

Our Lady Help of Christians

Member of the Diamond Valley Deanery



PARISH BULLETIN



Sunday, 29th November 2015: 1st Sunday of Advent

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, Thurs & Fri 9.15am
Wed - Healing Mass 11.30am

Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Kevin Burke
Parish Worker - Gina Ang
(Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.00am - 3.30pm)
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(Mon & Wed 9.00am-3.30pm)
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School Team

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16
The day is coming when the Lord will
fulfil his promises.
Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 24:4-5.8-9.10.14. R. v.1
Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2
Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to
God.
Gospel Acclamation: Ps: 84:8
Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36
Be ready for the second coming.

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: Bar 5:1-9
Take off your robe of mourning, put on
the splendour of glory.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125 R. v.3
Second Reading: Phil 1:3-6. 8-11
He who has begun the good work in you
will bring it to completion.
Gospel Acclamation: Lk 3:4. 6
Gospel Lk 3:1-6
John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of
repentance.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!



*"There will be signs in the sun, the
moon, and the stars, and on earth
nations will be in dismay..."*

(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)



We pray for those who
are recently deceased
Tonina Occhioni
(Aunt of Carmen Saltalamacchia)

We pray for those whose
anniversaries fall at this time
Anthony Devine
(husband of Joyce Devine)

We pray for those who are sick and
in need of care
Kathleen Paris
Philomena Harding
Masako Asai

Thank You Dinner

Parishioners are warmly invited to a "Thank You" Parish Supper this Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30pm. No need to bring anything except yourselves.

Advent Prayer

Jesus, Open our hearts.
Forgive us for the many times that we've failed to love. Give us strength to walk in your way. Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus. Amen

November we Remember - Masses

| November | Time | Family & Loved Ones |
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| Sat, 28th | 6.00pm | Family & loved ones of May Foong |
| Sun, 29th | 9.00am | Anthony Devine Ella Rygala |
| Sun, 29th | 11.00am | Family & loved ones of Byrne Family Sergio Marazzato |
| Tues, 1st Dec | 9.15am | Tonina Occhioni (aunt of Carmen Saltalamacchia) |
| Fri, 4th Dec | 9.15am | Family & loved ones of Rose Yonckheere |
| Sun, 6th Dec | 11.00am | Family & loved ones of Marren family Family & loved ones of Bajada family |

Parish Advent Calendar

Our Parish Advent Calendar of Advent and Christmas Activities, reflections and liturgies is now available on the gathering area table. It is also available on-line at our web site.

Youth Advent Activity

Saturday, 5th Dec at 2pm

Children from our Parish will be visiting residents of St Vincent Care and distributing beautifully made Christmas cards. Parents are welcomed to join us. Please let Gina know if you are interested in coming along on 9439 9206 or Gina.Ang@cam.org.au



Rosary

The Rosary will be said on Mondays during Advent, commencing next Monday, 30th November at 7.30pm.

Advent Reflections

Want to prepare for Christmas? Join our Advent Reflection Group starting next Tuesday, 24th November at 9.45am (after Mass). Please speak with Marlis, Trish, Barbara Bibby or Vicki if you are interested.

Rosters

Please sign up for the Christmas liturgies - sheets are on the table in the gathering area.

Senior Healing Mass & Luncheon

The healing Mass is on **Wednesday, December 2nd at 11.30am**. The usual delicious three course meal will be available. Please sign up today on the form on the table in the gathering area if you are attending the lunch.

Letter from the Vicar General

The Vicar General Mons. Greg Bennet has written to advise us that with the Royal Commission into the Church's response to abuse beginning an open hearing in Melbourne, that the hearing had already inquired about a priest who was parish priest in Eltham in the 1980's. The hearing has already examined what occurred in Holy Family parish and school, Doveton and intends to examine the conduct of another six priests, complaints made against them and how those complaints were dealt with by the Archdiocese. The Vicar General advises us that if any parishioners require pastoral advice and support that this is available through Ms Vicki Russell who leads the Pastoral Care Support Team in his office. If parishioners seek information about the Royal Commission, how to access support and how to report abuse to the Church and Victoria Police, the Vicar General has sent us a one-page flyer with all necessary details – we have them available on the table in the gathering area.

Perspectives

- One page flyer from Vicar General on the Royal Commission
- Various handouts from priests' retreat with reflections from Archbishop Oscar Romero, St. Augustine, St. Ignatius, Pope Francis & Cardinal Hume.



St. Vincent's Giving Tree

It's that time again when we think about those less fortunate than us. If you are able, please take a card off the giving tree in the gathering area and replace it with the gift mentioned on the card by Sunday, 13th December.

Gift cards are acceptable as long as they are placed securely in an envelope.



Help to bring the Love of God to a Child of a Prisoner this Christmas

Prison Fellowship's Angel tree program provides gifts to these children on behalf of their imprisoned parent. Donations can be made to Prison Fellowship or presents can be purchased. More details on gathering area table.



Malawi Group

Advance notice that the traditional **Christmas raffle** tickets will be on sale for weekend only of 28th / 29th November and 5 / 6 December at the same old price of \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Once again we will have really lovely prizes to win and these will be drawn after the 11am Mass, Sunday 6th December so they will be all ready for the lucky families in time for a Happy and Holy Christmas.

You do need to be in it to win it so Group members will be on duty after each mass over those two weekends.

THANK YOU again in anticipation of your continued support for Father Frank and our Sister Parishioners at St Kizito's.

Diocesan Magazine

Archbishop Hart has written to advise us that the diocesan magazine "Kairos" will be discontinued at the end of the year. Beginning in February next year, a new month magazine "Melbourne Catholic" will be launched.



An Advent Family Journey

This year, consider a family focus on Advent by putting aside a few minutes, perhaps at the beginning of the evening meal, to talk about preparing for the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. Each week, the bulletin will contain a different suggested prayer to help this preparation. If possible, emulate the candle-lighting we will be performing at the Advent masses either by making a wreath or placing a candle near a nativity scene, or even in front of your Christmas tree as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Perhaps a parent could pray: Creator God, awaken our eyes and open our ears to the sights and sounds of Advent. Awaken our hearts to the love and fun we share in our family. Jesus, show us the kind of loving and compassionate people we can be. Let us light each other's way to Christmas by showing love to one another. Bless our family.

All together pray: Amen! Come Lord Jesus, wake us up.
... light a candle.

Parent: Lord God, as Advent begins, we look with hope to your Son's birth.

All: Our hope is in Jesus.

Parent: We look with hope to a life of joy with you forever.

All: Our hope is in Jesus. Amen.

Christians & Muslims Public Talk

Friday 4 December, 6.30–8pm

Philippa Brazill Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Melbourne

Public Talk - Christians and Muslims in Our Globalised World. The ACU, Australian Intercultural Society, and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission invite you to this event. How can the ideals of interfaith dialogue transform between Christians and Muslims around the globe and particularly here in multi-faith Australia?

Keynote speaker: Professor John Esposito, Director, Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, Georgetown University.

Light refreshments afterwards. RSVP:

esposito.eventbrite.com.au or 9867 2248

Colloquium to mark 50 years of Vatican Council on the Church in the Modern World

Monday, 7 December, 9.30am–12.30pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

50 years ago, on 7 December 1965, Pope Paul VI promulgated one of the major documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, known widely as *Gaudium et Spes*. *Gaudium et Spes* gave voice and impetus to a positive engagement of the Church with the world. Along with other developments at that time, it built on Catholic Social Teaching to lay the foundations for the social mission of the Church as we know it today. Catholic Social Services Victoria invites participation from those interested in deepening their understanding of the Church's mission in the world. Participation from Catholic social services and parish communities is encouraged.

Discussion leaders include:

- Fr Max Vodola: the Council and its teachings
- Bernadette Steele: a call to justice and service
- David Schutz: continuity and change
- Fr Bruce Duncan CSSR: Pope Francis and

Gaudium et Spes Cost: \$20. Registration and details:

www.css.org.au or 9287 5569. See flyer for further details.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book of the Month for November

"Breathing Under Water" by Richard Rohr

All of us have addictions: a wonderful read.



OLHC School Christmas Carols

Thursday, 10th December, 7pm

OLHC School, Henry St, Eltham

Come and enjoy our annual school Christmas Carols sung beautifully by our wonderfully talented children.

St Patrick's Annual Festival

Friday, 11th December, 7.30pm

Cathedral Place, East Melb

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, invites you to its Annual Festival of readings, prayers and carols. Celebrant is Archbishop Denis Hart, be entertained by the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir.

Walking into Mercy - Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday, 13th December, 2.30pm

To mark the opening of the Jubilee in Melbourne, Archbishop Denis Hart will open a special Holy Door of Mercy, which Pope Francis has asked *"to allow everyone in every part of the world to experience the Mercy of the Father .. The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope"*. There will be food stalls, music, activities, etc., Honour of Adoration and prayer led by Bishop Vincent Long at 4.00pm.

Marian Pilgrimage

9th May to 3 June 2016

The 24 day pilgrimage will begin in Perth (if you are from other states, you can make arrangement with the travel agent to fly from yours). The Holy sites will include : St. Anthony, Lisbon city tour, Santarem, Fatima-Holy Masses, stations of the cross along the Via Sacra, candlelight processions, the hamlet of Aljustrel, etc., Compostela de Santiago, participate in the Way of St. James/ Cathedral of Burgos/ birth place of St. Ignatius of Loyola/Our Lady of Lourdes - the Holy Masses, underground Basilica of St. Pius X, baths in the miraculous waters, experience Christ's love as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross, birthplace of St. Bernadette and many more. A self-retreat for your heart, mind and soul. All for \$6,890.00 - includes all flights, full land tour, breakfast & dinner, tips, etc. Contact Edman (pilgrimage coordinator) 04 2443 7251/or email emausmigr@optusnet.com.au for more information or book your seat. See noticeboard for further details.

Nativity Sets

Made from fallen (not logged) marang trees, each piece is carefully carved by artisans like Lissie Gajitos. Lissie has been carving for 35 years so that she can put her seven children through high school with her earnings. She works with her daughter, Razel, who stands and vanishes each piece five times. Razel hopes to earn enough money so she be able to go to college. These beautifully hand crafted nativity sets available to purchase from our school office, call 9439 7824



NATIVITY SETS
\$ 50.00
All money earned goes to the BAKAT TOLSTAN
AVAILABLE to buy from the OLHC school office.
Please call 9439 7824

PARISH SCHEDULE

St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall Open During W/end Masses
Tinned food - soup, fruit, tuna, salmon, meat, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned vegetable etc.

Altar Society
Nov 28th G Milwain, V Hall, A Rough
Dec 5th G Frediani
Dec 12th K Reardon, H Scully, M Snipe

Counters
Nov 29th P Wenn, A Conte
Dec 6th I Ashworth, C/T Taylor
Dec 13th D Shultz, C Leahy

Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Nov 29th Rigg Family
Dec 6th Scannell Family
Dec 13th Donahoo Family

Sunday Morning Tea
Nov 29th 9.00am P Robinson
 11.00am L & N Smith
Dec 6th 9.00am H & I Azzopardi
 11.00am M & C Gaffney
Dec 13th 9.00am P & M Croft
 11.00am M Gonella

KidzInC
Nov 29th 11.00am L Marazzato
Dec 6th 11.00am L Marazzato
Dec 13th 11.00am N Bucknell

Caring Group Co-Ordinators
Jayne Britton 9431 2667
Barbara Bibby 9439 8594

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| Mon,30th Nov | 7.30pm | Rosary |
| Tues, 1st | 9.45am | Advent gospel reflection |
| Wed,2nd | 11.30am | Healing Mass & Christmas luncheon |
| | 6.30pm | Meditation |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Thank You Supper |
| Fri, 4th | 7.00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Mon, 7th | 7.30pm | Rosary |
| Tues, 8th | 9.45am | Reflections on the Gospels of Advent |
| Wed, 9th | 6.30pm | Meditation |
| Thurs, 10th | 7.00pm | School Christmas Carols |
| | 7.30pm | "The Way" Prayer Group meeting |
| Sun, 13th | 11.00am | Christmas cards to our neighbours |
| Mon, 14th | 7.30pm | Rosary |
| Tues, 15th | 9.45am | Reflections on the Gospels of Advent |
| | 7.00pm | Graduation Mass for year 6 students |
| Wed, 16th | 6.30pm | Meditation |
| Thurs, 17th | 9.15am | End of school year Mass |
| | 7.30pm | "The Way" Prayer Group meeting |
| Mon, 21st | 7.30pm | Rosary |
| Tues, 22nd | 7.30pm | Advent Liturgy of Forgiveness |
| Thurs, 24th | 5.00pm | Carols |
| | 5.30pm | Mass |
| | 7.30pm | Carols |
| | 8.00pm | Mass |
| | 11.30pm | Carols |
| | 12.00am | Midnight Mass |
| Fri, 25th | 9.00am | Mass |
| | No 11.00am Mass | |

*The hill flowers fade, but will bloom again next year.
But we never get back our youth.
Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly;
our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.
We live in a flash of light; before we know it, evening comes and night falls.
But the very fleetingness of life makes it all the more precious.
Lord, may your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road,
So that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades
and the life that never ends.*

| | COMMENTATOR | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
|--|-------------|-----------|---|
| November 28th & 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent | | | |
| 6.00pm | V Jordan | M Snipe | D Scannell, M Scannell, S Casey |
| 9.00am | N Walker | C Walker | R Decker, S Arneson, J Stevens, 2 volunteers needed |
| 11.00am | M Jones | P Reardon | A Conte, K Conte, A Thompson, 2 volunteers needed |
| December 5th & 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent | | | |
| 6.00pm | S Rawlinson | V Jordan | Y Iliffe, J Stuyfbergen, M Snipe |
| 9.00am | J Bylsma | G Scully | J Gaspersz, K Gaspersz, N Gaspersz, 2 volunteers needed |
| 11.00am | J O'Dell | M Stella | M Goss, P Reardon, S Rawlinson, 2 volunteers needed |