

**SCRIPTURE:** Daniel7:13-14;Psalm92:1-2,5;Apocalypse1:5-8;John18:33-37

**NEXT WEEK:** Jeremiah33:14-16;Psalm24:4-5,8-9,10,14;Thessalonians3:12-4:2;Luke21:25-28,34-36

**PURIFIERS:**

**25<sup>th</sup> November:** Maria Bracchi

**2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Janette Bywaters

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Gerrara, Julie Sheedy, Michael Nolan (Albury), Vic Leuzzi, Monica Baker, Graciela Alvarez

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alan Ashton, Sarta Paredes, Elsie Symour, Gerry Griffiths, Kevin Kirwan, Caterina Paino, Mary and Alexander Burke, Father Anthony Kenny.

**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.

**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, 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:**

**Monday Nov 26**

9.15 am Communion Service

**Tuesday Nov 27**

6.00pm Mass

**Wednesday Nov 28**

9.15 am Mass

**Thursday Nov 29**

9.15 am Mass

**Friday Nov 30**

9.15 am Mass (Feast of St Andrew)

**Saturday Dec 1**

9.00am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT)

**Sunday Dec 2**

9.00 am Mass (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT)

11.00 am Mass (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT)

**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.



**ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER:**

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

**PSALM REFLECTION:**

**The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

*Today, in 2018, how do you understand these 2000 year old phrases?*

“robed in majesty”, “you are from all eternity” “holiness adorns your house” ?



**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

**Feast of Christ the King , November 25, 2018**

I write these words from Queenscliff while on retreat with a group of some fifteen Melbourne diocesan priests aware that by the time you read them the fete will be over. With rain pelting down here on different days this week I have had an anxious eye on the weather forecast and pray that Saturday is not too wet or wild. On your behalf I thank most sincerely Lisa O'Connor and Lucy Etienne and their committee of helpers who have done so much to organise and run the fete this year. For their sake we pray it will be another great success, and not dampened by bad weather.

The Feast of Christ the King ends our liturgical year. Today's gospel concludes with Jesus saying to Pilate: "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." The truth of who we are lies deep within us, in our relationship to our creator God. In all our human relationships we are called to be on the side of truth and follow Christ into the Kingdom. God knows we all struggle at times with our mediocrity and our search for "better" truths. But ultimately there is only one king and one kingdom that matters.

One theme we have been following during the retreat is that it is only in the depths of our ordinary humanity that we encounter Christ and his truth and his call to follow him. The State Funeral for Sisto Malaspina brought out his gentle hospitable humanity in the ordinary, yet extraordinary life of Pellegrini's. He was stabbed to death in the street he loved by a crazed man whom he thought needed help. Mons Greg Bennet in his homily mentioned that the Italian word "Pellegrino" means pilgrim. He mentioned how much we owe the Italian people in general for the life, and culture, and cuisine, they have brought to Melbourne and the added zest they have given to our pilgrimage. "May Sisto rest In Peace, and rise in glory."

Our retreat leader was Mark Freeman, parish priest of the Church of the Apostles in Launceston, and in one reflection on following Christ he gave us the poem, "The Road not Taken" by Robert Frost. The last verse goes: "I shall be telling this with a sigh, somewhere ages and ages hence: two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference." Perhaps in following Christ the King, we need to take the road less travelled by.

**Fr.Peter**

## ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Will be celebrated on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30pm.  
**ALL WELCOME**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This weekend our Christmas "Giving Tree" is in the foyer. We are preparing to pack and deliver Christmas hampers for about 75 needy families on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to help 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 bring Christmas "goodies" such as festive food, bon-bons, serviettes etc. to add to the hampers. We would appreciate any donations and/or gifts by next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

NEXT WEDNESDAY (28<sup>th</sup> November 2018), Aid to the Church in Need (a Pontifical Foundation) will be promoting #RED WEDNESDAY. This emerging campaign is designed as a public act of awareness and solidarity with all those who face persecution for their peacefully-held religious beliefs and faith. The Office for Justice and Peace, in conjunction with the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission will be holding an Interfaith Gathering on RED WEDNESDAY to which you are all invited. St. Patricks Cathedral will be flood lit in RED to mark the occasion.

**Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Place: Forecourt St. Patrick's Cathedral - RSVP/Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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](http://www.ctc.edu.au/studytours) **Information Session: Sat. 24 Nov. 11.00 – 1.00 pm**  
RSVP: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

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

CAN YOU HELP? There are still 17 refugee children trapped on Nauru. That's 17 too many. Can you help us reach 200,000 petition signatures to deliver to Prime Minister Scott Morrison next Tuesday 27 November?

Sign here --> [https://action.refugeecouncil.org.au/kids\\_off\\_nauru](https://action.refugeecouncil.org.au/kids_off_nauru)

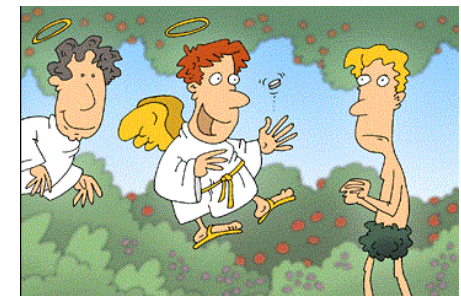
O.L.A SOCIAL GOLF - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Twilight Golf & Dinner- More Players Needed & Non-golfers Also Welcome for Dinner. See Entry sheet on table in foyer- 3.30pm start Enquiries- via parish office 9583 6161

REMINDER: PARISH CHRISTMAS DRINKS: 12<sup>th</sup> 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.***

PLANT STALL THANK YOU We have been absolutely overwhelmed by people's enormous generosity. As this is written, it's raining quite heavily, so we're praying for a dry (or even drier) day tomorrow, so that our sales will do justice to the labour of our very talented gardeners over these many months. Thank you also to the donations of cut flowers and many pots from parishioners. Special **THANK YOU** to Margaret Smith, Denis Foley, Lisa and Juan Harris, Michael and Frances North and Pauline and Tony French. **CHOCO-A BLOCK STALL:** Thank you once again for all the wonderful parishioners who donated blocks of chocolate to the stall. It was absolutely amazing, and so generous.

KNITTING STALL: Next knitting day is the 27<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. The knitting stall will be held next weekend. Jumpers half price, loads of Christmas items to buy. Please support these magnificent people who are so creative, and pretty nice too!! All proceeds will go to St Vincent De Paul Appeal.

MINISTRY SIGN UP SHEETS FOR 2019: Please complete the form for next year, we also welcome new parishioners to assist with the many ministries we have through the parish. Thank you most sincerely for your wonderful support.



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Genesis 2:7-25) 11-20-2005  
HEADS, WE USE A TOENAIL ... TAILS, WE USE A RIB