

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy26:4-10; Psalm90:1-2,10-15; Romans10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 **NEXT WEEK:** Genesis15:5-12,17-18; Psalm26:1,7-9,13-14; Phillippians3:17-4:1,9:28-36

PURIFIERS:

10th March: Nanette McVeigh

 17th March Nevia Milicevic

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Ryan, Clifford Edovard, Roger Naine, Stella Bordinong, Maureen McGurry, Tony Hendrie.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Adam Wanless, Ana Hitschfeld, Anne Burke, Guy Vincent, George Sangston, Martino Piccolo, Stuart Gowans, Gerald Lannan, Edmund Noone, Charlie Giarrusso, Kevin Linehan, Giuseppe & Carl Ceravolo, Michele Iorfino.

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:

11.00am: Leesha Creo daughter of Jackelyn and Lester.

PSALM REFLECTION:

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble

When you are in trouble
do you try to "go it alone"?
Or do you "Let go and let God?"
How is it working for you?

Liturgy times

Monday Mar 11

9.15 am Communion service

Tuesday Mar 12

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Mar 13

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Mar 14

9.15 am Communion Service
(Class Mass)

Friday Mar 15

9.15 am Mass

Saturday Mar 16

9.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Sunday Mar 17

9.00 am Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)
11.00 am Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am

Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

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

10th March 2019
First Sunday of Lent
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It is International Women's Day as I write these words, and hopefully this weekend we will remember and honour women who have been most influential in our lives. I suspect for most of us they will be our mothers, wives, grandmothers and sisters. On Sunday morning two of our women parishioners will give the homily at our two morning Masses. I am most grateful to Michele Frankeni and Lucy Molony for accepting the invitation. On Saturday night I am unable to celebrate the 6.30 pm Mass because I shall be in the Yarra Valley celebrating the marriage of Kaitlyn Bolt and Ryan Hendry. Kaitlyn is one of Marj Connolly's granddaughters. So I had previously arranged for Fr Laurie McNamara to come and celebrate the parish Mass Saturday evening. Laurie teaches at Catholic Theological College, and is setting up an institute on aging at the Melbourne college of Divinity. I thank Laurie for accepting the invitation.

The gospel of this first Sunday of Lent each year is about the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. This year we have Luke's version. It is true that this year unlike many previous years the Church is in the wilderness, reeling more than ever over the sexual abuse of minors, and the conviction of Cardinal Pell. For all of us in the Catholic community the wilderness involves a range of emotions: denial, disbelief, anger and a deep sense of betrayal. It is interesting that the geography of two of the temptations involve a high mountain, and the high parapet of the temple. The temptations involved power, wealth, a sense of grandeur and protection. While Jesus rejected them all, some in the church do not. While the gospel speaks of the devil appearing with the temptations, it also speaks of the Holy Spirit leading Jesus into the wilderness and through it. May the Holy Spirit lead us through this wilderness and bring us out safely on the other side!

On Thursday night the Parish Council deliberated on a **profile of OLA parish**. When a parish is advertised following a retirement of a parish priest or a reassignment, the Vicar General sends out a profile of the parish which has been designed and composed by the parish itself. The construction of a profile for OLA has begun by the parish council but they would appreciate your help. How should our parish be described? What do you hope our parish might become? If you have ideas to share please contact John Molloy. His email address is jajpmolloy@optusnet.com.au and phone number is 0430 500 905.

Fr. Peter



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world on the 8th of March and is a day to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still have to go to truly achieve gender equality. UN Women's global theme for IWD 2019 is 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change', linking with the UN Commission on the Status of Women's focus on social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure. **Australia's IWD 2019 theme, More Powerful Together**, recognises the important role we all play – as women, men, non-binary and gender diverse people. It takes all of us, working in collaboration and across that which sometimes divides us, breaking down stereotypes and gendered roles to create a world where women and girls everywhere have equal rights and opportunities.

PARISH MISSION 2021:

It may be a long way off but I have invited Fr Ray Sanchez CP to return to OLA in two years in February 2021 to give the third of the parish missions that he can offer. The dates will be February 20 to 26, 2021. Hopefully the next parish priest will be open to accepting him back at that time. Fr Peter.

PASTORAL NOTES FOR LENT: Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole church prepares for Easter with those who are to be initiated into our community at the end of Lent during the Easter Vigil. At OLA we will be welcoming Ying Shao and Sam Stirling at the end of their RCIA journey. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have turned 18 until their 59th birthday. The law of abstinence (not eating meat) binds those who are 14 or older. "During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social" (SC 110).

ST. MARK'S DINGLEY VILLAGE:

St. Mark's is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first Catholic Mass held in Dingley Village along with the 20th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Mark's Catholic Church. The Celebrations will take place on the weekend of April 27/28 2019. For further details contact Mariangela 0400977708.

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.

O.L.A SOCIAL GOLF :

Friday, 15th March. Twilight Golf & Dinner- More Players Needed & Non-golfers Also Welcome for Dinner. See Entry sheet on table in foyer-3.30pm start Enquiries- via the Parish office on 9583 6161.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2019 Celtic Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland (November 27th to December 11th) with an optional add on tour of the German Christmas Markets (December 11th – December 14th) Enjoy 2 glorious weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine, glowing open fires and the unique Celtic spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour with Irish singer tour guide Maria Forde. (20 people max). For an itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411158593, Debbie at Emerald Travel on 03 96902123 or mariaforde1@gmail.com Or go to www.mariaforde.com and click on Celtic Tour 2019 link then 2019 itinerary. Destinations include Dublin, Belfast, Donegal, Sligo, Galway, Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork, Kilkenny and Wicklow.

LENTEN TALKS 2019:

All lectures will begin at 7.30pm and will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish, 13 Fernhill Road Nth, Sandringham
 Tuesday, March 12th "**How the New Testament Began**" Sr Mary Coloe PBVM
 Tuesday, March 19th "**Old is not a Four Letter Word**" Fr Laurie McNamara CM
 Tuesday, March 26th "**Being with God in Nature**" Mr Peter Saunders
 Tuesday, April 2nd "**Holy Smoke Batman! Film as a Spiritual Practice**" Ms Anna Box
 Tuesday, April 9th "**Where does the Church go from here?**" Fr Frank O'Loughlin



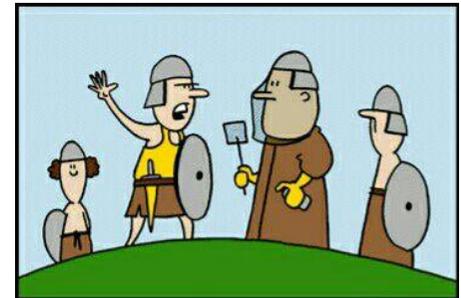
FUNDRAISER for PALM SUNDAY:

WALK for JUSTICE for REFUGEES - Don't miss these 2 films : ANMF Auditorium 535 Elizabeth St Melbourne THE MERGER, THURS 14 MARCH at 6.30pm, and ISLAND OF THE HUNGRY GHOSTS THURS 4 APRIL 6.30pm: BOOK TICKETS: <https://www.trybooking.com/469539>. \$20/film or \$35 for 2 films Refreshments 6.30pm Screenings commence 7pm. Contact: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002. PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Telephone: (03) 9926 5720. Email: mcmro@cam.org.au www.cam.org.au



God let us be serious. Face to face. Heart to heart. Let us be fully present.

Strongly present. Deeply serious.
 The closest we may come to innocence.
 Amen - *Michael Leunig*



Thanks to Carl Serkland (See Deuteronomy 20:16-17) 12-02-1997
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, WE'RE ATTACKING HIVITES AND PERIZZITES, NOT HIVE-ITES AND PARASITES!