

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66:2-3, 5-8; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

NEXT WEEK: Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

PURIFIERS:

26th May: Irene Dib
2nd June: Linda Foley

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doris Borg, Barbara Chalmers, Adlo Zucchet, Margaret Boag.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne McKeown, Fredrick Neal,
Ruza Tomljanovic, Frances Murphy, Teresita Salvador, Anne McMahon, Melania Völkel

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.

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 27

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday May 28

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday May 29

9.15 am Mass

Thursday May 30

9.15 am Communion Service

Friday May 31

9.15 am Mass (Visitation)

Saturday June 1

9.00 am Mass (St Justin Martyr)

6.30 pm Mass (Ascension)

Sunday June 2

9.00 am Mass (Ascension)

11.00 am Mass (Ascension)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am

Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

PSALM REFLECTION

O God, O God let all the nations praise you!

What do **YOU** praise God for? What do you **DO** about it? How does what **YOU** do make a difference

REMINDERS: Thanksgiving envelopes and healing mass rosters waiting for you to collect in the Church Foyer.
Many thanks again all.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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6th Sunday Easter 26th May 2019

The Federal elections are over for another three years. Labor are licking their wounds. The Greens remain a minority party. Clive Palmer got nothing despite spending millions. As the week ends analysts are suggesting that Labor's disrespect of freedom of religion is a major reason for their loss, especially in Western Sydney. Scott Morrison's explicit Pentecostal faith certainly did not damage his standing.

There is a widespread acknowledgement of the power of religious faith in Australia despite so many expressing atheism or at least agnosticism. The Holy Spirit is quietly active. Les Murray, Australia's honorary Poet Laureate who died recently, wrote a poem called "The Barranong Angel Case." The Angel comes a few times to Barranong, a stranger, and he talked religion and the locals did not like it. The last lines of the poem are "Besides, what he told us had to do with love. And people here, they don't think that's quite – manly."

The Easter season is drawing to an end for 2019. Next week we celebrate Ascension Day, and then the next Sunday is Pentecost. And of course that falls in the middle of the June long weekend. We can't have Pentecost disturbing our long weekend!! So the Scripture readings for this 6th Sunday of Easter speak of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the great teacher of God. The Acts of the Apostles reflects the struggle between different factions in the early Church about how to welcome the pagans into the fold. The Holy Spirit was involved there, quietly, disturbingly. Besides faith, was anything needed? The Apocalypse reading gives the vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, our final home, basking in the glory of God.

Over the whole journey, from beginning to end, we sense the presence and warmth of the Holy Spirit. The name that Jesus gives this Spirit in today's gospel is the Advocate, that is, the one called to be alongside us forever, who in the gentleness and fullness of time, will teach us everything. The Spirit is the great female figure of Sophia, the teacher of truth and the holder of memory.

Fr Peter



ECUMENICAL LITURGY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – OLA Pentecost Sunday 5 pm (June 9). Anyone of any faith is welcome to come. Because of factors affecting some of our sister churches in Cheltenham, and because of the long weekend, the numbers will be fewer than normal but let us who can come together and pray.

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, 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 14th June. You can submit nominations at www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au For all other enquiries contact Denise Leonard at denise127@optusnet.com.au

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

Celebrating Volunteers of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham

Please join us in celebrating all who volunteer within

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

as part of *National Volunteer Week* 2019.

Morning Tea

after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses today.

THE CAUSE FOR SAINTHOOD FOR THE BLESSED MARGARET POLE:

Tuesday 28 May, 6.30pm. St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliot. *Margaret died for the Faith. She was a martyr who died courageously because she was the target of 'odium fidei', hatred of the faith, and that was the judgement of Pope Leo XIII in 1886 when he beatified Margaret Pole, the Countess of Salisbury. (niece to King Richard III) Inspired by her Australian descendant, the Earl of Loudoun, we pray in this Mass that she will be raised to the altars of Holy Church as Saint Margaret Pole. May she pray for us as we gather to promote her just cause.* – Bishop Peter Elliot. Leading Opera Soprano Rada Tochalna will sing two arias, Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus, as sung by Andrea Bocelli at the recent Royal Wedding. Dress is lounge suit and after 6pm wear. Uniforms and Medals are appropriate. **RSVP:** eactionet@aol.com

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.

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



KNITTING GROUP: The next knitting group will be held on Tuesday 28th May at 1pm in the Church Meeting room. Next weekend will be the knitting stall (1st & 2nd June), after all masses. Loads of wonderful woollen items to purchase, and all money raised will go to the St Vincent De Paul Cheltenham Conference.

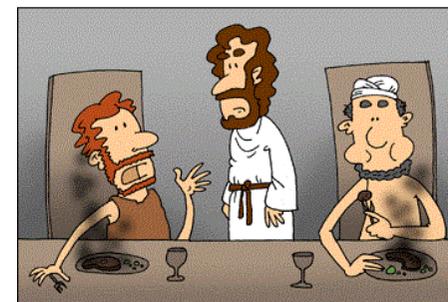
CARD DAY: Wednesday, 5th June at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161

NEEDED: Does anyone have an electric low/high bed to sell. Contact 0408336456 or 95837786.

Autumn



'If I get old, I'll turn to gold,
And Orange, Brown or Red.
The wind will blow and I'll let go,
And float out of my bed.
I'll flutter up across the sky,
Beyond this world of grief.
Away up high, I'm going to fly,
A great big Autumn leaf. Michael Leunig



Thanks to Michael Dale (See John 2:1-11) 08-02-2011
THE WINE IS GREAT ... IS THERE ANYTHING AT ALL YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE STEAK?