

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

NEXT WEEK: Deuteronomy6:2-6; Psalm17:2-4, 47, 51; Hebrews7:23-28; Mark12:28-34

PURIFIERS: 28th October: Kevin Wilson
4th November: Connie Zahra

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernadette Palmer, Veronica Lucchinelli, Liz Freeman-Hume, Nancy Schibeci, Brian Jennings, Maurice Joyce, Colin O'Hare, Noel Hunt, Tom Meehan, Salome Lausingco, Nancy Cooper, Harry Bryce, Louise Hansen, Vincent(Harder)Patton, Colin McCallum.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim and Mary Buckley, Grazia Maria Scarfo, Anthony Grima, Cynthia D'Cruze, Carlos Castelblanco, Nola Summers, Pat Simpson, George Simpson, Dushan Stankovich, Michael Piccolo, Cristiano & Irene Spiller, John Mumford Snr, Jim & Monica McQuillan, Patricia Carter, Piotr Volk, John Charleston

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.

Liturgy Times:

Monday Oct 29

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday Oct 30

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Oct 31

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Nov 1

9.15 am Mass (All Saints Day)

Friday Nov 2

9.15 am Mass (All Souls Day)

Saturday Nov 3

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (31st Sunday of Year)

Sunday Nov 4

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Confessions:

Wednesday 9.40am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm

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 Boonwong people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. May we walk gently here.

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 mths notice or longer would be appreciated. For all enquires on both sacraments please contact the parish office on 95836161.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham
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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Matheson

Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

Psychologist: AnneMaree Eddy

30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B, October 28, 2018

October 2018 is almost over. The Year 12 VCE exams begin this week for most Year 12's with the English exam on Wednesday. We will be praying for them at the 9.15 am Mass on Wednesday morning. A few of the Kilbreda parents will be coming to that liturgy, but any parent of any Year 12 student is very welcome to come along. Kilbreda College will be putting on a morning tea after Mass to help all parents ease their nerves.

November begins with the celebration of All Saints Day on Thursday and All Souls Day on Friday. Although All Saints Day is no longer kept as a Holy Day of Obligation many still hold those days sacred as we remember the saints of every age who pray for us in heaven, and the following day as we remember all our loved ones who have died and for whom we pray.

The readings of the 30th Sunday this weekend are a mixture but if there is a theme to unite them it is that God is Father to all, who comforts us on our journey. The responsorial psalm today declares that the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. It follows a reading from Jeremiah who predicts that the remnant of God's people, including the blind and the lame, will be gathered from the far ends of the earth, and brought home. In the gospel the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, is healed by the Lord, and with new sight he follows the master along the road. In many ways we too are blind, and the prayer we are invited to say is: "Lord, help me see again."

Often ideologies create a certain blindness. Different ideologies are reflected in the so-called "culture wars" in the United States at the moment. This week's London Tablet has an editorial commenting on these wars. It notes that "many conservative Catholics have constructed their own version of Catholic Social Teaching, carefully selecting quotes from papal documents which appear to support the core principle of free-market economics." State intervention, for them, is to be avoided. "For Catholics of this sort, a 'small state' is always to be preferred to a larger one. That is not the doctrine taught by Pope Francis, nor was it ever taught by Pope John Paul II, or any of his other predecessors. It is a strongly individualistic creed that downplays solidarity and regards economic success as a mark of divine blessing. ... Given a choice between Francis and Trump, it seems too many American Catholics would follow the latter." So, where are the blind in this culture war?

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.

PSALM REFLECTION

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

What is the greatest thing the Lord has done for you?

How did it change you?

How do you, or did you pass the gift forward?

FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY: *Parish Mission Part 2 with Fr. Ray Sanchez CP:*

16th – 22nd February 2019. Our 2017 Parish Mission was a wonderful opportunity for us to take stock and to renew ourselves – as individuals and as a parish community – in our relationship with God, each other and the world around us. Fr. Ray Sanchez captivated us, gently challenged, energised us and left us with an appetite for more. All who participated in the 2017 Parish Mission know the riches to be unveiled. For newcomers or those unable to be part of Mission 2017, we warmly invite you to join us for this great event in our Parish life. You won't be disappointed!



FETE NEWS: Not long now until the fete! Thank you once again for all those who have donated to the various stalls. The book stall is still in need of children's/youth books, so ask your children and grandchildren which books they no longer need, and bring them along to either the church foyer, or the school office. The chocolate stall is happy to receive chocolate bars, so if you are happy to grab a block of chocolate and pop it in to the box in the church foyer, that would be very much appreciated. Bottles of wine and spirits for the lucky bottle stall are still happy to receive any donations, preferably full bottles!!! Thanks again for your enormous generosity.

This weekend at the 6.30pm, 9.00am and 11.00am masses, a representative from the Fete committee will be out in the foyer asking for volunteers for the various stalls. If you can spare an hour or two, pop your name down, it's going to be a fantastic day.

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.

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

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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.

PARISH COUNSELLING: Providing free short term counselling. Contact Parish Office for appointments.

O.L.A Social Golf - Friday, 9th November. Twilight Golf & Dinner- More Players Needed & Non-golfers Also Welcome for Dinner. See Entry sheet on table in foyer-3.30pm start Enquiries- via parish office 9583 6161

KNITTING GROUP: The next knitting group will meet on the 30th October at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. **ALL WELCOME.** 'The best things in life are made by hands'...

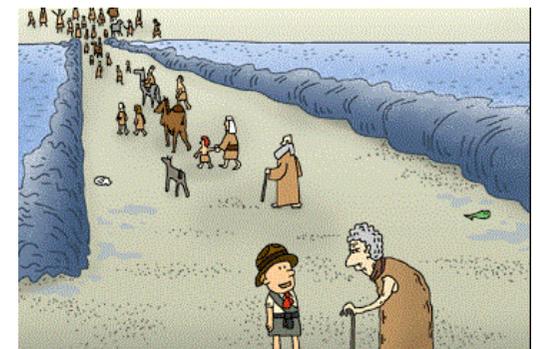
KILBREDA: VISIT OUR COLLEGE: An important aspect of considering a quality education for your daughter is seeing the prospective school in action, getting a feel for the community and being able to witness first hand some of the facilities and programs on offer. To do this Kilbreda encourage families to attend one of their upcoming Open Mornings. They hold a number of Open Mornings each term that take place on various week days. The next open morning will be on 22nd November at 9.00am.

Please contact the **College Registrar - Melissa Dwyer** should you have any queries 95817766

or registrar@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

FAITH SHARING DISCUSSION GROUP:

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



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Exodus 14) 01-03-2014

HELLO MAAM, I'M FROM TROOP 316 AND I'M HERE TO HELP YOU CROSS THE RED SEA