

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis15:5-12,17-18;
Psalm26:1,7-9,13-14; Phillipians3:17-
4:1,9:28-36

NEXT WEEK: Exodus3:1-8,13-15;Psm102:1-
4,6-8,11;Corinthians10:1-6,10-12;Luke13:1-9

PURIFIERS:

 17th March Nevia Milicevic

24th March: Margaret Mulhall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Francesca Gallipoli,
Loung Kieve, Darren Edgar, Sr Diana Gavel
pbvm, Mons Denis Edwards, Jim McGann.

ANNIVERSARIES: Charles Dib, Fajic Franjo,
Fajic Jelena, Fajic Marija, Pigac Katarina,
George Sangston, Damiano Morabito,
Euremia Cutri, Ethel Canny, Eduard Zlaty, Jan
Healy, Carol & Bill Yeats, Turkalj Family,
Concetta Cincotta, Grazia Cincotta, Tomasa
Rubia, Eufemio Rubia, Wilfredo Rubia,
Fr. Josph Dib, Paul Ruzyla, Ita Lambert, Hazel
& Frank Sweeney, Jack Roth, Elsie Roth.

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 my light and my salvation.

When has the the "Lord's goodness"
touched your life? Savour the memory
for the moment.

Liturgy times

Monday Mar 18

9.15 am Communion service

Tuesday Mar 19

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Mar 20

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Mar 21

9.15 am Communion Service
(Class Mass)

Friday Mar 22

9.15 am Mass

Saturday Mar 23

9.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent)

Sunday Mar 24

9.00 am Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent)
11.00 am Mass (3rd 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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Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

Psychologist: AnneMaree Eddy

17th March 2019

**Second Sunday of
Lent Year C**

Firstly, a happy St Patrick's Day to all of you who claim any connection to Ireland. And may a happy rain fall upon the fields of all those Irish farmers in the Western District. They used to say that if the autumn rains had not come by St Patrick's Day they were in for a hard season.

The major news this week has been the sentencing of Cardinal Pell to six years prison for his abuse of the two boys in St Patrick's Cathedral. Of course he may be out in 3 years and eight months, or even earlier should the appeal be successful. But as the judge said he may possibly die in prison. So Cardinal Pell joins the long list of sexual offenders. His offense reverberates around all of us. With his condemnation the Catholic Church also stands condemned in the minds of many. And those of us in public office in the church are particularly condemned. On Wednesday night after the sentence was handed down I had to talk to the parents of our Prep children about praying with their children. Their little children were sitting beside them. Little children learn more about prayer and the faith by "catching" it from their parents before they start school. And words of Fr Ray Sanchez came back to me when he said that for too long parents had abrogated their responsibility in passing on the faith by handing it over to the nuns and brothers and teachers in our Schools. Our faith is based not on a church and its failed leadership, but on the Lord who calls us to follow him. The beginning of faith happens in our homes where there are symbols of the faith, a cross, a picture of Mary, or the Holy family, or cribs at Christmas time. It grows with every "grace" around the family table. It grows with every cross that parents mark upon their child's forehead in blessing as they curl up and go to sleep. Peter, the first Pope, failed the Lord, but turned his life around. Since then there have been so many dedicated leaders of the Lord's people, like St Patrick. And of course there have been many failures in the leadership through history, including our own time.

The gospel today is Luke's version of the Transfiguration which many believe happened on top of Mt Tabor to the south of Nazareth. It rises above the Plain of Esdraelon (or Megiddo) where the Jewish people believe the final battle of Armageddon will be fought. On our pilgrimage to Israel in January we went to the top of Mt Tabor to visit the church of the Transfiguration. It stands in the care of the Franciscans. Our bus (and other buses) can only get half way up the hill. There we had to get out and climb into four wheel drive vehicles driven by the local Bedouins. They had a good business. It must have taken Jesus, Peter, James and John a long time to struggle up that mountain in those days before four wheel drives. Perhaps it was a metaphor for the future struggle of the church they were to ultimately build.

Fr. Peter

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.

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 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

SR. MARGARET KENNY mss: will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee (60) on the 25th March, and also celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. Mass will be at 10.30am, morning tea to say thank you to such a wonderful and caring person will follow Mass. ALL WELCOME to join in the celebrations and congratulate Sr.Margaret on a wonderful achievement.



FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL :

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615 or 1300721561** or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

ST JAMES COLLEGE: Applications for Year 7 2020 & 2021 are now open. See the College in Action: Open Mornings 9.15am-10.30am Tuesday 30th April, Monday 20th May, Friday 7th June and Wednesday 26th June. Bookings essential. Call 95758119 or email registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au to make a booking.

WAY OF THE CROSS. We have our beautiful 44-page booklet on the OLA Stations of the Cross on sale. If you haven't already purchased the book or dvd, these can be purchased at the parish office, or piety shop. A wonderful gift for Easter.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to Michele Frankeni and Lucy Molony for their inspirational words at Mass for International Women's Day, and also to Rob Humphery and her helpers who supplied a sumptuous Devonshire tea after the 9am and 11am masses, a wonderful celebration.

ANGLICAN OP-SHOP: The Anglican Opportunity Shop needs volunteers at their Cheltenham location. If you are able to assist please contact Glenys via the parish office .

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: On Saturday April 13 we plan to join the parishes of Templestowe, Kilmore, and Parkville at a venue still to be determined to discuss our common reflections about a proposed agenda for the Plenary Council. Hopefully a few of us who helped draw up our OLA response for the initial stages of the Plenary process would be ready and happy to join in with others on that day. It could be very interesting! Fr Peter

