

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4; Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

NEXT WEEK: Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

PURIFIERS:

17 February: Judy Laragy
24th February: Michelle Marani

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Reid, Sr
Patricia Carole, Ann Cox

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Bluett,
Mark McKittrick, Noel Antas

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.

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

PSALM REFLECTION:

Happy are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Do you delight in God's Word, and take time to reflect on it?

Does your life resemble the tree that is planted by flowing waters?



Liturgy times

Mon	Feb 18	9.15 am	Mass
Tues	Feb 19	9.15am	Mass
Wed	Feb 20	9.15 am	Mass
Thurs	Feb 21	9.15 am	Mass
Fri	Feb 22	9.15 am	Mass
Sat	Feb 23	9.00 am	Mass
Sat	Feb 24	6.30 pm (7 th Sunday Ord Time)	Mass
Sun	Feb 25	9.00 am 11am (7 th Sunday Ord Time)	Mass Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – 17 February 2019

This past week began with the visit of our new Archbishop to celebrate the 9.00 am Mass last Sunday. It ends with the arrival of Fr Ray Sanchez CP who is running our parish mission next week. After Fr Ray's visit for Mission Part I two years ago we are delighted that he is able to return for Mission Part II. Fr Ray will be preaching the homily at all Masses this weekend and then begin the Mission with the session at 7.30 pm Sunday evening.

I believe many of us celebrated the safe return of Hakeem Al-Araibi, the Bahraini refugee, from his Thai prison this week. He, and most refugees, are often among the very poor of the world. The rich and powerful of Bahrain sought to destroy him, but thanks to universal media attention, others in positions of authority and prestige worked diplomatically for his safe return. There is a reflection here of Jesus' teaching in Luke's version of the Beatitudes which is our gospel this weekend. "Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal. ... Rejoice and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven." I think we are glad that Hakeem can dance for joy with his wife again here on earth.

Luke's version of the "Beatitudes" differs from Matthew's version not only in content and structure but also in terms of geography (a Sermon on the Plain compared with a Sermon on the Mount). There is unease with the Lukan Beatitudes because it seems that the reversal of distressing situations on earth will be resolved only in heaven. But the reign of God is already among us now, and this kingdom should become real for all now.

The 45th Federal Parliament has come to its final days before another election campaign begins. It is sad that the level of political debate in Australia has descended so much in recent times. Meanwhile the disaster in Queensland continues. Floods that covered an area the size of Victoria have destroyed the beef industry there, as well as the farmers.

Pope Francis noted Thursday in a speech at the Rome headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation "that a good portion of the more than 820 million people who suffer hunger and malnutrition in the world live in rural areas, are dedicated to food production and are farmers." And Jesus says: "Happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God." We hope that kingdom will come here on earth for farmers now, with genuine and non-partisan political action.

Fr. Peter

PARISH MISSION begins this weekend and Fr. Ray Sanchez will be celebrating all weekend Masses. The programme commences on Sunday evening at 7.30pm – 9.30pm and continues each day, **with the exception of Wednesday**, with morning sessions 10.15am – 12.15pm and evening sessions (repeat of morning session) 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Fr. Ray will be celebrating daily Mass at 9.15am.

THE MONDAY MASS 18th February AT 9.15AM WILL BE A HEALING MASS. ALL WELCOME

ALL I HAVE IS YOURS – FORTY DAYS TO FREEDOM - LENTEN PROGRAMME

Lent is a good time to disentangle ourselves from all the things that get us tied up in knots. It is a time when we are called to simplify life and to focus more on others. It is the season to work on our inner freedom, as we prepare to celebrate again the death and resurrection of Jesus, the heart of our faith and the source of our freedom.

All I have is Yours – Forty Days to Freedom allows you to enter the six weeks of Lent with what the Greeks call *Kairos* time – critical time, sacred time, opportune time filled with possibility and wonder, a time to pray and reflect on the Lenten Gospels. There are a variety of venues, days and times available. Clipboards 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. Also, we need a volunteer for the piety shop, 4th Sunday of the Month at 6.30pm Mass.



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

P: 03 9582 5999 F: 03 9582 5757 E: 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. W Wednesday 20/2 at 4.00-5.00pm. Bookings essential. P. 9575 8100 or E. registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au



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



KILBREDA COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: Monday 25 March at 9.00am. Book online 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 4685.

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. 'My doctor said I need more fibre, so I went to the wool shop!'

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. Enq.: Vin 9530 6004.

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.

"The Ten Commandments -from Jesus' Jewish Tradition and perspective"

Presented by **Fr John Madden**. Currently Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Kew.

All Welcome. WHEN: Thursday nights 7th, 14th and 21st March 2019, 7pm – 8.30pm followed by supper.

WHERE: Resurrection Little Chapel, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough. 3173. **COST:** Gold coin Donation. Bookings essential as there is limited seating. Phone Resurrection Keysborough on 9701 5899 or email keysborough@cam.org.au

CARING AGAIN SUPPORT GROUP: Do you care for your grandchildren, niece, nephew, in either a formal or informal arrangement? Come along, share your concerns and learn from others in a safe and confidential forum. Next meeting will be 22nd February starting at 12.30pm until 2.30pm in Exodus Hall (lunch provided). Rsvp: Parish Office 95836161

