

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15. **NEXT WEEK:** Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109:1-4; Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

**PURIFIERS:** 16<sup>th</sup> June: Helen Haggarty  
23<sup>rd</sup> June: Lisa Harris

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gary Mitten, Katherine Canavan, Ern Pearson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Louise Fennessy, Ray Connolly, Julijana Fajic, Katarina Pigac, Julie Caprackas, Antonino Paino, Cyril Fitzsimons, Cecilia Mumford, Reg Dunlop, Leonides Guevara, Leo Guevara, Myra Kett.

**\*Combined Catholic Charities receipts now available in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued support.**

**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 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:**

**Monday June 17**

9.15 am Communion Service

**Tuesday June 18**

6.00 pm Mass

**Wednesday June 19**

9.15 am Mass

**Thursday June 20**

9.15 am Mass

**Friday June 21**

9.15 am Mass

**Saturday June 22**

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (Corpus Christi)

**Sunday June 23**

9.00 am Mass (Corpus Christi)

11.00 am Mass (Corpus Christi)

**CONFESSIONS:**

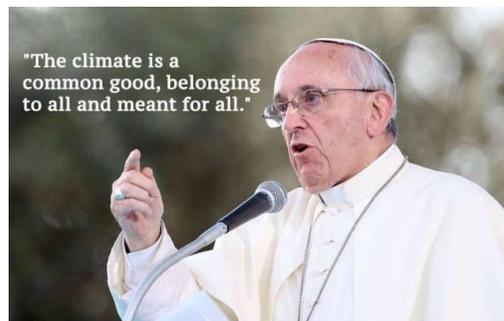
**Wednesday:** 9.45am

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 6.00pm

**PSALM REFLECTION**

**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own**

How do you steward the creatures of God's earth? What more can you do to cherish the life of our planet?



**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



**Trinity Sunday June 16, 2019**

The Holy Spirit, the Wisdom of God, echoes through the first reading today. The final words are these: *"I was at his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with his sons and daughters."* It is a delightful image of the Holy Spirit, the master craftsman (or woman), who delights in playing beside us every day.

The second reading (from Paul's letter to the Romans) highlights that it is through faith in Jesus that we have entered this state of grace that will draw us beyond suffering into the glory of God. Finally in the gospel from John Jesus reminds his disciples that the Spirit will come to lead them to complete truth – and that truth is the oneness of the Father, Son and Spirit into whom we are all been drawn.

During the week different panels interviewed applicants for the position of deputy principal of OLA school on Tuesday, and for principal on Thursday. It was a difficult job as we had excellent applicants for the positions. I am happy to say that an internal applicant from the school, Caitlan Prosser, won out for the position of deputy principal over other excellent external applicants, and she will take over from Jacqueline Southwell who is going on maternity leave early next term. Congratulations to Caitlan who is currently the RE leader in the school.

The panel that met on Thursday to choose a new principal to take over from Leonie Young, when she retires at the end of the year, has also come to a decision after interviewing three excellent short listed applicants. Currently the name of the successful applicant is with the office of the Archbishop for ratification. Once ratification is confirmed and the successful applicant accepts the position there will be an arranged time for simultaneous announcement of the news to the school staffs at OLA and the applicant's school.

It is hoped that this news will emerge sometime this coming week. Thank you for your prayers.

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Another meeting took place last Tuesday of the Personnel Advisory Board to determine arrangements for OLA (and other parishes) after my retirement. I have not heard any results of that meeting. So there is nothing further to report on that matter. 25 years ago many groups in parishes were involved in "Tomorrow's Church" meetings because we knew then that there would be a crisis in filling and partnering parishes within a generation. A new archbishop was appointed in 1996 and "Tomorrow's Church" was closed down. Maybe now it is up to the Plenary Council to take over from the bishops. An editorial in the London Tablet this weekend says: "There is a sense that church leadership in Britain has reverted to its comfort zone: the management of decline. Bold initiatives are not in fashion." Perhaps it is not only in Britain.

*Fr Peter*

### **ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY, WINTER APPEAL:**

This weekend our OLA Cheltenham Conference is asking for donations of cash, and blankets or non-perishable food which can be placed in the baskets in the church foyer. Conference members will be in the foyer to accept cash/credit card donations and issue receipts for taxation purposes. Appeal Envelopes are available to record credit card details. However, if you do not need a receipt please note that all notes/coin on the collection plate this weekend will also go to our Conference. Thanks to your past generosity our volunteers have been able to provide much appreciated help to the needy in our area, as detailed in last week's Bulletin.

**FR. PETER'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION:** As you know, Fr. Peter has graciously agreed to extend his time with us until 17<sup>th</sup> July, there being, as yet, no potential replacement for him. However, the celebrations planned for 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June will go ahead as planned. **Each Mass** of that weekend – **6.30pm, 9am and 11am** - will be exactly the same Liturgy, celebrating the great blessing Fr. Peter has been to OLA and the Melbourne Church. And of course Afternoon Tea at 2pm in Brigid Hall. **ALL WELCOME**

**WORLD REFUGEE DAY - CIRCLE OF SILENCE AT THE STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA:** On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm - 3pm, we will form a public circle of silence for ten minutes, hear from Sr Brigid Arthur of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and be present outside the front of the State Library of Victoria on World Refugee Day to send a message of protest and hope. Bring your friends, students, parish group and a banner! All Welcome! Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 3pm. Outside the front of the State Library of Victoria. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/610275222803729/>

### **WE CARE – RESPONDING TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT.**

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care. Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear. The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Copies of the letter are available in our parish and online: [www.cam.org.au/euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia) Please read and share it.

### **ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING PEOPLE ON THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH?**

Our Parish team is beginning a *Journey of Faith* for any people in our community interested in becoming a Catholic. It is a journey with a group of like-minded people. The 'process' is called the RCIA ~ *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. It involves those wishing to be baptised as Catholics, those wanting full communion with the Catholic Church but baptised in other Christian denominations, and any parishioner wishing to deepen their faith. If you are curious or interested in this journey, or wish to be involved in a supportive capacity, please contact the Parish 9583 6161. It would be so supportive to have people from our Parish family available at our different Masses to sit and accompany Inquirers, Catechumens, or Candidates, while they become familiar with 'what we do' as Catholics! The date for the first enquiry night is Wednesday July 24 in the parish office.

### **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.



IT WAS JUST METHUSELAH'S BIRTHDAY CANDLES AGAIN!