

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

NEXT WEEK: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 92:1-2,5; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

PURIFIERS:

18th November: Margie Beltrano

25th November: Maria Bracchi

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brigid Michael, Lee Wynd, Allan Fry, Trudy Gorka, Lucy Ralston, Frank McNamara, Elaine Coleman.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alice Douglas, Eileen Charters, Geraldine Grimes, Frank McKnight, Bill Bywaters, Eileen Stewart, Catherine Hassan, Marilyn Torres, Efen Misa, Peter Lukins, Megan Oglethorpe, Tom Sutherland, Carlyle Muller, Dunstant Muller, Pauline Muller, Jacqueline Dunlop, Jelena Fajic, Franjo Fajic, Marija Fajic, Noreen Hogan, Simone Melia,

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.

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

Liturgy Times:

Monday Nov 19

9.15 am Communion Service
(Fr Peter on retreat)

Tuesday Nov 20

9.15 am Communion Service

Wednesday Nov 21

9.15 am Communion Service

Thursday Nov 22

9.15 am Communion Service

Friday Nov 23

9.15 am Communion Service

Saturday Nov 24

No morning Mass (Fete Day)

6.30 pm Mass (Last Sunday of Year)

Sunday Nov 18

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

Confessions:

Wednesday 9.40am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm

FAITH SHARING DISCUSSION GROUP:

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

BAPTISM WELCOME:

9.AM: Eva Moricca, daughter of Pasquale Antionetta, and Elena Zoumbas, daughter of Harry and Laura



ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER:

starting Thursday, the 29th November at 2.00pm in the church, and each Thursday in Advent. ALL WELCOME



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Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time, November 18, 2018

The parish fete is on next Saturday. On your behalf I thank all the hard working people on committees and stalls who have been working for months to organise this special day with plenty of interest for old and young alike. It will clash with the State Elections, but it does not take too much time to vote, and the fete will be on for about six hours.

We are nearing the end of the Church's Liturgical Year and as is usual this time each year we listen to readings that speak of the apocalypse, the end of time. Mark's gospel today speaks of the sun been darkened, the moon losing its brightness, and stars falling from heaven. But the good news is that it will herald the second coming of the Lord with his angels to gather his chosen from the four corners of the world.

We do not know how the world will end. We worried in the recent past about a possible nuclear holocaust, but a nuclear arms race is mooted again, especially with certain so-called leaders of the "free" world. Will the world as we know it end with a massive collision with an asteroid? It seems such an event destroyed all the dinosaurs and large animals on earth millions of years ago. Or will it all end slowly with gradual climate change? Scientists this week have predicted that temperatures could rise 6 degrees over time and this would be enough to wipe out all life on earth.

These last two Sundays of the Year lead into our Advent season, the waiting for a child to be born. This birth is to take effect in each of our hearts. Pope Francis has written that "when media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously" (Laudato Si, par 47). Will all our smart phones stop the child being born in our hearts this Christmas?

This coming week I will be on retreat with a group of other Melbourne priests down at Santa Casa in Queenscliff. Hence there will be Communion Services instead of Mass Monday to Friday this week. With the fete on Saturday there will also be no morning Mass. When I made my retreat booking earlier in the year the fete was planned for an earlier date, but the fete date had to be changed twice because of unavailability of merry-go-rounds, etc., but I shall be back Friday afternoon to witness the final frantic preparations for the fete. The parish/school car park will be closed to all cars on Friday to allow the rides to be set up. School will finish about 1 pm on Friday.

Fr. Peter

PSALM REFLECTION:

Keep me safe O God; you are my hope

Who or what is your “chosen portion”, your first choice in your life?

How does God figure in your choice?



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Next weekend, no sooner will the Fete be over and our Christmas “Giving Tree” will appear in the foyer. We need to begin preparations for packing/delivering Christmas hampers for about 75 needy families on Saturday 8th December. If you would like to help then **next** week-end

you could either- take a STAR FROM THE TREE and donate a present suitable for the age/gender of the child shown on the star. Many of our children are now teenagers so gift cards, music cards etc are much appreciated (and may be easier to choose)

OR donate some Christmas “goodies” such as festive foods, bon-bons, serviettes etc. to add to the hampers. We would like to receive all donations and/or gifts by Sunday, 2nd December.

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. The Kingston Council will conduct their carols a week later. Hence there will be co clash. The carols will go for just over an hour. So please keep the date and evening free to help us entertain all and sundry this year. It will mark for us the beginning of the Advent season of 2018.

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 Session: 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. Columban 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.

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

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. 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

FETE NEWS: Not ‘FAKE’ news: raffles books to be returned to parish/school office, or fete day.

PLANT STALL NEWS. You can leave your kind donations at the parish office up until FRIDAY the 23rd November. If you are unable to bring your plants to the office, we can organise a pickup for you. (95836161). **THE LUCKY CHOCOLATE STALL:** Last call for blocks of chocolate. Please drop your donation off to the parish office, thanks again for all the donations so far. **THE CAKE STALL** needs you! Cakes, slices, muffins, cookies, gingerbread, cupcakes, bliss balls and any other sweet or savoury baked items will be welcomed - Gluten Free items included! However, please no cream or items that require refrigeration. Please take a bag and plate, from the basket in the foyer, to package your donation and attach the label with the item name, date and ingredients. Your donations can be delivered to the Church Foyer from 12:30 - 1:30pm on Friday 23rd November (early school dismissal in preparation for Fete) or directly to the Cake Stall on the morning of the Fete. Thank you in advance! Any cake enquiries, please contact: Kara Bogicevic via the parish office on 95836161.

THE CRAFT STALL has many handmade items for everyone, it will be a great place for early Christmas shopping. They have; OLA market bags, made with love by OLA community from recycled fabrics, aprons, handmade tote bags. Soft toys. OLA school scrunchie, headbands and hair bows. We also have scrunchies and hair bows for non OLA students. Christmas cards and birthday cards. ***(Sr Sue Shannan’s cards will also be available to purchase, her legacy lives on)***... Reindeer magic food and much more.

O.L.A SOCIAL GOLF - Friday, 30th 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.

REMINDER: PARISH CHRISTMAS DRINKS

12th December at 7.30pm – ALL WELCOME Letters of appreciation and invitation for our marvellous volunteers are in the foyer for collection. ***Please don’t forget to pick up your invite after mass. Thank you.***

