

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** : Joshua5:9-12;  
Psalm33:2-7; Corinthians5:17-21; Luke15:1-3,11-32.

**NEXT WEEK :** Isaiah43:16-21;  
Psalm125;Philippians3:8-14;John8:1-11

**PURIFIERS:**

31<sup>st</sup> March: Margie Beltrano

7<sup>th</sup> April: Maria Bracchi

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**Brian Jacobs, Keith Arentz, Sandy Moller, Clarrie Steenholdt, Newton D'Cruz, Maureen Keeley, Mary Keenan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Campion, Robson Miranda, Jack Canny, Bobby Mahoney, Ian Cloke, Brad Sinclair, Jack Hammond, Rosemarie Crozier, Fr John McGannon, Julie D'Souza, Saverina Degilio, John Dyson, Donald Steel, Patricia Demamel, Mato Vagaj, Edith Sharpe, ♥ Vera Grima.

**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.

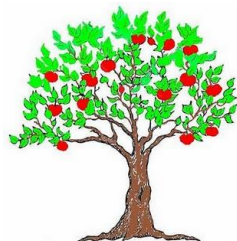
**BAPTISM WELCOME:11.00am:** Leia Noelle Mackenzie, daughter of Ian and Myleen.

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:**

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord**

In what ways do you 'taste' the Lord's goodness? What difference does it make to you as a Christian?



**LITURGY TIMES**

Monday Apr 1  
9.15 am Communion Service  
Tuesday Apr 2  
6.00 pm Mass  
Wednesday Apr 3  
9.15 am Mass  
Thursday Apr 4  
9.15 am Mass  
Friday Apr 5  
10.15 am Healing Mass  
Saturday Apr 6  
9.00 am Mass  
6.30 pm Mass (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
Sunday Apr 7  
9.00 am Mass (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
11.00 am Mass (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

**COMMUNION VISITS:** If you know of any parishioner who cannot attend mass but requires communion, please contact Christine Dunne via the Parish Office on 95836161.

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**  
**Parish House:** 9583 6161 **Parish School:** 9584 9488  
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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Matheson  
**Pastoral Associates:** Frances North and Christine Dunne  
**Psychologist:** AnneMaree Eddy

31<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
Fourth Sunday of  
Lent Year C

The attempt to develop a parish profile to advertise our parish to priests in the hope they might apply for the PP job is raising all sorts of interesting reflections. Some suggest any priest wishing to have the job should come and celebrate Mass one weekend and the parish could vote for or against!! The Catholic tradition is that the archbishop appoints a priest to the position. Parishes do not have much say. The profile is meant to give a brief pen picture of the parish, its people, its involvements, its personality, and its dreams. Hopefully it will attract a like-minded priest to get involved in the same journey.

The community of the church is becoming more and more multi-faceted. Last Monday in France a petition went online opposing the condition currently given to women in their own Church. The petition was promoted by the *Comité de la Jupe* (the Skirt Committee), founded in 2009 to promote male-female equality in the Church. The accompanying Press release stated, "This exclusion [of women] is the major cause of the clericalism condemned by Pope Francis. Thus, the attached petition demands that equality of responsibilities and rights between men and women finally be recognized in the Catholic Church." Within 24 hours some 1500 signatories had been obtained.

The Skirt Committee adopted its name from comments made in 2008 by Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, the former Archbishop of Paris. Speaking in a radio interview about the lack of women in Church leadership roles, he said: "The hardest thing is to find women who are well trained. It's not enough to wear a skirt. You must have something in your head." No wonder the women of France are angry. Anger in different brands of Australian politics has boiled up this week also, especially with the revelation of the attempts of two members of the One Nation Party to get sponsorship from the National Rifle Association of America.

The gospel today uncovers anger. It is one of the greatest stories in scripture. It is told in Luke's Gospel. Through this story Jesus is telling us what God is like compared to what we are often like. It is the story of the father with two sons. (Again, no women are in this story.) Both sons are angry in different ways. As Michael McGirr writes in the Lenten Program booklet that many of you are using in the discussion groups, "The Father does not meet anger with anger. He responds only with love and grace. He gives the first son freedom to make his mistakes. He challenges the second son to take a journey of his own: one from self-righteousness to generosity" (All I have is Yours, p 21). May we continue our journey through Lent this coming week free of anger.

## COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

Theme: FREEDOM



**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, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ***"Holy Smoke Batman! Film as a Spiritual Practice"*** Ms Anna Box  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> ***"Where does the Church go from here?"*** Fr Frank O'Loughlin

**Condolences:** Three families of our parish have been deeply touched by death in recent days. Our prayers are with the Arentz family as they bury Keith, a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather (aged 88). Also we remember fondly Brian Jacobs who will be buried next Tuesday at 10.00 am from OLA. Brian was a faithful member of the 11 am choir. Brian was 87. Our condolences to Judy, Damon and Lisa and families. Finally, our special thoughts are with the Moller family. Sandy Moller (age 52) wife of Gary, mother of Harry and Lyss, will be farewelled next Friday at 2.30 pm. It promises to be a large funeral. Sandy was a much-loved nurse at Sandringham hospital for about 30 years.

Traffic arrangements next Friday afternoon (start of school holidays). The school is arranging for Children from Prep to Grade 5 to be picked up from 1.30 pm. Grade 6 students will be returning from camp about 3.00 pm and will demount their buses in Centre Dandenong Rd in front of the school rather than in the school car park. The gates in the school church car park will be opened at 2.00 pm for Sandy's funeral.

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

### 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.

**KNITTING:** The next knitting day will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1pm. Please join the group in the Church Meeting Room. ALL WELCOME. The Knitting Stall will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April with Easter goodies to purchase. and remember...*Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either.*"

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

**CARD DAY:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161

**THANK YOU:** A very sincere thank you to all who made my Jubilee celebration so memorable – especially Fr Peter, Frances, the choir and organist, Lyn Dobson and all those who catered for us, and all who joined in the celebrations. Every Blessing to you all. Margaret Kenny MSS.



**OLA PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT- 24th of August** - tickets will go on sale 12 weeks prior. We are currently looking for sponsors. What does this include? Prior to the night your logo on any communication (inc Facebook page) distributed to the community. Your business will be announced at the beginning of the round and a brief description read out. Your logo will be on a screen during the trivia round and on the answer sheets. During breaks your business logo will be on a loop with other sponsors. You will receive a personalised certificate acknowledging your sponsorship of this event. If you would like further information please contact Siobhan Pinzone on [siobhanpinzone@icloud.com](mailto:siobhanpinzone@icloud.com)

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC PODCAST:** Austen Ivereich is a London-based Catholic journalist, author and commentator. Austin founded Catholic voices and published *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope, a biography of Pope Francis*. Austin was recently in Melbourne for the 2019 Helder Camara Lecture where he spoke on Pope Francis evangelising in the world as it is today.

Melbourne Catholic interviewed Austin about his history, his work in journalism and his many meetings with Pope Francis. Visit to hear the podcast at: <https://melbourncatholic.org.au/News/melbourne-catholic-podcast-austen-ivereich>

**ACU has extended the research deadline for their project allowing parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne extra time to participate in this important study.** The research is being conducted by the Australian Catholic University's Institute of Child Protection Studies, commissioned by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) This survey is aimed at children and young people from 10-18 years of age attending parish activities We ask that the online surveys are completed by the **10<sup>th</sup> of April 2019** (if possible). While the data is anonymous, we hope to share the overall results from these studies with parishes in upcoming newsletters. If you require any additional information about these studies, please do not hesitate to contact <http://bit.ly/2MOqAtV>

