

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah53:10-11;Psalm32:4-5,18-20,22;Hebrews4:4-16,Mark10:35-45

NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah31:7-9,Psalm125,Hebrews5:1-6,Mark10:46-52

PURIFIERS:

21st October: Barbara Torley

28th October: Kevin Wilson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nick Bealer, Kim Szemes, Kevin Perkins, Nancy Rutter.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hendrika Cox, Betty Duke, Brigid Moran, Pat Moran, Mavis Nash, Timothy Richards, Wilfredo Rubia, Margaret(Peg) Lohan, Mary Lohan, John Azgela, Njegovan Famili, Florence Mary Driscoll, Elena De La Cortina, Carlos Pohl, Miguel Stefan, June Rigby, Patsy Carter

ARE YOU NEW TO OLA PARISH?

Please take a copy of our Welcome Kit which includes a copy of our Parish History, then tell us about yourself by completing our new parish census card with all relevant details.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FAMILY BOOK:

You are invited to write in the names of those you would like us to include in our prayers. When entering names of deceased loved ones we ask parishioners to please **PRINT**, and add your name and phone number even if the deceased is not a family member.

BAPTISMS/WEDDINGS:

Baptisms are celebrated at 12.15 pm most Sundays of the year with 4/5 weeks' notice required for bookings. Any Catholic is very welcome to use OLA Church for their marriage celebration, six months' notice or longer would be appreciated. For all enquires on both sacraments please contact the parish office on 95836161.

Liturgy Times:

Monday Oct 22

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday Oct 23

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Oct 24

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Oct 25

9.15 am Mass

Friday Oct 26

9.15 am Mass

Saturday Oct 27

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (30th Sunday of Year)

Sunday Oct 28

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Confessions:

Wednesday 9.40am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm

Baptism Welcome:

11.00am:

Leo Loadsman: son of Adrian and Sophie

FAITH SHARING DISCUSSION GROUP:

Meet each Thursday at 2pm in the Parish House. All are very welcome

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our Parish.

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwurong people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. May we walk gently here.

PSALM REFLECTION

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you

When have you noticed 'the unfailing love' of the Lord being upon you? What difference did it make to you?



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29th Sunday Ordinary Time, October 21, 2018

“Can you drink the cup that I must drink?” It is the question Jesus puts to his disciples in this weekend’s gospel. The argument the disciples engaged in along the road concerned who should have the places of honour in the messianic kingdom. But places of honour were not part of the thinking of the Lord. “Anyone who wants to be first among you must be servant, a slave to all.”

During our Plenary Council reflections a couple of Sundays ago we were reminded that Jesus’ plan about discipleship in his community lasted about 300 years. In 313 Constantine had become Emperor of the Roman Empire and he issued his famous Edict of Milan allowing Christianity an equal footing with the other religions of Rome throughout the Empire. The time of persecutions was now over. The “cup” no longer was drained. The Chair of the Emperor gradually changed places with the Chair of Peter. Although there have been many servant Popes and Bishops over the centuries it seemed that the trappings of glory and power was enjoyed by far too many Popes and Cardinals and Bishops in all these centuries since Constantine. So “clericalism” with its connotations of pedestals and prestige and power has become a term of derision in a post Vatican II, post Royal Commission church. Hopefully it marks the beginning of a return to the kind of church that Jesus dreamed about.

On Wednesday evening this coming week I shall be helping the Year 12 ladies at Kilbreda celebrate their Graduation Mass at the Caulfield Race course. No doubt the course will be quiet after the razzmatazz of the Caulfield Cup meeting. But the hearts of those young women will be racing as thirteen years of schooling comes to an end, and a largely unknown future lies ahead. “What shall I do with my life?” A human life lies ahead for them, and hopefully for many, a Christian life of service too.

The Synod on Youth in Rome this week concentrated on the ambivalent term of “vocation.” The working document drawn up for the Bishops emphasised personal accompaniment of the young in helping them decide on their future. But a French speaking group quickly emphasised community accompaniment – families, parishes, youth groups, schools, universities, and so on. May all our Year 12’s graduating at this time find the vocation they seek that will give meaning to them for the rest of their lives.

Fr Peter

✠THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE✠

You are invited to add the names of your dear loved ones that have died **this year**. The book is in the church foyer.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

Dear friends, we continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse by clergy, religious, teachers and volunteers in our Catholic schools and homes. It is for these children, women and men that we offer our humble prayers for their healing and health as they, too, move to this next stage in

their journey with their story. This weekend we acknowledge that on Monday 22 October at 11am, the Prime minister of Australia will deliver the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse at Parliament House in Canberra. *From The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation*

A PLACE TO CALL HOME PARISH FORUM: What are the key issues we face in relation to housing in Australia? What action can individuals and parishes take to address housing, stress and homelessness in their communities? Catholic Social Services Victoria invite you to a forum following the 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement: A place to Call Home and Ten Steps Brochure.

Venue: St Columba's Parish Centre, 24 Glenhuntly Road Elwood. Cost: Free. Enquiries Lucia Brick on 92875566 or email lucia.brick@css.org.au Wednesday 24th October 5.30pm for 6.00pm until 8.45pm. R.S.V.P: 21st October.

Booking: <https://www.trybookin.com/YHAV>



FETE NEWS : BOOK STALL: Thank you all for the wonderful book donations. The book stall however needs children's picture books and children's novels. If you have any books aimed at children, please donate to the parish office or the school office. **PLANT STALL:** We are grateful for all donations of plants and anything garden related – **ornaments, new tools, (adults and children) gardening gloves, etc.** whatever you would like to donate will be much

appreciated. **CHOCOLATE AND LUCKY BOTTLES:** We are also still accepting chocolates blocks and wine/spirits for the lucky bottles. Thank you once again for your continuous donations, your generosity is overwhelming.

2018 LOURDES MASS: at St Patrick's Cathedral – Saturday 1st December at 10.30am. This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly, and their carers. As many are unlikely to ever visit Lourdes, in a sense, it is like Lourdes coming to them.

REVISITING MISSION 2017:

A Church for Mission

What do people find when they come to a local church? Is there a community? Does it strengthen their faith? Does it strengthen and improve daily living? Involvement in the local church community should contribute to the mission of the Church. We need to clarify what we mean by the term “practising” Christian. We cannot be practising if we only do the minimum of attending church. We must live as a true follower of Jesus reflecting his values. Labels such as “the good churchgoer” or “unchristian” can damage our understanding and appreciation of true discipleship. Labels such as these tend to indicate judgment on externals rather than the heart. Churchgoing and church living need to be put together. We should not “go” to church; we should “belong” to and live church as the community of disciples of Jesus. The Community which gathers on a Sunday should strengthen the lives of those who share and help them continue their mission. God has to be at the centre of their lives not only at worship but when living day to day.

Stay tuned for Mission Part 2 with Fr. Ray Sanchez CP 16th – 22nd February 2019

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2019 Study Tour: ‘Footsteps of Faith’: Encountering the Christian Tradition. 19 September – 15 October 2019

Ireland England, and Italy. Tour Leaders: Rev. Dr Max Vodola, Dr Frances Baker rsm, and Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper omi AM. Details on College website at www.ctc.edu.au/studytours **Information Sessions: Wed. 24 Oct. 4.00 – 6.00 pm Sat. 24 Nov. 11.00 – 1.00 pm** RSVP: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

ANNUAL NOVEMBER SILENT RETREAT: Friday 16 Nov (4.30pm registration) to Sunday 18 Nov (lunch), 2018. Venue: Pallotti College, McNamara Rd, Millgrove (near Warburton). Susanna is Anglican Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Sale in the Diocese of Gippsland, where she leads a community of faith in prayer and worship and action. She enjoys leading retreats, quiet days, and Creative Interplay. More information in Church Foyer.

God give us rain when we expect sun. Give us music when we expect trouble. Give us tears when we expect breakfast. Give us dreams when we expect a storm. Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations. God play with us, turn us sideways and around....Michael Leunig



Thanks to K.C. Armogida (See John 2:1-11) 03-14-2007
**THANKS TO AN UNEXPECTED DISTRACTION
THE FIRST BATCH WAS TURNED INTO TANG**