

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah50:4-7;Ps21:8-0,17-20,23-24;Philippians2:6-11;Luke23:1-49

NEXT WEEK:

Apostles10:34,37-43;Psalm117:1-2,16-17,22-23;Colossians3:1-4; John20:1-9

PURIFIERS:

14th April: Helen Brennan
21st April: Janette Bywaters

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pierre Commins, Anne Bignoux,
Deon Medley, Henry (Harry) James Wilson,
Tony Wilson.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ildefonso Chan, Roberto Libre, Ced James,
Carmen Fuentes, Marisol Izruierdo, Mesake
Ravu, Loata Ravu, Cora Robinson.

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.

LITURGY TIMES: Holy Week/Ceremonies

Monday April 15

9.00 am
Communion service

Tuesday April 16

6.00 pm Mass

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7.30 pm
Communal celebration of Reconciliation

Wednesday April 17

9.15 am Mass

Holy Thursday April 18

7.30 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper (Followed by adoration till 10 pm)

Good Friday April 19

10.00 am
Walk of Witness around local churches. Begins outside Open Door Church near the Police Station in Nepean Highway.

10.40 am.

Conclusion of Walk of Witness in OLA followed by Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm
Solemn afternoon ceremonies of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday April 20

6.30 pm
The Easter Vigil commences

Easter Sunday April 21

9.00 am Mass
11.00 am Mass

Private Reconciliation Times

Wednesday April 17

9.45 to 10.30 am

Thursday April 18

10.00 to 11.00 am

Saturday April 20

9.00 to 10.00 am

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

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Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

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Palm Sunday - 14th April 2019



The journey of Lent reaches its climax with Holy Week that begins with Passion (or Palm) Sunday this weekend. The Triduum is the high point of the Church's Liturgical Year when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. These are the three Liturgical ceremonies encompassing the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday afternoon, and the Easter vigil and Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday evening. This Sunday we read the account of the passion and death of the Lord according to Luke. Luke's story gives details not included in the other passion accounts, such as the agony in the garden, the mocking by Herod, meeting the women on the way of the cross, and the "good" thief dying beside him. Once more we will immerse ourselves in the mystery of our redemption.

For those lucky enough to have made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land many special locations in Jerusalem associated with Holy Week will flood memories. Last January on the pilgrimage organised by Ria Greene at St Bede's we saw the old gnarled olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane that are over 2000 years old. We saw the stone on which many believe Jesus prayed during his agony. We saw the old stone road going up from the Kedron Valley to the house of Caiaphas and beyond into the old city of Jerusalem. At the house of Caiaphas Peter denied his Lord and the cock crowed three times. We stood in the stone dungeon where Jesus was imprisoned until he was dragged before Pilate the next morning. And of course in the bowels of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we touched the rock of Golgotha, and celebrated Mass in the tomb from which Jesus rose from the dead. Many rich memories! But it is our faith in Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit that draws us back each Easter as a community of faith to remember.

One reason why the Scribes and Pharisees wanted to do away with Jesus relates to the fact that Jesus said "Before Abraham ever was, I am." Astrophysicists this week are "over the moon" with the successful photograph of a black hole in a galaxy near ours 54 million light years away. Abraham lived about 3,800 years ago. Jesus, the creating Word of God, could say "Before the black hole formed all those millions of years ago, I am."

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

Theme: FREEDOM



PSALM REFLECTION

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Have you ever felt abandoned by God? How has God lifted you from your despair?

How have you praised and thanked God for the love?

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the 'foot washing' on Holy Thursday. Please gather in the church foyer by 7.25pm.

Thank you to all who have offered to assist with the Procession of the Cross during the Intercessions on Good Friday. Please collect from the foyer an outline regarding the day.

ANZAC DAY 2019: Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that broadly commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served". On the 25th April at 9.00am, OLA Parish will have the 'Raising of the Flag', followed by Mass. Afterwards, please join us for a sausage sizzle, ANZAC biscuits and tea and coffee. ALL WELCOME

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: Jesus & the origins of misogyny in the Catholic Church
Guest Speaker: Christopher James Geraghty. Wednesday, 1st May, 2019 at 7.30pm
VENUE: SANDRINGHAM HOTEL, cnr Beach road & Melrose street (melway 76 g9)
separate adjacent room for sip meeting. Booking for meal - phone hotel: 9598 7255
specify that booking is for sip, spirituality in the pub group meals can be ordered individually from a large menu with a range of prices. All are encouraged to gather for a meal from 6.00pm the presentation & conversation will follow at 7.30pm, to conclude about 9.00pm for further details contact Vin 9530 6004, Frances 9579 3920

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.

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.

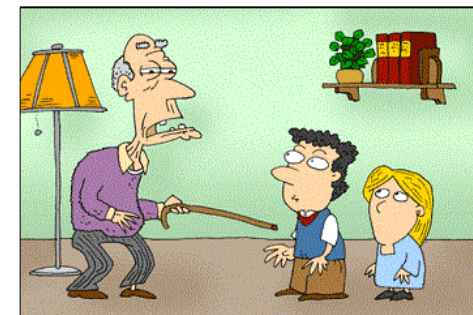
OLA PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT:24th of August - tickets will go on sale 12 weeks prior. We are currently looking for sponsors. What does this include? Prior to the night your logo on any communication (inc Facebook page) distributed to the community. Your business will be announced at the beginning 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

EXERCISE AND TAI CHI: will recommence 1st May.

SPARKS OF BEAUTY FILM SCREENING Pope Francis: A Man of His Word
Wednesday 1 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm Palace Kino Cinemas, Collins St
The Sparks of Beauty series is back for 2019! The series seeks to enter into dialogue with speakers from a variety of fields—art, science, music, literature, sport—and to celebrate the intersections between faith and life while encouraging a new imagining of Catholic spirituality in 21st century Australia. The first gathering for 2019 will be a film screening of Wim Wenders' film, *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*, which premiered at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival and was screened as part last year's Melbourne International Film Festival. More than just another documentary of a high profile figure in the world, the film seeks to illustrate what is at the heart of Pope Francis' life and leadership: Christian hope. **Cost:** \$30 adult, \$15 student (18 and under), \$100 for a group of five. Ticket includes light supper, popcorn and refreshments. **Bookings:** by Monday 22 April to Suzanne Hermon at evangelisation@cam.org.au. Seating is limited so book early!



Let us pray for wisdom. Let us pause from thinking and empty our mind. Let us stop the noise. In the silence let us listen to our heart. The heart which is buried alive. Let us be still and wait and listen carefully. A sound from the deep, from below. A faint cry. A weak tapping. Distant muffled feelings from within. The cry for help. We shall rescue the entombed heart. We shall bring it to the surface, to the light and the air. We shall nurse it and listen respectfully to its story. The heart's story of pain and suffocation, of darkness and yearning. We shall help our feelings to live in the sun. Together again we shall find relief and joy.
Amen.... *Michael Leunig.*



WHEN I WAS A KID WE HAD TO SAY OUR PRAYERS IN TWO FEET OF SNOW AND WALK TWO MILES JUST TO READ OUR BIBLES
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