

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 2nd April, 2017: - 5th 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.*

Parish Information

Parish: 4 Henry Street, Eltham
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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed & Fri 9.15am
Thurs - St Vincents Care Service 10.30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
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Today's Reading

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14
The Lord promises to raise his people from the dead.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129. R. v.7
Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11
The Spirit of God dwells in us.
Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 11:25.26
Gospel: Jn 1-45
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

Next Weeks 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: Mt 26:14-27:66
The Passion.
Mt 27:11-54 The Passion - short 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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me
will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!



We pray for those who have
died recently
Julie Spillane

We pray for those who are sick and
in need of care
Anne Arkell
Matthew Barker
Peter Donnellan
Jobe Warden
Paul Goss
Lyn Baker

Palm Sunday - Acts of Solidarity

St Patrick's Cathedral - East Melbourne - 1pm

Acts of Solidarity with people seeking our protection beginning with prayer service/circle of silence at 1pm then joining the Walk for Justice departing from the State Library.

Walk for Justice for Refugees

***Palm Sunday, April 9th at 2pm - State Library
Crn Swanston & LaTrobe Sts Melb.***

Bring them here and let them stay.

Everyone has the right to a life that is free from persecution and life-threatening situations. Seeking asylum is a human right. Proudly supported by Catholic Care, Melb. Cath. Migrant & Refugee Office, Cath. Alliance for People seeking Asylum and various other organisations. Please see noticeboard for further details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a good time to reflect upon our lives, our priorities, our life-style and our responsibilities to others. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 9.30am on Saturday morning (apart from Easter Saturday) and after any weekday Mass or upon reasonable request at most other times. An honest and comprehensive review of our lives can lead to personal renewal and healing.

Forgiveness Liturgy

The forgiveness liturgy will be this Tuesday, April 4th at 7.30pm.

Mass this Thursday

This Thursday's Mass is at St Vincent's Care Services, Diamond St, Eltham at 10.30am - everyone is welcome.

Holy Week and Easter

Please take 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.

The main Mass for Palm Sunday weekend, April 9th, is the 9.00am; we begin in the parish hall and process into the church. We will have some palms available or you may prefer to bring your own.

The main Easter Mass is clearly the big VIGIL Mass on Saturday, April 15th at 7.30pm: it's full of action, drama and colour - it's the peak celebration in the Church's Liturgical Life.

Ministries & Roles for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies

There are vacancies for various responsibilities - see Fr Kevin or Vicki Jordan if you can help. We need reader and commentator for our 11am Easter Sunday Mass and commentator for 9am Easter Sunday Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus is getting near Jerusalem - it's just over the hill. He has left the relative safety of his home in the Galilee to be with family and friends. He is late, they tell him. They ask him, why did you take so long? You could have saved Lazarus from dying!

Jesus, though, has another lesson for his disciples and followers. We are all 'Lazarus' and each of us is the one 'whom Jesus loved'. He comes to us and stands at the doorway of our lives and helps us to see that we need to be freed from the dark places in which we sometimes lose ourselves.

Jesus calls the friends of Lazarus to unbind him and set him free. Jesus calls on us to unbind those around us. We all need to be freed from the ties that bind us. We are at all times invited to give and receive the light and life of Christ's healing help and forgiveness. This week Project Compassion calls us to help 'unbind' the issues for communities living in informal settlements around Fiji, Semiti, National Director of Caritas Australia's partner People's Community Network, addresses the sense of hopelessness in many of his people. He journeys with them as together they create new possibilities for better lives. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can support this network of communities as they work in solidarity and grow in resilience and hope.

Melbourne Catholic

Help yourself to a copy of the Melbourne Catholic on the table in the gathering area.

Nuclear Weapons-A Clear & Present Danger

Time to take stock and act. Help yourself to the leaflet published by Pax Christi Victoria.



OLHC Caring Group Co-ordinator

Tanya Murugan will be the coordinator of our Caring Group for the period April until June. Please call Tanya on 0402 013 048, if you or someone you know needs any assistance from the Caring Group eg. meals, transport, visits, etc, and Tanya will coordinate someone to attend to your needs.

The Journey - Catholic Radio Program AIRS 2nd April

This week on the Journey, we are so very grateful to hear the grounding words from Sr Hilda Scott from the Abbey talking about "Being on the mat with God". Trish McCarthy reminds us to "Guard Your Heart" in her Milk and Honey section and Marilyn Rodrigues of the Peaceful Parent speaks to us about Family Retreats (repeat). Our music is carefully selected to weave in and out seamlessly to create a show that is all about faith, hope and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Library News - The Divine Dance

*Could the person who borrowed **The Divine Dance** please ark it in the book or let Trish Taylor know. Thanks*

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Thursday 27 April, 7-9am

CQ Club, 113-123 Queen Street, Melbourne

Hosted by Archbishop Denis Hart, the Catholic Man Breakfast Series in April introduces Dr Kevin Donnelly, one of Australia's leading education authors and commentators. Kevin is a strong advocate for Christianity in the public square, as well as a most engaging speaker. The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. **Cost:** \$45 **Details:** Michael Bohan on

0439 172 465 or michael.bohan@mencalive.org.au

Bookings: dcs@mencalive.org.au

RSVP by Thursday 20 April.

Further details on noticeboard

ACRATH (Aust Catholic Religious Against Trafficking Humans) sent us this article - Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Are you buying and eating, or giving away Easter chocolate this year? It is estimated that up to 30 million people are trapped in slavery globally. The United Nations estimates that one in every three victims of human trafficking is a child. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved. **ACTION:** Go the ACRATH website: <https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> to find out more. Spread the word about slavery-free Easter chocolate and enjoy chocolate carries any of the following symbols on the wrapper.



Catholic Theological College Study Tour - Pilgrimage: "The Experience of Catholic Culture", 21 Sept – 21 Oct 2017

Ireland, England, Germany and Italy -

This Tour is confirmed but there are still a few places available. Details on College website at www.ctc.edu.au/studytours. Contact Rev. Dr Max Vodola or Dr Frances Baker rsm on (03) 94123333.

Upcoming Musical Mary Magdalene

Rehearsals are every Saturday, 1pm @ St Roch's Catholic Church in Glen Iris (200 Bure Rd). If you are interested or want more information to contact me (Geraldine [0413398528](tel:0413398528), OR the Director - John Smith on 0418771990) or look up our theater group Friends of COG on Facebook for more information. Our theater group has been going for 11 years and we have Catholics and Christians from many different cultural and professional backgrounds such as social workers, youth ministers, pastoral care workers and lawyers. Our group is inclusive of all people, and we would love to meet you!

If you don't feel called to serve God in this way, and would like to donate to our not for profit organisation, you can do so via transfer to "Friends of COG inc."; BSB: 083 116 - Account no: 59629064. A tax deductible receipt can be provided upon request.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for April



Father Richard Leonard wrote "Where in the Hell is God" in response to his sister being seriously injured in an accident. She used her quadriplegia to give people a great sense of her own and their spirituality. She recently died. There are 3 copies of F. Leonard's book in the library.

Summit Online

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation is pleased to advise that 'Summit Online' is now available. For over 40 years, The Summit magazine operated as a print publication, servicing the liturgical needs of parishes and communities across Australia and beyond. The new website seeks to become a 'hub' for liturgy planners – offering both the practical aspects of liturgy planning (readings, hymn suggestions, etc.) as well as other relevant resources such as seasonal prayers, music/video reflections, articles and more. Summit Online can be accessed via:

<http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation> with a drop down menu for Summit on the left hand side. The material on the site is available for downloading and it is not necessary to be a subscriber to access the material. We would be grateful to receive any feedback about the site – we are in the early stages of developing this online liturgical resource and any suggestions for improvement would be greatly appreciated.

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

**Change will not come
if we wait for some
other person or some
other time. We are the
ones we've been
waiting for. We are
the change that we
seek.**

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

Pasta, pasta sauces, rice, noodles, oil, tomato sauce, longlife milk, longlife custard, Quick, Milo, Ovaltine.

Altar Society

April 1st Kathy Reardon, Helen Scully
April 8th B Morganti, L Dunell, C Saltalamacchia
April 15th Gianna Milwain, Valli Hall, Annette Rough

Counters

April 2nd Phil Stewart, Brian Wordsworth
April 9th Trish/Roger Daw, Rick Dunell
April 16th Peter Garriga, Lyn Glassford

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

April 2nd Zavadil Family
April 9th Rough Family
April 16th Rigg Family

Sunday Morning Tea

April 2nd	9.00am	Zvonka & John Bylsma
	11.00am	Maurice Gonella
April 9th	9.00am	Loretta Marazzato
	11.00am	Paul & Raquel Jakubik
April 16th	9.00am	Pat & Mike Croft
	11.00am	Carmel Ritchie

KidzInC

April 2nd	11.00am	School Holidays
April 9th	11.00am	Palm Sunday - School Holidays
April 16th	11.00am	Easter - no KidzInC

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Playgroup Facilitator

Loretta Marazzato
0412 273 794

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

Tues 4th	7.30pm Malawi Support Group - Presbytery 7.30pm Forgiveness Liturgy
Thurs 6th	10.30am St Vincent Care Services Mass 7.30pm Parish Support Group 7.30pm The Way Prayer Group
Sunday 9th	Palm Sunday
Thurs 13th	7.30pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday 14th	Good Friday 11.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Ceremony: Holy Places
Sat 15th	7.30pm Vigil Mass
Sun 16th	Easter Sunday Masses at 9am & 11am



A Reflection - I believe in death

**I believe in death. I believe that it is part of life. I believe that we are born to die,
To die, that we may live more fully; born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretence, and to sin.
I believe that every time we pass from one stage of life to another,
something in us dies and something new is born.
I believe we taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure.
I believe that we are dying before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred and in isolation.
I believe that each day we are creating our own death by the way we live.
For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light;
it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come (Anon.)**

LITURGY ROSTER

	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
April 1st/2nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A			
6.00pm	Lorraine Furtado	Denzil Furtado	David Scannell, Maureen Scannell, John Stuyfbergen
9.00am	Trish Taylor	Greg Scully	Frans Zylstra, Hugh Azzopardi, Iris Azzopardi, 2 volunteers please
11.00am	Linda Dunell	Tanya Murugan	Sharon Northrop, Greg Northrop, Clare Zavadil
April 10th/11th - Palm Sunday - Year A			
6.00pm	Vicki Jordan	Kathleen Nolan	Paul Crowle, May Foong, Yvonne Illiffe
9.00am	John Bylsma	Marlis Dopheide	Miranda Armstrong, Marlis Dopheide, Trish Taylor, 2 volunteers please
11.00am	Jennie O'Dell	Marguerite Jones	Angelo Conte, Kerry Conte, Linda Dunell