

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Kings19:16,19-21; Psalm15:1-2,5,7-11; Galatian5:1,13-18; Luke9:51-62 **NEXT WEEK:** Isaiah66:10-14;Psalm65:1-7,16,20;Galatian6:14-18;Luke10:1-12;17-20

PURIFIERS: 30 June: Jennifer Keely
7th July: Judy Laragy

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catherine Megna-Van Winkle, Maria Cinaglia

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Libbis, Isabella Beveridge, Algy Buck, Harold George, Mason Chapman, Nellie Andrews, Tony Tetteroo, Rod and Isable Aldridge, Patrick McGannon, Antonio Paino, Cirilo Nombrado, Marie Driscoll, David Toomey, Ryan McMahan, M.Flegg, David Mulhall, Alfred Taranto, Bill O'Sullivan, Deborah Demmler.

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 July 1
9.15 am Communion Service
Tuesday July 2
6.00 pm Mass
Wednesday July 3
9.15 am Mass
Thursday July 4
9.15 am Mass
Friday July 5
9.15 am Mass
Saturday July 6
9.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (14th Sunday Ord Time)
Sunday July 7
9.00 am Mass (14th Sunday Ord Time)
11.00 am Mass (14th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

Thank you Father Peter

You have served the Lord with gladness – tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion for his flock.
Now as the day dawns in the next chapter of your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you.
May the God of Peace grant you peace now and always.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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13th Sunday Ordinary Time, June 30, 2019

The Vicar General sent word out to all parishes Thursday indicating that the Archbishop (still in Rome) has accepted my resignation as parish priest from OLA, effective July 17, and appointed me “pastor emeritus” (a retired priest) as of that date. Unfortunately, word has not come through yet about a replacement. I hope that some announcement may come through before July 17.

The gospel passage today from Luke begins, “As the time drew near for him to be taken up into heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.” This absolute commitment to “taking the road to heaven” is the theme in all three readings today. Elijah threw his cloak over the shoulders of Elisha meaning that he was now to wear the mantle of the Lord’s prophet. His role of farmer, tilling the fields, is over. He slaughters two of his oxen, uses the yoke to start a fire and roast the animals, and gives a feast for his fellow workers. He goes off resolutely to follow Elijah. St Paul describes his ministry to the Galatians as a call to service and love, led by the Spirit. That was Paul’s life to the end.

After reading of their commitment “to the death” of these great early disciples, I sadly say that I am retiring. Why can’t I go all the way to “Jerusalem?” Possibly it is because few of those great early disciples ever reached the age of 75. Age did not weary them, nor the years condemn! With the Vicar General’s letter on Thursday this becomes my official signing-off bulletin, even though there will be more to come.

In advance of this weekend’s farewell celebrations I thank everyone, Tony French, Guida Pedle529y, Jan Jelleff, Margaret Smith, Maree Holmes, Rob Humphrey, Marie Thomas, and so many others, who have had something to do with the farewell you have organised for me. I will not be too far away in retirement, and the farewell will not indicate a permanent separation. There will be times ahead to ponder more deeply what my time among you has meant to you, and to me. After training for the priesthood through much of the 60’s at Werribee (4 years), Glen Waverley (6 months), and Rome (4 years), I learnt much more about being priest in my first two-year appointment to St Mary’s Geelong than in all those years before. It is always the people that make us a priest. For all you have done for me over these past 12 years and more, in making me priest, thank you. **Fr Peter**

TERM 3 2019 – AT BRIGID’S WELL: There are so many wonderful groups that you can join at the Kildara Centre in Malvern. Coming up in Term 3, Conversational Italian, Monday Book Group, Painters Group, Gaelic Choir. It is always advisable to book for sessions. For further details and bookings: Please contact the Kildara Centre 95097906 . or 95096624. Website: www.kildaracentre.org

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, should you have any queries about visiting the College or enrolment. Telephone: [+61 3 9581 7766](tel:+61395817766) Email: registrar@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

EXERCISE AND TAI CHI: Keep active and we’ll see you back in class on the 17th July.

SENIORS GROUP: Thank you once again to the many volunteers that assist with the Seniors group. If you know of anyone seniors who would like to join the group, please contact the Parish Office. The seniors will be returning on the 18th July.

CARD DAY: Wednesday, 3rd July at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS: Sunday 28 July, 11am St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th–70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invites you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

MANY THANKS: The local conference of the St V de P society wishes to thank everyone for their very generous donations during their special winter appeal held a couple of weeks ago. Over \$14,000 was donated to help the Conference in their various charitable works. A letter from Rob Hamilton, the Conference Secretary, received on Friday said, “You will be pleased to know that following on from today’s Poor Man’s Mass the school’s Mini-Vinnies group will be handing over the results of a ‘faith in action’ project involving our Primary School children and their teachers and families. We expect to receive some hundreds of cans of food which will take our food pantry stocks to almost overflowing.”

THE CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME GROUP in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish was established in response to Pope Francis’ call to all people of the world to “Care for our Common Home”. In his encyclical “[Laudato Si’](#)” Pope Francis identified an urgent need for us to change the way we live so that we can properly care for and support our precious Earth and its finite resources, together with all its people, creatures and life forms. We are now on the OLA Parish website under ‘Groups and Ministries’
UPCOMING EVENT: Choosing Love - Caring for Our Common Home. 1st August. Topics explored: Our response to Earth’s beauty and diversity, Our deep connectedness to our home planet, Our place and purpose within Earth’s systems, The call to a new lifestyle, Opportunities and challenges. Led by Pat Long Enquiries: Adrian Foley: ade.foley@gmail.com. Mobile: 0497780233

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS: Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the Way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr. Joseph Amal (Mel) and Fr Robert William (Syd). This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690 + \$150 Tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For inquiries & bookings call parish office or 03 8839 6615. **Departures: 8th Sept 19 and 16 Sep 19. Bookings Open for 2020 Pilgrimages. Call Now for Early Bird Discounts!**



One of Father Peter’s favourites