

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Apostles 14:21-27; Psalm 144:8-13; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35.

**NEXT WEEK:** Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66:2-3, 5-8; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

**PURIFIERS:**

19<sup>th</sup> May: Sylvaine De Robillard  
26<sup>th</sup> May: Irene Dib

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Arthur Clarke, Maria Szczygiel, Vincent Amerena, Terry Donnell, John Milne, Robyn Richards, Kevin Wocester, Mitchell Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anka Zgela, Frank Duffy, Franjo Fajic, Marija Fajic, Joe Charters, Eva Bartolovic, Vjekoslav Madjarevic, Sara Paredes, Anita Hitschfeld, Malcolm Hogg, Vladimir Gazdik.

**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.

**BAPTISM/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: Adele Lily Tanner, daughter of Adam and Louisa.

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwurrong 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 20**

9.15 am Communion Service

**Tuesday May 21**

6.00 pm Mass

**Wednesday May 22**

9.15 am Mass

**Thursday May 23**

9.15 am Communion Service

**Friday May 24**

9.15 am Mass

**Saturday May 25**

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Easter)

**Sunday May 26**

9.00 am Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Easter)

11.00 am Mass (6<sup>th</sup> Easter)

**CONFESSIONS:**

**Wednesday:** 9.45am

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 6.00pm

**PSALM REFLECTION**

**I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.**

In this psalm David praises God for being compassionate. How have you experienced God's compassion?  
How are you compassionate to God's creatures, human and otherwise?

**Come along for a cuppa after the 9am and 11am masses. ALL WELCOME**



**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Matheson **Pastoral Associates:** Frances North and Christine Dunne

**Psychologist:** Anne Maree Eddy

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019**

“Now I am making the whole of creation new.” These words from the Book of the Apocalypse end our second reading in this weekend's liturgy. They sound like a political promise. But this is more than a promise; it is a statement of fact. We are an Easter people, and always an Easter people, transforming creation and our human cultures with the reality of Easter life, with Easter hope, and love, and peace.

The Archbishop called all priests to a meeting in the Diocesan Centre on Thursday morning to announce his dream of doing something new in Melbourne based around four priorities: faith communities, families (and hence schools), youth, and the poor. How these priorities will help reshape the Melbourne church, which has been bruised and battered by the sexual abuse crisis, is yet to be seen. He wants a more simplified and unified structure of the central agencies, and will seek to employ a person to bring this amalgamation together. One sign of advance is that he introduced two women he has brought into his key leadership group. One lady, Agnes Sheehan, has come over from a key leadership role with Telstra. She is an Irish woman from Cork and she spoke with passion about the priorities helping to reshape the Melbourne church.

The Archbishop also drew our attention to the fact that this weekend marks the 180th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in Melbourne. It was celebrated by a young Franciscan priest, Patrick Bonaventure Geoghegan, on a makeshift altar in a shack in Elizabeth St. It was May 19, 1839, and Pentecost Sunday that year. Geoghegan was born in Dublin, and volunteered for the Australian mission soon after his ordination. After a few months in Bathurst Bishop Polding sent him down to start the Melbourne mission. The Catholic dream began here that Pentecost Sunday 180 years ago. A few weeks later the Government gave Geoghegan a grant of land on the corner of Elizabeth and Lonsdale streets and a meagre salary to look after the 3000 Catholics in the Melbourne population of 10,000. He laid the first stone of what was to become St Francis' Church on the feast of St Francis of Assisi in 1841.

As someone on the wrong side of 75 I would love to have the energy to keep supporting the Archbishop and contribute to the reshaping of the Melbourne Church. But despite all the different theological and political stances evident in our current Melbourne Catholic identity we can take heart that the reshaping of the Melbourne church will stand on strong foundations, and that the risen Lord is always making the whole of creation new.

**Fr Peter**

**THANKSGIVING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.** The next set of envelopes for the program are now available in the foyer. But, in accordance with our usual practice, there is a letter for everyone involved in the program whether you give via the envelopes or not. This is my last letter to all contributors, and I want to thank you all on behalf of all in the parish for your support of our parish and its projects over the dozen years I have been here at OLA. It has been, and is, a great parish. Last week we received a lovely letter from Libby Saunders who coordinates the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project thanking us for the 1% of Thanksgiving we sent them recently which will keep an Afghani refugee lady in accommodation in Dandenong for another four months. Thank you all, and please keep up the financial support of our parish in its ministry to all.

**THANK YOU from Fr Sean Smith:** The parish received a letter of thanks from Fr Sean Smith, who is the Director of the Born to Live Charity. Sr Sue was a great advocate for the charity, and thanks to your generosity we were able to pass on the amount of \$872 from sales of Sr Sue's beautiful cards. This money will benefit children in Thailand who are born with HIV. As Fr Sean said in his letter to the parish...' We miss her very much, and we know OLA does too as she brought a ray of sunshine when she walked into a room'.

**JOIN THE WAR ON WASTE!** Wednesday 29 May, 10.10 - 11.15 am. Waste expert Freya Vickery from the City of Kingston will visit OLA to discuss actions we can take to care for our environment. All parishioners, visitors and OLA Primary School teachers and students are welcome! Everyone attending Freya's excellent presentation last year learned something new about recycling and reuse of materials. OLA students were stimulated to set up their WOW (War on Waste) program for 2018. Come, listen, ask those questions you have been seeking answers for. Help reduce our environmental footprint, avoid filling up landfills and make our world a cleaner and healthier place. In the church, after 9.15am Mass. Fill out the RSVP form in the foyer. Entry free

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](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au), tel 03 9287 5566.

**PAST PUPILS OF DISTINCTION 2019:** If you know an outstanding past pupil from Kilbreda College, Kilbreda encourages you to nominate them as a Past Pupil of Distinction. Nominations close 14<sup>th</sup> June. You can submit nominations at [www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au) For all other enquiries contact Denise Leonard at [denise127@optusnet.com.au](mailto:denise127@optusnet.com.au)

**KILBREDA COLLEGE: OPEN MORNINGS:** 21<sup>st</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9.00am start. To register visit: [www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au) 'Educating girls in the Brigidine Tradition since 1904'.

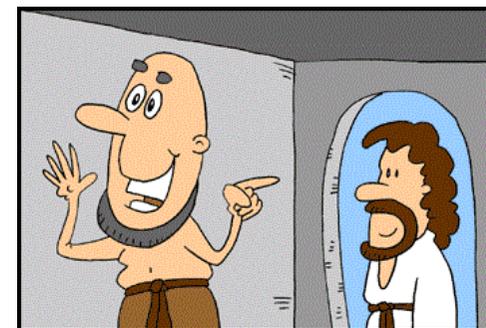
**ST BEDE'S COLLEGE 50 plus years Reunion from 1969:** Please join us at St Bede's for a special 50 years+ reunion for the Classes 1969 and before. Celebrating over 50 years since attending the College. **When:** 21<sup>st</sup> June, Time: 11.30am in the Function Room at St Bede's College (best entry 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](http://www.trybooking.com/bayzz). Contact: Jo Hynes 95825999 or Email: [olcolls@stedes.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olcolls@stedes.catholic.edu.au)

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Fr Peter and all the wonderful parishioners for their prayers and kind thoughts on the death of my brother Peter Renkin. *Elizabeth Thomas.*

**NEWS FROM O.L.A. PRIMARY:** Last year many of the students at OLA entered a competition run by Kingston City Council. Students were invited to design roadside banners to warn people about littering and promote recycling. Out of the hundreds of people who entered, there were only two winners: one of them was Xander Tsaousidis from 4/5OL. Well done Xander! On Monday, Freya Vickery from Kingston Council came to present Xander's certificate and the completed banner at yesterday's whole school assembly. The banner is going to be placed on the school fence on Centre Dandenong Road and then moved around to different spots throughout Kingston Council in coming weeks. Keep an eye out for it! Thank you Xander for building more connections with our wider community. **O.L.A PRIMARY NEWS: WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!** For every \$10 you spend in store you will receive a sticker and essentially the more stickers our school collects the more sports and learning items we can receive. There are collection boxes at Woolworths Southland and Woolworths Thrift Park, and also in the church foyer. The promotion period operates from Wednesday 1st May until 25th June.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** The Social Justice Group will be meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room. New member are welcome.

**PLEASE TAKE THE HEALING MASS REFRESHMENT ROSTERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.** Thank you all.



Thanks to Paul  
04-28-2001  
HEY HONEY, MY BEST FRIEND IS HERE AND HE SAYS I HAVE TO DROP EVERYTHING AND GO FISHING