

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: : Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65:1-7,16,20; Galatian 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12; 17-20

NEXT WEEK: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 28: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

PURIFIERS: 7th July: Judy Laragy
14th July Maria Mallia

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sam Molino, Stephen Robertson, Leon Loft, Margaret Walsh, Maureen Bahan, Gwen De Barnardi

ANNIVERSARIES: Meagan Hoey, Mick Sullivan, Doris and Bill Miller, Kevin, Ray and Graeme Wanless, Jacqueline Dunlop, Salvatore and Angela Catalano, Elda Broggi, Aldo Zucchet, Patrick Mulhall.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving: ~~\$2726.50~~, Presbytery: \$ 1593, Loose: \$1166

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 8
9.15 am Communion Service
Tuesday July 9
6.00 pm Mass
Wednesday July 10
9.15 am Mass
Thursday July 11
9.15 am Mass
Friday July 12
9.15 am Mass
Saturday July 13
9.00 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass (15th Sunday Ord Time)
Sunday July 14
9.00 am Mass (15th Sunday Ord Time)
11.00 am Mass (15th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

NAIDOC WEEK

Voice. Treaty. Truth.

Let's work together for a shared future.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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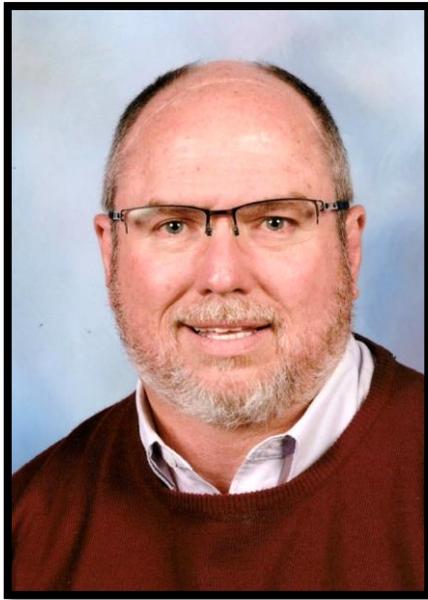
14th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 07, 2019

Firstly, thank you all for the very warm-hearted, generous, and kind farewell you gave me last Sunday. I was moved to hear so many of you say how wonderful it was for you to be there. The beautiful books of memory that John Molloy created, before he had to leave quickly for Dublin to be with his son over there, are books that will long stay on my coffee table, and I will browse through them frequently for as long as life stays in my bones. Thank you all for the cheque you gave me which truly stunned me. And many gave me cards containing more money and gift vouchers on the day. You are too generous. The book containing all your messages I cannot even begin to read just yet. Thank you all, and a special thank you to Frances North, John Molloy, Tony French, Tony Ryan, Jan Jelleff, Guida Pedley, Rob Humphery, and so many others who worked behind the scenes in organising such a wonderful and memorable event.

Good news! The Archbishop will be appointing Fr Alan Fox to be the new parish priest of OLA. Alan is currently PP of St John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully, where he has been for the last 13 years. However, because his parish are planning celebrations for his 25th anniversary coming up in late August, Alan will stay in Ferntree Gully until late September. He will come to OLA in that first week of October. Even though my retirement as parish priest of OLA is effective from July 17, I will be asked to continue on here as administrator for the next three months until he comes. And of course I will be away for one of those months on a long planned holiday. On the next page of the bulletin we post a brief biography of your new parish priest. Mention is made briefly of a health setback. Back in 2002 when Alan was a young PP of Diamond Creek he underwent three operations to remove a benign brain tumour which was very close to the pituitary gland. At that time I was PP of the neighbouring Montmorency, and with my assistant priest of the time (Linh Tran), we helped administer Diamond Creek, while Alan submitted totally to the brilliant medical staff that worked to heal him. Further operations followed in 2003 and 2009. Since 2012 his health, in his own words, "has been stable."

The readings this weekend for the 14th Sunday, Year C, present a delightful challenge to all of us who think we are too old to do much for the Kingdom of God anymore. Jesus sent his disciples out like lambs among wolves to travel light, live simply, offer peace, and proclaim the nearness of the reign of God. If we can do that, then we will know the reign of God in the depths of our own hearts.

Fr Peter



Fr Alan Fox:

Alan was born in Dublin, and along with his parents, emigrated to Australia in 1972. Another brother was born here in Melbourne, and who, these days, is a trade school teacher, with Chisholm Institute. His parents, Tom and Carmel, now live in retirement at Chelsea Heights.

Alan attended St Anthony's Primary School in Noble Park, and completed secondary education at St John's College, Dandenong. He commenced studies for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, in 1986, and after some additional studies and a year traveling the globe, in the middle of Seminary days, was ordained a priest in August 1994. During those years he completed a Bachelor of Theology through MCD (1989), and afterwards, a Master of Arts (Theology) through ACU (2000). During these last

25 years Alan worked as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Frankston, Gladstone Park, Avondale Heights and East Keilor; and as Parish Priest, in the parishes of Diamond Creek, Seaford, and from 2005 in St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully. He enjoys music, science, electronics, theology, and prior to a setback in health, he was a weekly golfer at Patterson River. We welcome Alan to OLA

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

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Sunday 28 July, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 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.

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close next Friday 12 July.

St Joan of Arc, Brighton, SOCIAL JUSTICE LECTURE FOR 2019, next Thursday, July 11 at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Geologist Jim Bowler is a member of the Brighton Catholic parish and its social justice group. His discovery of 40,000-year-old cremated human bones in 1974 transformed our understanding of when and how humans occupied Australia. In this lecture he will be discussing the big questions including the formation of the earth and the landscape; the arrival of reflective human consciousness as shown through the Mungo story; Aboriginal people's connection to country; and the challenges we urban people face in connecting to country and cosmos. There will be ample time for discussion and questions.

Enquiries: Helen on 0418 999 800 or Sheila and 0418 329 589

PILGRIMAGE TO PERTH:

Young people from parishes, communities, and schools are joining the Melbourne Pilgrimage to the fourth **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** in Perth from 8–10 December. ACYF is the largest national gathering of Catholic youth in Australia and it exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today, and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church. The Festival is for youth and young adults from year 9 to 30 years of age. Here at OLA we are sponsoring 6 pilgrims (with the help of Presbytery funds) to attend. The young people involved (including a mother who is going as a chaperone) will arrange a concert soon to help raise remaining funds needed to finalise booking. Stay tuned, and please support them.

Friday 16 August – Sunday 18 August: Pax Christi National Conference:

Why Are We Violent?

Keynote Speaker: Dr Susan Connelly, a Josephite Sister, will facilitate discussion around key themes of the conference so relevant for our times: What is it that makes us violent? What is scapegoating? What role for nonviolence and forgiveness? Larry Marshall, who has worked for many years on the conflict in Sri Lanka, will speak on the situation in Sri Lanka, how violence has played out in that country, and the continuing efforts towards conflict resolution and reconciliation. Venue: Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern.

GENTLE EXERCISES AND TAI CHI will recommence on Wednesday 17th July.

SENIORS will recommence on Thursday 18th July.

