

**SCRIPTURE:** :Kings 17:10-16,Psalm145:7-10;Hebrews9:24-28;Mark12:38-44

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

**PURIFIERS:**

**4<sup>th</sup> November:** Connie Zahra

**11th November:** Agnes Arulruban

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:**

Thanksgiving: \$2741

Presbytery: \$603

Loose: \$1020

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Brown, Mary Rebeci, Tony Powell, Alan E. Dick. Fr Leo Patrick Griffin

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Vargetto, Gerald Ball, Florence Eardley, Laurence Roughsedge, Bev Smith, Amelia Smith, Maria Kita Wielgus, Amelia Montague, Franjo Fajic, Mijo Fajic, Jelena Fajic, Luka Milicevic, Vida Megna, Bonnie Ken-ny, Sue Connolly, Paul Connolly, Carmela Sofo, Isobel White, Jean Dunlop, Bill Hickey, Harold & Mary Gamble, Bernard & Maggie McCahill, Liwayway Rodriguez Beltrano, Guy Goh.

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

**The Life of Mother Teresa**



Source: Catholic News Service reports

- 1910** Born Aug. 26 in Macedonia
- 1928** Makes first vows with Loreto Sisters in Dublin
- 1934** Named principal of girls school in Kolkata
- 1946** Receives inner call to serve the poor
- 1950** Establishes Missionaries of Charity
- 1952** Opens home for dying destitute in Kolkata
- 1965** Receives pontifical approval for her order
- 1971** Receives first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize  
Establishes first U.S. foundation of her order
- 1979** Receives Nobel Peace Prize
- 1990** Resigns as head of order, but re-elected in unanimous vote
- 1997** Turns over leadership of order to Sister Nirmala  
Dies in Kolkata Sept. 5
- 2003** Beatified by Pope John Paul II
- 2016** Elevated to sainthood

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**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.**

**Liturgy Times:**

<b>Monday Nov 5</b>	9.15 am	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday Nov 6</b>	9.15 am	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday Nov 7</b>	9.15 am	Mass
<b>Thursday Nov 8</b>	9.15 am	Communion Service (Class Mass)
<b>Friday Nov 9</b>	9.15 am	Mass
<b>Saturday Nov 19</b>	9.00 am 6.30 pm	Mass Mass (32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Yr)
<b>Sunday Nov 11</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mass Mass

**Confessions:**

Wednesday	9.40am
Saturday	9.30am & 6.00pm

**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.



**To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.**  
novaevangelizatio.va Pope Francis

**PSALM REFLECTION**

**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life**

In what way is God, a safe place, a rock, refuge for you?

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



**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Cheltenham**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Matheson

**Pastoral Associates:** Frances North & Christine Dunne

**Psychologist:** AnneMaree Eddy

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, November 4, 2018**

**SR PAT FOX EXPELLED FROM PHILIPPINES THIS WEEKEND**



An Australian missionary nun who drew the ire of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte for joining protest rallies is being forced to leave the country after failing to get her visa extended. Sister Patricia Fox of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion congrega-

tion is to leave the Philippines, where she has spent the last 27 years, on Nov. 3, the day her temporary visitor's visa expires. The Bureau of Immigration has denied the nun's application for an extension to her temporary visitor's visa and told her to leave the Philippines.

"Under the circumstances, she is compelled to leave under strong protest," read a statement issued by Sister Fox's lawyers. "We will not allow the government to forcibly expel Sister Fox ... given her stature as a respected missionary nun and human rights defender," added the statement. On Sept. 5, Philippine authorities downgraded the nun's missionary visa to a temporary visitor's visa, which was valid until Nov. 3. "The fight will not end here. I will continue my mission with the poor.... I will not cease fighting against repression," Sister Fox told ucanews.com. The 71-year-old nun said the non-renewal of her visa "is an attempt to suppress a religious apostolate that sides with the poor and oppressed."

The nun said that even though she has agreed to leave the country, she will return when a new president who is "more receptive to dissent" is elected. "Duterte is president for only six years or less. I am forever a religious missionary nun. Tyrants don't last that long," said Sister Fox. "Leaving what has been my home for three decades will not be easy for me but I have to follow the rules," she said, adding that, "it does not mean that I am giving up the fight." On April 16, the missionary nun, who is the regional superior of her congregation, was arrested and detained overnight for "joining illegal political activities." In a text message to reporters, Philippine Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra said if the nun wins her appeal against deportation her name would be removed from an immigration blacklist and be able to return to the Philippines. Bishop Arturo Bastes, head of the Episcopal Commission on Mission of the bishops' conference, expressed disappointment over the nun's departure, describing it as "unfair and unjust." "I cannot understand why the president and his officials call a frail lady dedicated to a noble cause of mission an 'undesirable alien,'" said the prelate. (UCA News)

Another long weekend is being celebrated by many. Many might be off enjoying the Spring Racing Carnival while many others will be just having a good time with families and friends. Cup Day means a slight change to our liturgy times this week. November has begun with the traditional feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Next Friday evening we will gather for the Mass of remembrance at 7.30 pm. It has become a very special day in our liturgical calendar here at OLA as we remember all those loved ones of the parish who have died in the past 12 months. At every Mass in November we will remember all those whose names are listed in the Book of Remembrance.

Today we focus on the double command of God, to love God and to love our neighbour. The first reading focuses on the commandment left by Moses to love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. This is still the daily prayer of the Jewish person. But we also focus on the scribe in the gospel who asked the Lord about the greatest commandment. He is open to listening and learning from the Lord. We hear nothing more about him in the gospels, or history. But we suspect he went off and lived that two-fold command.

The fete is three weeks away. Please note it in your diary. Don't spend all your spare money on the horses next Tuesday. Save some for the fete. Once more I thank Lisa and Lucy and their hard working committee and all the different volunteers who have pledged to help set up and run stalls, etc. Let us pray for fine weather.

Last week I promised to announce the results of the **Combined Catholic Charities Appeal** which we ran through the month of August. This year we forwarded a total of **\$15,065** to the four charities. CatholicCare received \$4,519.50; Priests Retirement Foundation \$4,519.50; Catholic Mission \$3,615.60, and the Melbourne Overseas Mission \$2,410.40. Again this was a marvellous result and I am grateful to all who contributed for your generosity. The total is slightly down on the record a few years ago of \$16,400 but is still a wonderful result. We have already received a call of deep appreciation from CatholicCare. Our response is another wonderful sign of our love of God and neighbour.

**Fr Peter**

**LAUDATO SI' PARISH UPDATE**  
**NOVEMBER 2018**  
**Care for our Common Home**

We are working our way through Pope Francis' letter "Laudato Si'" ("praise be (to you Lord God)") which is in six chapters. Last time we looked at chapter three which spoke about the causes of today's ecological crisis, and which made some suggestions for improvement.

Chapter four goes to the heart of the ecological problem. It tells us that "everything is interconnected", and "is part of a network we will never fully explore and understand" (LS138). Every action of ours on the natural environment or towards each other has an impact elsewhere. Solutions to, say the unemployment problem will have other impacts, possibly putting others out of work, being harmful or beneficial to others and the environment.

Since everything is related, our nations, our governments and ourselves must do everything we can to preserve our planet for the benefit of every living human being and creature, and for future generations. How we treat the poor among us, and whether we leave an inhabitable planet to future generations, is up to each one of us. We need to reflect on our own accountability to others, and to see that our own dignity is at stake (LS160). Pope Francis calls this sense of accountability for everyone and everything an "integral ecology".

In chapters 5 and 6 will consider what we can do as individuals and nations to improve our care for each other and our common home.

**Parish Forum - Pope Francis' Laudato Si': Transforming Communities, St Francis Xavier and St Clare Parish, Box Hill**

Thirty people from 12 parishes attended the Parish Forum on 15 September. Among the speakers were **Robyn Humphery** of OLA who reported on our initiatives at OLA, together with **Sr Bernadette Keating** who led the workshop on how parishes can take up the messages of Laudato Si'. Everyone attending rated the forum very highly, and agreed it should become an annual event during the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October, Feast of St Francis of Assisi).



Robyn Humphery (OLA), Christine Kennedy (Endeavour Hills), Sr Caroline Vaitkunas (West St Kilda) at the Forum

**What our Parish is doing**

Parish Fete, 24 November – War on Waste The OLA Laudato Si' Working Group is supporting teachers and students at OLA Primary School with the students' WOW school initiatives, and to help them prepare for their War on Waste demonstration at the Fete. We are helping with messages for WOW signs for the Fete, and will provide the students with shirts of their own design.

**What you can do**

Pray for our farmers and the breaking of the drought – as crops fail and livestock die, we are all affected. "Everything is interconnected"

Recycle soft plastics that can be scrunched up into a ball. These can be placed in the REDcycle bin at Coles and Woolworths, for example – bread bags newspaper wrapping frozen food and biscuit soft wrapping wrapping from fruit and vegetables, etc see <http://www.redcycle.net.au/> for more information.

We would love to hear from you! Contact Phil Steele on 0419 311 582 or [phillip.steele1@gmail.com](mailto:phillip.steele1@gmail.com)

**Quote from the Saints**

"He who is not illuminated by such great splendour of created things is blind .. he who does not praise God for all these effects is dumb. Open your eyes, your ears and your lips, that you may see, hear, love, praise and worship your God". St Bonaventure (1217-1274 AD)

**REVISITING MISSION 2017**  
**Jesus is the Way**

Jesus showed that the secret to life is a compassionate heart. He was not concerned about possessions. People were his love. Religion for Jesus had to help men and women understand that they belong to a common family, that they had a common "Abba" Father. He called them to live in such a way that this reality could be seen, not just talked about. Every generation has to "hear again" the message of Jesus. Every age needs new disciples. His mission goes on with new maintenance staff. The church of the future will need dedicated laity who are prepared to work at creating community. This has to be the priority of every local church. Many of the previous 'maintenance' concerns will have to give way to new concerns, evangelising the unchurched and witnessing fellowship must be top priority.

If the building is to be strong, the foundations must be securely laid first. The foundation is Jesus. The walls and roof which complete the shell are the common effort in daily life, church life and worship. Other extras must assist men and women to appreciate the mission and encourage faithfulness to it.

Many of our present structures are collapsing. We have to find new ways of doing God's work. The rapid changes of our age demand constant adaptation, and this can be unsettling. Like our Jewish and Islamic brothers and sisters, we are children of Abraham, who set out trusting only in God. This is our calling. There will be heartache, anxiety and disappointment. But there will also be joy, peace and harmony when we work at "living as one".

**Mission Part 2 with Fr. Ray Sanchez CP – 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**SYNOD ON YOUNG PEOPLE**

More than 250 bishops from around the world joined Pope Francis, religious sisters and brothers, clergy lay youth representatives for the Vatican's 2018 Synod on Young People, among them Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli. All offered insightful interventions about issues of importance to young people and the future Church. Archbishop Comensoli urged action to rediscover a young, outward looking church. "It is time to leave behind a Church that only sits around waiting. Our task is to rediscover a young Church that goes out; not to re-create a Church for the young to come to," he said. "My dear young friends: you live in a world that is often difficult for us older generations to comprehend, and sometimes you venture down paths that leave us concerned for you. "Yet you are also seekers of a Gospel horizon within which to locate your lives. You hope for faithful witnesses in whom you can place your trust. You seek true guides who will welcome your abundant energies and accompany you on the journey. You are seekers of the fire of a new Pentecost, and pursuers of a young Church willing to start afresh from Christ. May we discover this horizon together."

Interesting article From Cardinal La Croix on the outcome of the Synod on Youth <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/10/27/cardinal-lacroix-synod-youth-whole-church>



Please join us this weekend after the 9.00am and 11.00am masses for a tea or coffee, and more importantly a good old chat with all our wonderful parishioners. Hope to see you there.

**FETE NEWS: Not long now until the fete!**  
 24<sup>th</sup> November :

So much going on over the next few weeks in preparation for the fete. Still in need of children's books, wine and spir-its for the lucky bottles, and also chocolate bars for the lucky coin stall. Thanks again for your continued generosity with donations, it truly has been amazing. The plant stall still welcomes potted plants, and we are also looking for new garden ornaments, gardening gloves, both children and adult sizes, and new gardening tools as prizes etc. Thanks again, and looking forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup> November for what will be an amazing day.

**O.L.A Social Golf** - Friday,9<sup>th</sup> 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 95836161.

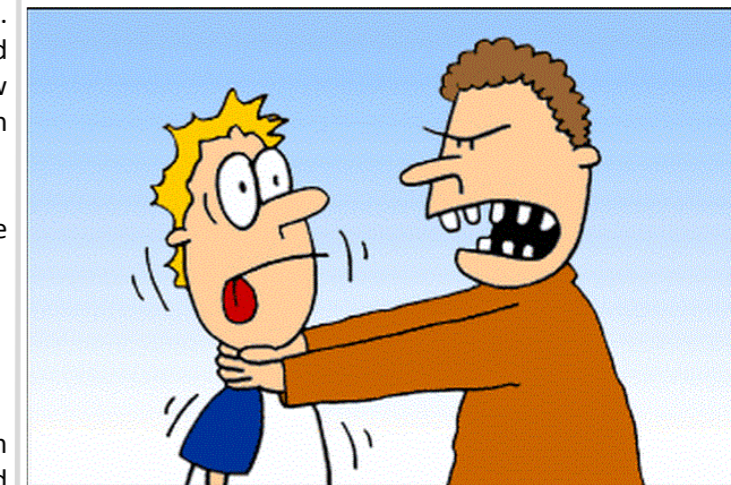
**FAITH SHARING DISCUSSION GROUP:** Meet each Thurs-day at 2pm in the Parish House. All are very welcome.

**THE PIETY SHOP:** Come support our Piety Shop, and be greeted by our amazing volunteers after mass. Columbian calendars, cards and beautiful gifts available for Christmas. Our Stations of the Cross DVD/Booklet would make a great Christmas present. All proceeds go to our St Vincent De Paul Conference.

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

**CARD DAY:** Wednesday, 7th November at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161.

**SAVE THE DATE: Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Christmas Drinks. Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. A wonderful opportunity to thank our tireless volunteers, and those who have helped make 2018 such a marvellous year for all. Hope to see you on the 12th.**



(See Luke 6:31) 01-15-2002  
**HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?**

Image courtesy of Michael Leunig

**What is happening in our community**

**An Inconvenient Sequel – Truth to Power**

You are invited to attend this movie by Al Gore, to be introduced by Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black at Cheltenham-Mentone Uniting Church at 3.30pm on 11 November. Suggested donation \$5. RSVP to Margaret Bode 0458 526 258.