

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah: 6:1-8; Ps 137:1-5, 7-8; Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke: 5:1-11.

**NEXT WEEK:** Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4; Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.

**PURIFIERS:**

10 February: Irena Krodkiewska;  
17 February: Judy Laragy.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Judy Bowen, John Genny Nay Chan, Bev Bauer, Joan Ornsby, Frankie Frees, Minnone Gyi, Pedro David, Kevin Drake.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Seamus Cullinane, Dorothy Longmuir, Dolores Aviles, Pacifico Chan, Bill Nilson, Maria Grazia Taranto, Molly Sundberg, Rebecca Sutherland, Bryan Stronach, Liliane Tranquille, Marnie Rowe, Peter Bunting.

**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 12.15pm most Sundays of the year with 4/5 weeks' notice required. Any Catholic is very welcome to use OLA Church for their marriage celebration. 95836161.

**BAPTISM WELCOME:**

9.00am Harriet Thompson, daughter of Elizabeth and Justin; 11.00am: Florence Wilson, daughter of Victoria and Glenn.

**PSALM REFLECTION:**

*In the sight of the angels I will sing  
you praises, Lord.*

In your own life, what do you praise  
God for? Why?

**Liturgy times this week**

Monday Feb 11 9.15 am Communion  
Service

Tuesday Feb 12 6.00 pm Mass

Wed. Feb 13 9.15 am Mass

Thurs. Feb 14 9.15 am Mass

Friday Feb 15 9.15 am Mass

Saturday Feb 16 9.00 am Mass

Saturday Feb 16 6.30 pm Mass  
(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time)

Sunday Feb 17 9.00 am & 11am  
Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time)

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Wednesday** 9.45am

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 6.00pm



*"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is  
the future, but today is a gift.  
That's why it's called the present."*

*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 and Christine Dunne

Psychologist: AnneMaree Eddy

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – 10 February 2019**

This weekend we welcome our new Archbishop among us. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate the 9.00 am Mass. He has celebrated the Eucharist in a number of parishes around the Archdiocese so far, and this weekend he adds Cheltenham to that list.

The readings today tell of seemingly ordinary people who were invited by the power of God's grace to become differently, a prophet, a fisher of people, and the apostle of the Gentiles. Isaiah is invited to become a prophet. Peter is invited to work with God as a fisher of people. And Paul, despite persecuting the early Church, is called to become the apostle of the Gentiles. God touches our souls too, to "launch out into the deep," to find the depth of soul that God knows is within us. Isaiah, Paul and Peter all pushed out into the deep and they have made an incredible difference.

The last article written by Fr Daniel O'Leary for the Tablet has obviously touched a number of your hearts. This weekend's edition carries reflections from two other people he touched in special ways. One is Fr Tony Doherty, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney, who has written different publications for Garratt Publishing here in Mulgrave. Each reflection speaks of how he inspired us all to begin with the heart if we wish to enter into the story of the Incarnation.

Jonathan Tulloch was the other contributor. In his reflection he wrote this: "I remember during one of his homilies – it was close to Christmas and a baby started crying just as Daniel was explaining about Jesus' helpless entrance into a harsh world – he stopped in mid-sentence, grinned and asked the young mum if she wouldn't mind bringing her baby to the front. 'This is it,' Daniel told us. 'This is Christmas. This is God. The hope of the world in a tiny baby.' The baby and mum smiled. Everybody did. Although a great man of words, Daniel always knew what lay beyond utterance; he had heard the full music of the mystery for which our words are only the notes on a stave. The mother and her baby really did say it all for Daniel. 'Incarnation is an intense enigma,' he told us. 'But it's as simple as every single mother and baby. And just as close to us. The profound is always within our reach, masquerading as the ordinary.'"

Simon Peter and his companions in the boats felt they were too sinful, too ordinary, for the task the Lord asked of them. Jesus did not accept their responses. They started to learn that God is in the ordinary. This is incarnation. None of us have an excuse.

*Fr. Peter*



## **PARISH MISSION 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**First session starts Sunday 17 February, 7.30pm.**

**The Mission concludes Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February after the 7.30pm session.**

**Morning sessions - 10.15am – 12.15pm**

**Evening sessions – 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Repeat)  
(There will be no session on Wednesday)**

While the first Mission sets out to help people understand changes in the Church since Vatican II, the second Mission focuses on helping people come to terms with changes in the world and covers the topics:

- \*The pressures that work against a strong family, what we can do about it as a parish community and how we can communicate better;
- \*Grief and Loss and finding meaning in suffering through the eyes of faith;
- \*How to share our faith and values with our children;
- \*Prayer and Spirituality;
- \*and finally Reconciliation and Eucharist.

An opportunity to renew and reflect on what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ in **OUR OLA COMMUNITY** and in the world. **See you at the Mission.**

**Home Gatherings:** Thank you to all who have volunteered to host/lead a gathering. Sign-up sheets are still available in the foyer, offering a variety of dates and venues. These are not discussion groups, rather an opportunity to share.

### **Principles and Practices of Good Governance Conference**

A two day conference for those involved in governance in the Catholic Church. Recommended for Trustees and Boards, Directors, CEOs & Managers, School Leadership Teams, Parish Priests, Parish Pastoral Councils, Hospital Administrators, Religious Congregations.

**Where: Yarra Theological Union, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill**

**When: 2nd and 3rd March 2019, 10am –5pm**

For further information please refer to poster on the notice board in the foyer.

**NEEDED:** Drivers to take parishioners to 9.00am Mass. If you could assist, please contact Christine via the parish office on 9583 6161.

### **ST BEDES OPEN DAY:**

For current Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2021 or anyone interested in viewing the College. Date: Wednesday 6 March 2019 Bookings are available by visiting the college website: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

**P:** 03 9582 5999 **F:** 03 9582 5757 **E:** [stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

**ST JAMES COLLEGE BENTLEIGH: TOUR DATES:** Friday 22/2, Thursday 28/2, Monday 4/3 at 9.15-10.30am. Wednesday 20/2 at 4.00-5.00pm. Bookings essential. P. 9575 8100 or E. [registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au)

**OLSH COLLEGE BENTLEIGH: OPEN MORNING** on Tuesday 19 February at 9.15am. Registration essential [www.olsh.vic.edu.au](http://www.olsh.vic.edu.au). Year 7, 2021 – Accepting enrolments until August 2019.

**KILBREDA COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS:** Thursday 14 February and Monday 25 March at 9.00am. Book online [www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au)

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BLACK ROCK – CELEBRATING 90 YEARS IN 2019:** You are Invited to the Beginning School Mass on Sunday, 24 February at 9.00am to celebrate 90 years of the opening of St Joseph's school. Morning tea will be available and the school will be opened for tours. The invitation is extended to any past families, students and staff. If you know anyone who has been involved with the school, could you please extend this invitation to them also. Enq. 9589 4684.

**KNITTING GROUP:** Many thanks to the many parishioners who have donated wool for our group. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Next knitting group will be held on Tuesday 19 February at 1.00pm. Newcomers welcome.

**O.L.A SOCIAL GOLF RETURNS:** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. Twilight Golf & Dinner - More Players Needed & Non-golfers also welcome for Dinner. See Entry sheet on table in foyer-3.30pm start.

**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB:** Wednesday, 27 February, 7.30pm, at Sandringham Hotel, Cnr Beach Road and Melrose Street (Melways 76 G9). Speaker: Dr Mary Coloe, a Presentation Sister and an Associate Professor at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill. Theme: What is "good" about Good Friday? Book for meal – phone hotel 9598 7255 and specify that the booking is for SIP. All are welcome to gather for a meal from 6pm **OR** join the group from 7.30-9.00pm for the presentation and conversation.

**THANK YOU** from Wilma Hodgson to everyone for the care and concern given to her last Saturday evening.

### **COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:**

The parish provides free short term counselling to members of the OLA community (parish and school) and their families. Counselling is provided by AnneMaree Eddy, Psychologist. Please contact the parish office for appointments.

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