

SCRIPTURE: Kings 17:10-16, Psalm 145:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

NEXT WEEK: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15:5, 8-11; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

PURIFIERS: 11TH November: Agnus Arulruban
18TH November: Margie Beltrano

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sharni Connolly, Wiepie Bieshaar-Bosma, Lyle Williams, Anthea Hanes, Rocky Periera, Tito Cavestany, John Heider.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dan & Phyl Hanrahan, Malcolm Windsor, Agnes Windsor, Marie Timms, Carmel Martin, Jean Lane, Frances Max, Geoff Miller, Fr George Maher, DoTrung Cu, DoTrungTam, Nguyen Thitto, Marisol Izquierdo, Francesco Russo, Nancy Bradbury, John T Ferguson, Madeline Baker, Kath & Charles Wain, Mavis Lourey, P & T Gangemi, A & C Germano

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. 95836161.

Liturgy Times:

Monday

Nov 12: 9.15am Communion Service

Tuesday

Nov 13 6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday

Nov 14 9.15 am Mass

Thursday

Nov 15 9.15 am Mass

Friday

Nov 16 9.15 am Mass

Saturday

Nov 17 9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass

Sunday (33rd Sunday of Year)

Nov 18 9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Confessions:

Wednesday 9.40am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm



In Flanders Fields

John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham
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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time, November 11, 2018

“Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.” This November 11, the commemoration of Armistice Day, is a special one. In the railway carriage at Compiègne in France at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the Great War came to an end. It was 100 years ago this weekend.

At a distance of 100 years we probably think that was that and everything quickly returned to normality. It was not so. In reality the whole world needed to be rebuilt. Australia, that had lost so many young men during those years of the Great War in Turley, Belgium, France and elsewhere, also needed to be rebuilt. Sir John Monash, who commanded the Australian AIF on the Western Front in 1918, is recognised as the man who won the war for the allies. He also helped rebuild Australia. He was given the task of arranging the repatriation of the Australian diggers back home after the war. It would take many months to bring them home because of the lack of shipping. But instead of the men sitting bored in camps waiting for the ships to come Monash arranged for them to undertake all kinds of educational excursions to help them begin preparing for a productive life back home as farmers, engineers, educationalists, etc. Monash was already at work to rebuild Australia.

The great faith of our forebears grew out of the poverty and famine created by the World Wars. It was such a significant factor that increased their faith in God, and trust that God alone was the rock that gave them life. In the readings today the woman of Sidon gives all she had to feed the prophet Elijah and then expected to die. But her small jar of meal and small jug of oil was never exhausted no matter how many scones she baked for Elijah, her son and herself. The poor widow in the gospel puts two small coins in the Temple Treasury which was all she had to live on, and she does it willingly. It is for God. God will look after her. We don't know what happened to her but Jesus looks at all the wealthy ones coming and putting in great amounts and he knows they are only putting in some of their leftovers. She had given all and God saw that.

These Scripture stories of faith in adversity emerge out of the Middle East, a place scarred still by war and terrorism and pain and poverty. We remember their stories, and remember our own that speak of resilience and faith. **Fr. Peter**

PSALM REFLECTION

Praise, praise the Lord, praise the Lord my soul

How are you a channel for God's generosity?

How does God, through you, protect the stranger, and uphold the needy, the marginalised?



O.L.A PARISH – CHRISTMAS DRINKS



12th December at 7.30pm – ALL WELCOME

Letters of appreciation and invitation for our marvellous volunteers in foyer for collection.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, OLA SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 5.00 PM.

The Cheltenham Christian Churches will be holding their Christmas carol service this year at OLA instead of the normal venue at Southern Community Church of Christ. OLA will host it this year because the Church of Christ has another function which was pre-booked. December 2 was chosen by the Combined Churches committee as the best night in Advent for the service and one that did not clash with other events planned for Kingston Council. So please keep the date and evening free to help us entertain all and sundry this year.

FETE NEWS: Not long now until the fete! 24th November

Still in need of children's books, wine and spirits 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, new gardening gloves, both children and adult sizes, and new gardening tools as prizes etc. Thanks again, and looking forward to seeing you on the 24th November for what will be an amazing day.

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@ctc.edu.au

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

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.

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.

KNITTING GROUP: The next knitting group will meet on the 13th November at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. **ALL WELCOME.** 'we are the knitters, we are the knitters, no time for losers, coz we are the knitters..of the world" *sung to We are the champions – by Queen...*

CONGRATULATIONS:

Bill and Barb Torley, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on 15th November. 60 years of love, 720 months of hugs, 3130 weeks of laughter, 21,915 days of patience, 525,950 hours of love. Hearts that love deeply can never grow old.

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



(See Exodus 6:10-12) 03-16-2001
YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE MOSES MR. PHAROAH AS HE IS A LITTLE HESITANT TO TALK TO YOU ... FOR THE RECORD, HE IS MIMING "LET MY PEOPLE GO"