

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Aspostles13:14,43-52;Psalm99:1-3,5;Apocalypse7:9,14-17;John10:27-30

NEXT WEEK:Apostles14:21-27;Psalm144:8-13;Apocalypse21:1-5;John13:31-35

PURIFIERS: 12th May: Marjorie Connolly
19th May: Sylvaine De Robillard

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Meg Heriot, Ana Maria Van De Wyngard, Arthur Clarke, Bill Squires, Stella Taranto.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Beveridge, Elizabeth Mott, Jason Panting, Stephen Coulson, Brian Haggarty, Barry Bursey, Billie McKenzie, Anka Zgela, Elenoa Bukasoqo, Timoci Bukasoqo, Josephine Dridan, Dunstant Muller, Pauline Buller, Elaine Curtain, Mike Collins, Nguyen Thi Tho, Do Trung Cu.

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:

9.00am: Matilda Levett, daughter of Nat & Fallon, Tobias Ling, son of Ferraby & Melear.

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwong 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 May 13

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday May 14

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday May 15

9.15 am Mass

Thursday May 16

9.15 am Communion Service

Friday May 17

9.15 am Communion Service
(Tercentenary Masses for St John Baptist de la Salle)

Saturday May 18

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (5th Easter)

Sunday May 19

9.00 am Mass (5th Easter)

11.00 am Mass (5th Easter)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am

Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

PSALM REFLECTION

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

This psalm revels in the joy that being God's people evokes.

What fills you with joy? How does it affect your life, your actions?

DRIVER NEEDED: We looking for a volunteer to bring a gentleman to Mass each Sunday, either 9am or 11am from Sandfield (Arcare). If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 9583 6161.



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

4th Sunday Easter May 12th 2019

On this Mother's Day of 2019, we thank and bless our mothers, true shepherds of our families. An interesting story about a mother came to light from the vocations office this week. Pope Pius X (1835-1914) was a very humble man and had a saintly mother, Margherita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a seamstress and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian's education.) When he was installed as Cardinal and Patriarch of Venice in 1893, his mother (who died soon after in 1894) was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large patriarchal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, "Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours!" He became Pope nine years later.

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." These words are part of the Gospel this Sunday. Besides being Mother's Day this is also Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a time each year to pray for vocations. The Liberals say they have created a million jobs over the last number of years. Have they created any vocations? Have any of us? Voluntary work with the St V de P is a vocation, and many in our parish are following that vocation. But we are desperate for vocations to the priesthood in our land, and our city.

The impending vacancy here at OLA was advertised to all priests in the Archdiocese on Thursday. Cheltenham, Highett, Mt Eliza and Alexandra/Yea are all either vacant or becoming vacant soon. Our parish profile, which has gone to all parishes, is on the notice board.

Our current Pope Francis hopefully might inspire many young men to think about the priesthood. I know John XXIII inspired me when he became Pope in 1958. Francis scares many traditionalists. A group of them recently accused him of heresy for daring to change old teaching of the church especially in regard to divorcees and readmission to the sacraments. They do not believe in the development of doctrine which has been expounded by Cardinal John Henry Newman in 19th century Oxford and even earlier by Vincent of Lerins in the 5th century. The heresy hunters refer to Pope Francis' teaching in his encyclical "Laetitia Amoris" (The joy of love) which emerged following his participation in the two Synods of Bishops in 2014 and 2015. "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice."

The Vocations Office have sent the posters for this year, and are on the notice board with photographs of the seminarians studying either here or in Rome. We look at their names and faces and realise most are either migrants to our land or sons of migrants.

Fr Peter

TERCENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE: This week De La Salle Colleges around the world will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the death of St John Baptist de la Salle who founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools (known as the De La Salle Brothers in Australia). The four De La Salle Colleges in Melbourne will all be celebrating the event simultaneously at 10.30 am on Friday with the Eucharist. Instead of each College (De La Salle, Malvern, St Bede's, St John's Dandenong, and St James, East Bentleigh) having the Mass just for its own students various year groups from each College will be bussed to different venues. For example, the Year 12's from St Bede's and St John's will go to Malvern. Others will go the Cathedral hosted by St James, others to Dandenong and still others to St Bede's. As an old boy of Malvern I will be concelebrating there and hence a communion service will be held here at OLA that morning.

On Saturday 8 June, 2019, with the onset of Winter, **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA** will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help.

Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Lucia Brick at lucia.brick@css.org.au, tel 03 9287 5566.

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

FUNDRAISER FOR THE STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION: High Tea to be held in Exodus Hall at O.L.A, Sunday 19th May at 2.00pm. All money raised will go to African orphans whose parents have died of AIDS, these children are cared for by their grandmothers. Stephen Lewis foundation is a worldwide group, and we have our own 'bayside grannies', which is one of five groups in Melbourne raising money for this cause. They would love you to support them, and help support these children in need. Contact Ann Lynch on 95849518 or 04223881

KILBREDA COLLEGE: OPEN MORNINGS: 21st May and 7th June, 9.00am start. To register visit: www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au 'Educating girls in the Brigidine Tradition since 1904'.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS: to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 17 May at 6.30pm. The concert will be presented by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, St Patrick's Cathedral and ANZCO NEXT GEN Young Organists' and will feature 9 organists performing works by French composers including Felix-Alexandre Guilmant, Louis Vierne, Marcel Dupré, Olivier Messiaen. Tickets: \$25.00 Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCKDO

KNITTING GROUP: The next knitting day will be on Tuesday 14th May at 1.00pm in the Meeting Room. All Welcome. *'If I knit fast enough, does it count as aerobic activity?'*

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE 50 plus years Reunion from 1969: Please join us at St Bede's for a special 50 years+ reunion for the Classes 1969 and before. Celebrating over 50 years since attending the College. **When:** 21st June, Time: 11.30am in the Function Room at St Bede's College (best entry via Gate 7 Palermo Street), **Where:** Meet at St Bede's College for a tour before lunch at the Mentone R.S.L. Cost: \$50 per head. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/bayzz.

Contact: Jo Hynes 95825999 or Email: olcolls@stedes.catholic.edu.au

ENJOY A TOUR AROUND INDIA: Explore India's beauty and it's unique experiences in this 17 day journey lead by Fr. Ralph Besterwitch that features Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Goa, Mysore, Alleppey. Experience elephant ride, Fishing, Classical Indian performances, Organic Farm visits, 1 Night on the Houseboat and more for an all-inclusive price of \$5190. The group departs on 2nd November 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 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 info@magiholidays.com.au.**

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven..... And help them to know how much they are loved on Mother's day and every other day.

Amen.

HEALING MASS REFRESHMENT ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER. Thank you all.

