

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Apostles 5:12-16; Ps 117:2-4, 22-27; Apocalypse 1:9-13; 17-19; John 20:19-31. **NEXT WEEK:** Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29:2, 4-6; 11-13; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**PURIFIERS:** 28<sup>th</sup> April : Patricia Campbell  
5<sup>th</sup> May: May Comas

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rosa Milicia, Moira Perry, Tyrone Power, Ann DeFontaine, Sr Marie Simm csb, Don Booth.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Felix Mondon, Sylvia Dib Shevaughan Anderson, Rita and Fred Fry.

**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:**

9.am: Louie Badaracco, son of Walter and Rebekah.

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwung people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. May we walk gently here.

**LITURGY TIMES:**

**Monday Apr 29**

9.15 am Communion Service

**Tuesday Apr 30**

6.00 pm Mass

**Wednesday May 1**

9.15 am Mass

**Thursday May 2**

9.15 am Mass  
(School Mini Vinnies Mass)

**Friday May 3**

9.15 am Mass

**Saturday May 4**

9.00 am Communion Service  
6.30 pm Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Easter)

**Sunday May 5**

9.00 am Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Easter)  
11.00 am Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Easter)

**CONFESSIONS:**

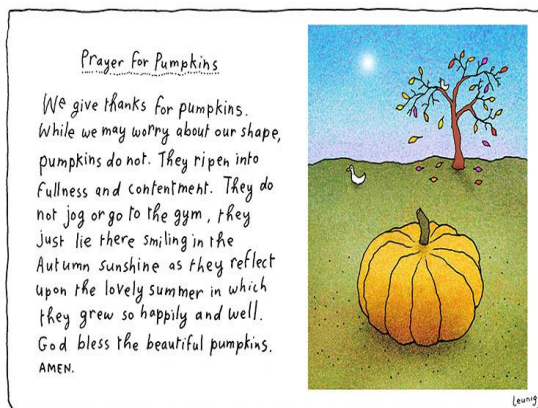
**Wednesday:** 9.45am

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 6.00pm

**PSALM REFLECTION**

***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.***

On this day, this very day, this Lord's day, what do you have to rejoice and be glad about?



**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham**

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**Psychologist:** AnneMaree Eddy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter Apr 28, 2019**

Every year on this second Sunday of Easter we listen to the story of Thomas, the doubter. On the day of resurrection, he wasn't with the other disciples when Jesus appeared among them. Now on this second Sunday he is with them and the Lord appears again and invites him to put his fingers in the holes the nails made. Thomas then makes his great act of faith: "My Lord, and my God." It has been said that even if we are the most ardent of believers, we must be pursued in some way, shape or form by the human condition that is doubt.

Last Sunday morning I mentioned John Meier, an American Scripture Scholar, who concludes his study of the historical Jesus this way: "That there were witnesses known by name who claimed that the risen Jesus appeared to them, that these witnesses included disciples of the historical Jesus who had deserted him out of fear and then did a remarkable turnaround (*volte face*) after his disgraceful death, that these disciples were not demented incompetents but people capable of intelligent propagation of a new movement, and that some of these disciples laid down their lives for the truth of their resurrection appearances – are all historical facts. How people react to these facts and to the historical Jesus brings one beyond empirical investigation into the sphere of religious decision, of belief and unbelief" (NJBC 78:57).

The belief of Christians is facing considerable violence in our time. The bombings of Christian (Catholic) churches in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday morning is part of this sad unfolding story. Persecution, murder, violence is happening every week around the world against Christian Catholic faith, even in so-called Catholic countries like Mexico, and other parts of Central and Latin America. Few are saying anything about it. The Christian identity of victims is often "photo-shopped" out, but not if they are Moslem or other victims. The London Tablet this weekend notes that the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster are highlighting this anti-Christian persecution. The editorial notes: "Their outspoken intervention lifts the lid on an internal Foreign and Commonwealth Office culture that appears to have systematically blanked out signs of a worldwide catastrophe that places Christianity in the front rank of persecuted faiths. The result is that British diplomacy and trade policy is conducted without consideration of human rights abuses in the context of religion." The British Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, is a committed Christian who is one trying the change the culture.

Thomas turned his doubt into deep faith, and tradition says he died a martyr for that faith in India and buried somewhere in Madras. The Syro-Malabar tradition sees Thomas as their patron saint.

**Fr Peter**

**THANK YOU:** There was no bulletin over the Easter weekend but I record here my thanks to everyone who played different parts in our Lenten and Easter celebrations. I thank our singers and musicians, our readers and commentators. I thank all who helped with the Lenten and Easter decorations, especially Maree Holmes and her husband Colin, and the flower arrangers, and the washers and ironers of our purifiers. With communion under both kinds at all Masses there are many purifiers to clean each week. I thank our own parish team, especially Frances for all her preparation work with the groups and the PowerPoint preparation and operation. Holy Week was a very busy week especially with our communal celebration of reconciliation as well as the liturgy of the Triduum beginning on Holy Thursday night. As usual the powerful liturgy of the Triduum carries us all through. Those events were quickly followed this week with our ANZAC commemoration and thank you to St V de P and their helpers for the sausage sizzle after the Mass, and the baking of some delicious anzac biscuits.

**CONDOLENCES:** We were saddened to hear that Rosa Milicia of Moonda Grove died suddenly at home on Holy Saturday. Rosa was almost a daily attender at our weekday Masses. Her son Anthony and daughter Gina were planning a big trip to take their mother back to Italy to visit all the relatives in a couple of months. Rosa's funeral will be next Wednesday at noon here at OLA. She will be buried with her husband Frank (Francesco) in Cheltenham cemetery.

**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

**BRIGID ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT:** Our Annual Trivia Night in aid of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project will be held on Friday 23 August at 7.30 in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Holyrood St Hampton. \$25 per person. Come and join a table or make a table of 8-10 people. BYO food and drinks. Tea and Coffee provided. Contact: Colette 9598 7329 or colfoxw@gmail.com

**“ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 features Union Leader Mr Joe de Bruyn. Come along and hear the former National Secretary of the SDA talk the application of Catholic Social Teaching in the Labour Movement. The venue remains the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 Bernie Docherty 0428 890 185

Bookings: Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/484991](http://www.trybooking.com/484991). The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.”

**O.L.S.H. OPEN MORNING:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am start. To register visit: [www.olsh.vic.edu.au](http://www.olsh.vic.edu.au). Year 7 2021. Accepting enrolments until August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**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.

**FR.PETER'S AFTERNOON TEA:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm is when will be holding our celebration for Father Peter. If you would like to assist with the afternoon tea, please put you name down on the sign-up sheets in the church foyer. Thank you all for your continued support of Father Peter and our Parish.

**CARD DAY:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161

**KNITTING GROUP:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. Come join this wonderful group. Chatting and of course,....Knitting? Who could ask for anything more? Please come to Exodus Hall this week, which is directly opposite the parish office. Newcomers always welcome.

