Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery 🎾



PARISH BULLETIN



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

House: P.O. Box 310. Eltham

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed, Fri 9:15am

Thurs Communion Service 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke Parish Worker - Gina Ang

(Tues & Wed 9:00am-3:30pm)

Parish Secretary:

Angela Vines - (Mon/Wed 9am-3:30pm)

Vicki Jordan - (Fri 9am-3:30pm)

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Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 14:21-27 Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch. Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1 Second Reading Rv 21:1-5 John sees a new

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Gospel Jn 13:31-35 Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 The Apostles decide not to burden the Gentiles unnecessarily.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R.

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 An angel shows John the new Jerusalem. Rv 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23 cf. Jn 14:18 Gospel Jn 14:23-29 Jesus leaves peace as his farewell. Jn 17:20-26

OPENING PRAYER

Life-giving Father, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our brother and we are especially grateful that you give us Jesus as the Bread of Life who continues to nourish and strengthen us.

We make this prayer to you, Father, through your Son, our brother Jesus Christ. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you and thank you Father because we have the opportunity to rejoice in the new life of the Risen Lord Jesus, who is, now and forever, the power and glory of our loving God.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good

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.

PADDY'S MARKET

Saturday May 4 - 10.00am - Scout Hall, Youth Rd, Eltham Cakes, recycled treasures & collectables, crafts, gifts, plants, books & records, clothing, toys and more. Information: 9439 4933

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

Thus year's Knox Public Lecture is on Wed May 15 at 7.30pm at Cathedral Room, 383 albert St, East Melbourne. Prof. Harold Athridge will speak on 'Dei Verbum Today: Reading the Bible the Twenty-first Century'. RSVP Fri May 10 - 9412 3304). More information on noticeboard.

NUTURING THE GIFTS OF PARISH LAY LEADERSHIP THIS PENTECOST: A CONVERSATION WITH SHERRY ANNE

Parish lay leaders and parishioners are invited to listen to Sherry Anne Weddell as she shares how we can discern our individual gifts and charisms that make each of us essential to the Church's mission.

When: Wed 15 May, 7.20pm - 9pm

Where: Mother of God Primary School 66 Wilfred Rd,

Ivanhoe East. Free but limited places

Programme includes input, discussion and supper.

RSVP by 13 May 9926 5761 / evangelisation@cam.org.au See noticeboard for details.

Serving Melbourne's Parishes Forum: 'Celebrating 50 Years of Vatican II'

When: Tues 7 May 10.00am - 2.00pm

Where: St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson St, North Fitzroy

Gain interesting insights from a range of 6 speakers.

10am: Mass (Archbishop Charles Bo SDB) 11am-2pm: panel discussion & lunch

Cost: \$20 RSVP by Fri 3 May - evangelisation.cam.org.au

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL REFLECTION MORNING The Spirituality of our Lives, led by Maureen Delaney RSC. Francis - Becoming Instruments of Peace.

Where: Currajeen 811 Bridge Inn Road, Doreen (Melways Map 391) When: Sat 11 May 2013, 9.30am - 12.30pm. <u>Donation</u> - suggestion \$10. Contact Margaret Costigan email macrsc@netspace.net.au or mobile 0425 878 236.

MALAWI MOTHER'S DAY raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend and next at the same old price of \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The prizes this year are ENORMOUS with a parishioner donated beautiful pearl necklace, bracelet and earrings set

valued at just on \$600 for first place - all prizes would make ideal birthday gifts. Thanks for your continued support for our sister parish.

DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY FORMATION DAY - an invitation to experience Aboriginal Spirituality with a presentation by Vicki Clark, an Aboriginal Mutthi Mutthi woman inextricably linked to her country of Lake Mungo National Park. Issues of Identity, Belonging, Spirituality and social justice still outstanding in Australian society for Aboriginal peoples, will be woven into the day. All are invited.

When: Sat 11th May 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Old Parish Hall, St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough North. Free entry, lunch is provided. RSVP to drcdvd@optusnet.com.au or 9435 2178 by Tuesday 7th May.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - THE WAY OF ST JAMES We organize tailor-made tours in the Camino de Santiago-The Way of St. James. We are based in Spain and take care of all the travel arrangements so that pilgrims can enjoy this fantastic journey. We want to offer you the tour Ponferrada (Leon) to Santiago de Compostela, 248 km in 10 days. www.caminosyrutas.com/caminoinviernoingles.htm

This route runs through exceptional landscapes and magnificent architectural monuments. 640 Euros/person. A bus collects the group on arrival in Spain, and will be at the group's disposal during the tour and will take the group back from Santiago to the airport of departure.

Other services include: accommodation; meals; luggage taken to each overnight stay.

The dates, itinerary and services can be modified according to your needs.

Juan Gutierrez juanv@caminosyrutas.com www.caminosyrutas.com/english.htm

SPARE TOOLS, TIME AND CONVERSATION?

Aida and her husband George are very grateful to be able to live at 12 Henry St, our parish house. Aida loves flowers and is keen to grow some for our church. If anyone has a spare shovel, pick, rake, etc. she can get started. Also, to improve her English and feel part of a community, she would appreciate a few people to drop in for a chat. Her big dream, however, is to learn flower arranging and she would happily volunteer to help in a florist shop and observe. Any ideas?

Marlis - 9439 7210

Perspectives - there are various articles on the table in the gathering area; especially:

- 18 Tablet articles on Pope Francis complete sets stapled together as well as individual copies
- 3 more Tablet articles
 - 'Signs of a New Beginning'
 - No lid put on this bubbling pot'
 - 'Dangerous silence'
- 'Catholic Church Leadership Dilemma' a thoughtful, stimulating reflection by a Glen Waverley parishioner
- 'Our Manners get lost' by Petra Starke

New articles:

- Age comment: 'Anzac sport celebrates a unity that didn't exist'
- 'Escape to a fair deal? Not in this country!'

Beginning next weekend, we ask the collectors to count the number of people at Masses through to the end of May.



With the Bucknell family about to tour Australia for twelve months, we see pleased to announce Julie Myers as the Australia for twelve months, we are new coordinator - Thanks Julie!

The Ladies Friendship group of St Francis Xavier's parish

invites you to a day of nostalgia. On this *Hymns of Praise* day you will hear all the old hymns you grew up with and loved, such as 'Faith of Our Fathers', 'Hail Queen of Heaven', 'How Great Thou Art' and many more

When: Sunday May 5, 2.00pm

Where: St Francis Xavier's church, Mayona Rd, Montmorency. Enquireies Sheila 9434 227.

ANTIOCH

A new Antioch group is being formed at St Thomas in Greensborough North to serve the entire Diamond Valley Deanery. Antioch is a youth-to-youth ministry group aimed at young people aged 16-mid 20's and we would like to give the young people of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, as members of the Diamond Valley Deanery, an opportunity to join us for a recruitment weekend from the 28-30 June.

CORKS! CORKS! CORKS!

Thank you to all the 'cork collectors'. I have been told by MND (Motor Neurone Disease) organization that they have stopped collecting. Never-the-less I encourage you to still place corks in the blue bag hanging from library shelves, as the money made by their sale will assist the zoo's elephants, and I will continue to pass them on. Blessings, Trish Taylor.

FACING THE TRUTH

The Catholic Church is to appear before the Victorian Inquiry into child abuse, starting 29 April.

Go to www.facingthetruth.org.au for videos, statements, frequently asked questions and fact sheets. Please register on the homepage for updates.

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew offers various retreats and spiritual programs. See notice on board and information sheets on gathering area table.

TALK BY FORMER AFGAN REFUGEE

The Oxfam Diamond Valley Branch and Eltham College warmly invite you to meet Najaf Mazari. After capture by the Taliban, he made his way to Australia, was held in a detention centre before release and the chance to begin a new life in Melbourne. Najaf and his friends established the Masawat Development Fund in 2008 to help improve health and education in his former home in Mazar in one of the world's poorest and most unstable countries.

When: Friday, May 17, 8pm - 9.30pm

Where: Eltham College Performance Centre (enter via Bells Hill Road through boom gate near tennis court).

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Pastoral Associate, St Anne's and St Gerard's Parish Park Orchards
- Project Officer Office for Justice & Peace, East Melbourne
- Parish Office Manager, Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
- Gardener Leading Hand, East Melbourne Further details www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx

LIBRARY NEWS - Books for May

Daniel O'Leary is a wonderful writer and I have 2 books out for you to borrow:

Already Within (2 copies) is a beautiful reflection on our life journey with Jesus our companion.



Unmasking God I have just finished, and it is truly magnificent. Short essays that hit home and bring grace into your heart. Anyone who borrows it will be tempted to buy one for themselves.

Trish

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Gina and Jennie O'Dell are inviting children to help out with morning tea after Sunday morning Masses - children, please take a form from the table in the gathering area.

WALK THE VERY GROUND THAT JESUS WALKED! Sep 27 - Oct 22, 2013. Led by Fr John Magri and Sr Margaret Mary, this tour wanders through Jordan and Israel, visiting places where Moses, Joshua, Ruth and other Old Testament people of faith travelled, as well as where our Lord was born, grew up, worshipped and carried out his mission

Enquiries: Fr John 9568 1206/oakleigh@cam.org.au or Sr Margaret Mary 0423 813 361/servants2hearts@yahoo.com.au.

St Mary's Parish Mission Sunday April 28-Thursday May 2
St Mary's, Grimshaw St, Greensborough
Morning (am) Sessions 10.00 - 12.00

Evening (pm) Sessions 7.30 – 9.30 'The BIG Questions' ... believing and living today.

Sun Apr 28 pm: Meeting Jesus in Faith - Emmaus - Fr. Mike Mon Apr 29 am: Journey of Life - Journey of Faith - Fr. Nick Mon Apr 29 pm: Pope Francis/St. Francis of Assisi - Sr. Joan

Tues Apr 30 am: Principles of Spirituality - Fr. Nick Tues Apr 30 pm: Family Reconciliation - Fr. Mike

Wed May 1 am: Washing of Feet /The Call to Service Sr Joan Wed May 1 pm: Why All this Pain and Suffering? - Fr. Mike Thurs May 2 am: Anointing Mass at 11.00, followed by lunch

Enquiries: 9435 1543



CONGRATULATIONS TO OLHC SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST THIS WEEKEND.

REFLECTION



The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified

can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more

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PARISH SCHEDULE

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish office for available dates during May-July 2013

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

Apr 27/28 K. Reardon, H. Scully, M. Snipe

May 4/5 T. Daw, L. Bignell

Counters

P. Riley, G. Northrop Apr 28 T. & R. Daw, R. Dunell May 5

Pilgrim Rosary Statue

Apr 28 Stewart Family May 5 Ryan Family

Caring Group Co-Ordinators

Jayne Britton 9431 2667 Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

Sunday Morning Tea

9.00am Apr 28

S. & P. Crowle A. & C. Franciscelli 11.00am

May 5 9.00am

S. & P. Shea

11.00am C. O'Brien & Family

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

April 2013

Sat Apr 27 6pm Mass - First Eucharist for OLHC

school children

9am Mass - GSA commitment Mass for Sun Apr 28

Fucharist families

11am Mass - First Eucharist for OLHC

school children

Malawi Mothers' Day raffle tickets on sale W/E Apr 27/28

May 2013

Sat May 4 6pm Mass - First Eucharist for OLHC

school children

Sun Mav 5 11amMass - First Fucharist for OLHC

school children

Feast Days

Fri May 3 Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Prayers Please

We pray for 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.

Seriously Ill

• Maria George

Vera Fletcher

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familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

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LITURGY ROSTER			
	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
April 27/28 - 5th Sunday of Easter			
6.00pm	V. Jordan	D. Zylstra	B. Gillard, V. Jordan, C. Porter, D. Scannell, M. Scannell
9.00am	J. Bylsma	G. Scully	K. Gaspersz, J. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, M. Scali, M. Dopheide
11.00am	L. Dunell	C. Egan	K. Reardon, P. Reardon, M. Gaffney, J. Spataro, volunteer needed
May 4/5 - 6th Sunday of Easter			
6.00pm	L. Furtado	V. Jordan	J. Gaspersz, K. Gaspersz, N. Gaspersz, M. Snipe, F. Zylstra
9.00am	G. Scully	T. Taylor	M. Armstrong, P. Shea. P. Rigg, R. Decker. M. Dopheide
11.00am	P. Reardon	C. Zavadil	M. Goss, A. Thompson, I. Ashworth, R. Ashworth, B. Toone