

# Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 

## PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 27th March 2016: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### 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 Mass

Tues-Fri 9:15am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

### Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke  
Parish Worker - Gina Ang  
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:00am-3:30pm)  
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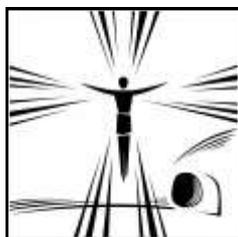
### Today's Readings

First Reading 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.

### Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 5:12-16  
The Apostles perform many signs.  
Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1  
Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19  
Son of Man appears to John, instructing him to write his visions.  
Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29  
Gospel Jn 20:19-31 Doubting Thomas.

### EASTER REFLECTIONS



- St Clement of Alexandria: "Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns".
- Two weeks before he was killed on March 24<sup>th</sup> 1980 and in the last interview he ever gave, Archbishop Oscar Romero said "*I must say that, as a Christian, I do not believe in death but in resurrection.* If they kill me, I shall rise again in the Salvadoran people. I am not boasting, I say it with the greatest humility ... may my death, if accepted by God, be for the liberation of my people, and a witness of hope in what is to come. You can tell them, if they succeed in killing me, that I pardon them, and bless those who carry out the killings. But I wish they could realize that they are wasting their time. a bishop will die, but the church of God - the people - will never die."
- J.S. Whale: "The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection: The Resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the Resurrection is not an *appendage to the Christian faith; It is the Christian faith.*"

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

'The days after Easter have a remarkable atmosphere. The Church's mood is not one of exuberant triumph, but one of wonder and calm. Faith must come to terms with the new creation brought into existence by the Paschal Mystery. And it is impossible to forget the price that has been paid: the one who "went about doing good" has died "hanging on a tree"... A group of people who have come through a great ordeal or an extraordinary experience will often find themselves in a mood of calm, reflection and gratitude. The liturgies of Easter Week have such a mood.'

Fr John Thornhill sm

**THE EASTER MARIAN IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE AND ALSO FROM PARISH WEBSITE. WELL DONE JOHN STUYFBERGEN, OUR NEW EDITOR.**

Fr Kevin wishes all parishioners a joyful and peaceful Easter with all the blessings of our Risen Lord.

Sincere thanks to everyone who's attended the wonderful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, especially those who participated as sacristans, readers, Eucharistic ministers, singers, musicians, hospitality and other ministries. Our liturgy team, led by Vicki Jordan, once again has done a mighty job. Another great effort Ramos Furtado for decoration of Easter Candle. See explanation of design in next column.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please return boxes or envelopes to the church next weekend or drop in to the presbytery.

**Golden Jubilee & Reunion for St. Damian's** parish, Bundoora: 10:00am Mass on Sunday April 17th, followed by school tours and memorabilia displays up to 3:00pm. For more information phone parish on 9467 2797

**Will Terrorism and the "War on Terror" never end?**

A public Lecture by Professor Joseph Camilleri, OAM Thursday 7th April 6:00-8:30pm St. Michael's on Collins, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne The United States launched the war on terror at 9.30pm on September 11th 2001. Since then, over 61,000 terrorist attacks have killed more than 140,000 people. Many more have died in the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya. Many millions have had to flee their homes. Is there an end in sight to this mayhem?

The lecture will focus on what lies behind the killing and how we should respond:

- Are we witnessing something entirely new in human affairs?
- What are its causes? What of the responses of our political leaders?
- Do they understand the problem? Do they know what to do about it?
- What of religion – is it part of the problem or part of the solution?
- And what of society at large?
- Are we destined to be cannon fodder or at best irrelevant bystanders?
- Or is there something we can do that will make a difference?

**BOOKINGS:** <http://stmichaels.org.au/event/joseph-camilleri-lecture>

**SATURDAY FORUM: STRENGTHENING PARISH SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

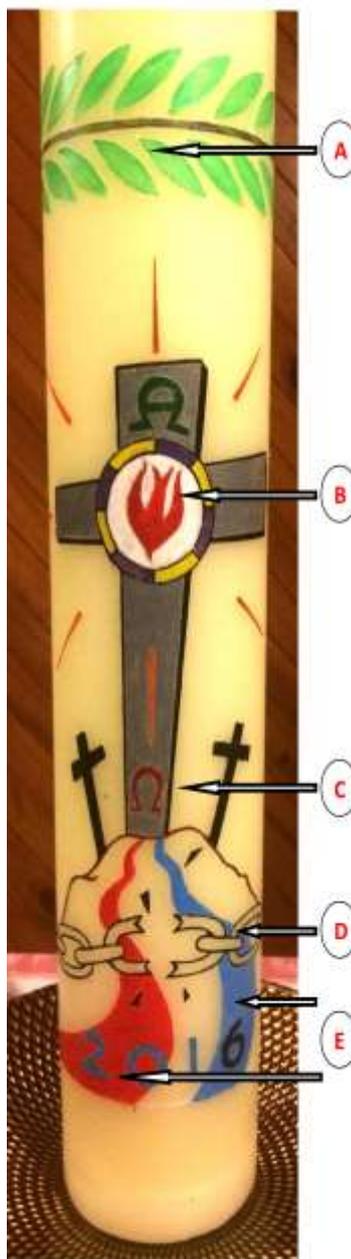
**Saturday 16 April, 10am-4pm**  
**Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne**  
 Recent developments continue to highlight the importance of a response at parish level to the needs of asylum seekers. The Forum aims to share information among parishes and agencies about the needs of asylum seekers and the ways that parishes can support them. Guest speakers include Bishop Vincent Long; Sr Brigid Arthur csb, Coordinator, Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project; Mr Phil Glendenning, Director, Edmund Rice Centre and Chair, Refugee Council of Australia.

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch and resources)

**Bookings:** <http://www.trybooking.com/KRCV>

**RSVP:** 12 April

**Details:** Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)



**Easter Candle 2016**

The central theme of this year's candle is the crucifixion scene where two criminals were hung on the cross on either side of Jesus on mount Calvary.

One criminal taunted Jesus whilst the other asked for forgiveness.

This can be compared to the choice each one of us has in life, to either follow the path of good or of evil. We are not forced by God to do anything.

The symbols used on the candle are as follows:

- A** The Palm branch that was used to welcome Jesus sitting on a donkey entering into Jerusalem, is stylized into a wreath which also acts as a crown.
- B** The white 'Host' with the Holy Spirit superimposed with leadlight effect around.
- C** The Alpha (the beginning) and the Omega (the end) symbols are shown at the head and at the foot of the cross simultaneously.
- D** The chain is depictive of the bondage of sin on this earth, which is broken by the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- E** The 'rivers' of Red and Blue are indicative of the Blood and Water that poured out from the side of Jesus after he was pierced with a lance.

FR BRENDAN LANE, RECTOR OF DIOCESAN SEMINARY, CARLTON HAS WRITTEN TO THANK PARISHIONERS FOR CONTRIBUTING \$705 TO LAST YEAR'S SEMINARY EXTENSION APPEAL.

*We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*  
 Anniversaries: Kevin Horsley

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**April 2nd & 3rd - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday**

6:00pm	Samantha Rawlinson	Vicki Jordan	John, Karen & Natisha Gaspersz
9:00am	Trish Taylor	Greg Scully	Frans Zylstra, Hugh & Iris Azzopardi, Volunteers needed (2)
11:00am	Linda Dunell	Maureen Stella	Sharon & Greg Northrop, Clare Zavadil, Volunteers needed (3)