

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm109:1-4; Corinthians11:23-26; Luke9:11-17

NEXT WEEK:

Kings19:16,19-21; Psalm15:1-2,5,7-11;

Galatian5:1,13-18; Luke9:51-62

PURIFIERS: 23rd June: Lisa Harris

30 June: Jennifer Keely

RECENTLY DECEASED: Monica Alderton, Joan Doherty, Susanna Waterson, Vera Zlaty. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill Holmes, Jane Flannery, Grace Andrews, Phoebe Wilson, Eva Mary Flood, Gumersindo Nombrado, Martin Nombrado, Tomas Aviles, Jesus Aviles, Kitty Lohan, Judy Pettett, John and Doris Charleston, Ernie Crowden, Edward Driscoll, Emily De Freitas.

**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 24

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday June 25

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday June 26

9.15 am Mass

Thursday June 27

9.15 am Mass

Friday June 28

9.15 am Mass

Saturday June 29

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (13th Sunday Ord Time)

Sunday June 30

9.00 am Mass (13th Sunday Ord Time)

11.00 am Mass (13th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am

Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

PSALM REFLECTION

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

When have you felt God's strength supporting you in times of trial?



God bless our contradictions, those parts of us which seem out of character. Let us be boldly and gladly out of character. Let us be creatures of paradox and variety: creatures of contrast; of light and shade; creatures of faith. God be our constant. Let us step out of character into the unknown,

to struggle and love and do what we will.

Amen



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Corpus Christi June 23, 2019

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we read Luke's version of the miracle story of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish. It is the only miracle story that is told by all four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). According to tradition it occurred near Tabgha, a small village on the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee. A modern church now stands over the foundations of a much older church in the floor of which is an ancient mosaic of two fish and a basket of loaves. At some time in history the original chapel was built to honour the place of the miracle. On our Lasallian pilgrimage to Israel back in January we enjoyed quiet moments in and around that church.

During the week Grade 4 & 5 students came with their parents to a reflection evening on Catholic Social Justice issues. The theme was "stewardship", caring for our mother earth in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si." We welcome a number of these students and their parents to Mass here this weekend. Towards the end of the Pope's encyclical he writes of the spirituality of stewardship and he suggests that everyone should return to the lovely tradition of grace before and after meals. In our Eucharists we have a special "Grace before the meal." When the gifts are carried forward the priest prays: "Blessed are you, Lord God of creation, for through your goodness we have this bread (wine) to offer, fruit of the earth (vine) and work of human hands. It will become for us our bread of life (spiritual drink)." It is based on an ancient Jewish Blessing Prayer. As Pope Francis says our grace before meals should remind us of our dependence on God for life. It strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation. It acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods, and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need (cf # 227).

As I draw closer to the day of retirement, I think back on so many Eucharists I have celebrated over nearly 50 years – in parish churches, in school chapels, in homes, in the bush, in school rooms, and in big and small cathedrals. The Eucharists were for young couples marrying, or funerals for young or old. As a sacred meal in memory of what the Lord did on the night he was betrayed, it is always a sacred nourishment of body and soul for all who gather around the table. It strengthens our deep union with our God, and God's earth. I am conscious that Jesus gave the bread and the fish to the disciples to distribute among the crowd. Again this week there is no further word about who might be sent here to replace me in the distribution of the Eucharist to you, the OLA community. Because we have shared so many Eucharists over these past twelve years we are one body with the Lord, and I am feeling more and more like a shepherd deserting his sheep. But the age clock keeps ticking and I can't turn it back.

Fr Peter

NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR 2020: At lunch time on Thursday the school staff were informed that their new principal starting next year will be Richard Jacques, currently principal at St Roch's School in Glen Iris. Later that day a letter was sent to school parents informing them of the decision. Richard is a young married man with two children living in South Caulfield. He has some 20 years of teaching experience and six years' experience as principal. We all wish Richard well in his new role. I wish publicly to thank Leonie Young for her nineteen years of dedicated service to this community. She has brought her years of experience as a leader of Catholic schools to her role here as principal of OLA, and extended her wisdom and experience while among us. She has formed excellent leadership teams along the way, many of whom have gone on to leadership positions in other schools. I wish her well in retirement with many years of good health ahead. I pray she will take good memories with her of her time here. (Fr Peter)

MY NEW HOME: Sometime over the next few weeks I will be moving into new accommodation in Mentone which has come into the name of the Priests Retirement Foundation (PRF). Fr Gerry Sullivan, a Melbourne priest, previously owned it. He died seven years ago and bequeathed it to the PRF on the proviso that his sister live in it until her death. His sister, Margaret, died last year. Currently one of our registered builders in the parish, Steve Hout, is renovating the 50-year-old unit. The location is excellent, close to the Mentone railway station, and to OLA. I thank Fr Gerry Sullivan and the PRF for providing a comfortable and close place of retirement. It is also close to Kilbreda and St Bede's who will line me up for odd jobs. (Fr Peter)

FR. PETER'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: As you know, Fr. Peter has graciously agreed to extend his time with us until 17th July, there being, as yet, no potential replacement for him. However, the celebrations planned for 29th/30th 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**

CATERING FOR FR PETER'S AFTERNOON TEA: Thank you to those people who have kindly offered to assist with catering. Drop off times are as follows to Brigid Hall: Saturday 12.30pm, Sunday 10.00am or bring on the day.

DRIVER REQUIRED: Volunteer driver for elderly parishioner to come to any Mass on the weekend. Please let the parish office know if you can help. Thank you.

THANK YOU: To Father Peter, Frances and the OLA Community, thank you for your prayers and support you have provided us on the passing of our mother Vera Zlaty....*The Zlaty Family*

SOCIAL JUSTICE: The Social Justice Group will be meeting on Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room. New comers welcome.

KNITTING GROUP: The next knitting day will be held on Tuesday 25th June at 1.00pm. Please come along to **Exodus Hall** and join this wonderful group. Remember, 'If I'm sittin' I'm knittin'!

THANK YOU: To Father Peter, Frances, Chris our choir and especially Judy and Connie for helping us celebrate the baptism of our grandson Tobias Ling. A marvellous day. May God bless you, Mary John Sar and Family.

O.L.S.H. Open Morning, Wednesday 31 July. Registration essential www.olsh.vic.edu.au. Top Ten VCE Results (Vic Catholic Schools) Year 7 2021. Accepting enrolments until August 2019. Limited places.

ST JAMES COLLEGE: Open mornings – Term 3: 9.15am – 10.30am. Wednesday 24th July, Thursday 8th August, Tuesday 20th August, Wednesday 11 September. Bookings essential: 95758119 or email registrar@sjcbe.catholic.edu.au to make a booking.

KILBREDA COLLEGE: 2019 Open Mornings: Commencing at 9.00am on 15th July, 12th August and 12th September. You will have the opportunity to meet the Principal, staff and students. A vibrant student-led tour of the College will follow the Principal's address. Please contact our Registrar, **Melissa Dwyer** should you have any queries about visiting the College or enrolment. Telephone: [+61 3 9581 7766](tel:+61395817766) Email: registrar@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY: Many items have been collected over a number of months. Please have a look in the church meeting room if there is anything belonging to you. If items have not been claimed they will be donated to St Vincent De Paul. Thank you.

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.

