jesus made himself seen, heard, felt, recognised etc, on these occasions. In every encounter there seems to be a unique element. In this account from Luke's Gospel, wonder and reflection are integral parts of a conversion experience.

Two disciples, on the road to Emmaus, were so preoccupied with the recent events that they needed little encouragement to blurt it all out to a chance-met stranger. They probably had raked over the details of the story many times before this and yet the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus still eluded them. They needed to be clear-headed about it, but their sense of wonder was overwhelming.

Evidently the stranger was emotionally distanced from the events because he was able to think clearly about how they fitted into the pattern of the Tradition. His rational approach enabled the disciples to move from wonder to reflection and the meaning of the events began to clarify for them. This clarity was not the end of the experience, however, and the disciples moved back into wonder-mode when **'they recognised him [Jesus] in the breaking of the bread'**. It was only after this conversion cycle of wonder and reflection that these two disciples were able to witness to the resurrection.

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LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
May 3/4—3rd Sunday of Easter			
6.00pm	David Scannell	Phil Stewart	John, Natasha & Karen Gaspersz
9.00am	Anne Stevens	Greg Scully	Frans Zylstra, Ruth Decker, Betty Mofardin, 2 volunteers
11.00am	Samantha Rawlinson	Jennie O'Dell	Clare Zavadil, Gref & Sharon Northrop 2 volunteers
May 10/11 - 4th Sunday of Easter			
6.00pm	Vicki Jordan	Lorraine Furtado	Vicki Jordan, Carmen Baker, Clare Porter
9.00am	Greg Scully	Betty Mofardin	Peter Rigg, Pat Shea, Sheila Arneson, 2 volunteers
11.00am	Colleen Egan	Samantha Rawlinson	Ian & Rosemary Ashworth, Beverley Toone, 2 volunteers