

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Samuel26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23; Psalm102:1-4,8,10,12-13; Corinthians15:45-49, Luke6:27-38

NEXT WEEK: Ecclesiasticus27:4-7; Psalm91:2-3,13-16; Corinthians15:54-58; Luke6:39-45

PURIFIERS:

24th February: Michelle Marani

3rd March: Anne Martin

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Geraldine Wilson rsm, Joe Becker, Jim Wendt, Pani Narayanan, Terence Walsh.

ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Duke, Juan Ygoa, Hilde Bayer,Deborah Demmler, Boris Freeman, Vincent and Margaret Molloy, Kath O'Donnell, Alfredo Sierra, Lindorfo Flores, Maria Flynn, Alda Marani, Paul McDonnell, Clifford Edvard, Paul and Harriet Papalie, Arthur Rocha Vilalba Moreira, Fernanda Rocha, Emir Niwes Moreira, Eilsa and Eugene McCarthy, Maya and Blance Pilcer, Maggie Gleeson.

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.

PSALM REFLECTION:

The Lord is kind and merciful

When have you experienced God's inexhaustible kindness, forgiveness, healing, compassion, love, mercy and pity?

How do you praise, honour and thank God?

Liturgy times

Monday Feb 25

9.15 am Communion service

Tuesday Feb 26

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Feb 27

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Feb 28

9.15 am Communion Service
(Class Mass)

Friday Mar 1

9.15 am Mass

Saturday Mar 2

9.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass
(8th Sunday Ord Time)

Sunday Mar 3

9.00 am Mass
(8th Sunday Ord Time)
11.00 am Mass
(8th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday 9.45am **Saturday:** 9.30am & 6.00pm

BAPTISM WELCOMES:

9.00AM: Amelia McAleer, daughter of Sean and Pang. Audrey Partridge, daughter of Elisha and, Matilda Partridge, daughter of Julian and Alanna.

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.



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

24th February 2019

7th Sunday Ordinary Time

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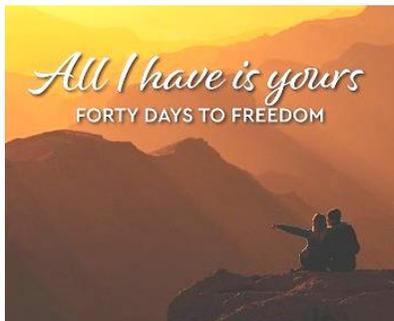
I think all who attended the parish Mission during this past week have been delighted, moved, and greatly encouraged by Fr Ray's input. It has been at times an intense week of learning, and at other times an opportunity for quiet reflection and listening to wonderful stories. Our God is a friendly companion on the journey with us. Like God we have become enfleshed in our earth and world and history. And Fr Ray has helped us remember this if we have ever forgotten. I personally wish to thank him most sincerely for all he has shared.

Luke continues his reflection on attitudes to life of the follower of Christ in today's gospel. Ultimately much is summed up in the verse: "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate." Memories of much of our Mission will come back as we ponder those words.

There was an article in the Weekend Australian a couple of weeks ago in which my name was mentioned in conjunction with cricket in Italy. The article stemmed from an interview a journalist had with Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane who recalled his involvement in cricket in Rome during the early 80's when he and I were doing post grad studies in Rome. We played with an Italian club mainly on rugby fields with a variety of other nationalities. Mark mentioned my name as being a better player than him. I sent him an email this week to thank him for the attribution and reminded him of the time I was at the other end of the pitch when he was clean bowled by a yorker on the second bounce. He whipped back a reply almost immediately from Rome where he was staying at the Columban House in preparation for the major meeting of the heads of the Episcopal Conferences of the world with the Pope discussing sexual abuse in the church this weekend. The Columban House in Rome was where we lived during our post grad years, and where Fr Rob McCulloch (well-known at OLA) is now the director. Mark's reply in part read: "I did the interview (in Italian) with SBS and was surprised when it turned up in the Australian. But it read OK. Yes, I do have vivid and painful memories of being yorked on the second bounce...a low point in my career not mentioned in the interview."

Many people seem to be aware that I will be retiring from full time parish ministry sometime this year especially now that I have celebrated my 75th birthday. I discussed this a couple of weeks ago with our Archbishop and the last weekend in June (29th and 30th) has been earmarked as my last weekend as parish priest of OLA. It has been a wonderful twelve years we have shared together, but unfortunately time waits for no one. You still have me for four months.

Fr. Peter



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.

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



You are called to Mission Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!** Come to the **Palms Info Session: Saturday March 2nd @ 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE**



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: 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: 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

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: meeting to be held on Thursday 28th of February in the meeting room at the Church. If you are interested, please come and join us.

PURIFIERS ROSTER: Thank you to all who have put their name down to assist with the purifier roster for 2019. The new roster is now in the church foyer for your collection.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 March 2019

As always, these notices are one week in advance. This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 6:39-45, is read by our radio sound editor, Julia Goonan, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, with her God Spot, “Give it a name”, Pete Gilmore encourages us to think about “how do you want to start tomorrow”. Our music this week is an amazing collection of Christian music from various artists that we are very lucky. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

GENTLE EXERCISE:

Wednesdays 10:15-11.30am. Small classes. Call Parish Office on 95836161 or simply turn up.



HE LIKED THE IDEA OF CHARIOTS, BUT WHO HAS TIME TO TAKE CARE OF A HORSE?
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