

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 28: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14:2-5; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

PURIFIERS: 14th July Maria Mallia, 21st July: Michelle Marani

RECENTLY DECEASED: Caterina Alifano, Ondina Pimpini, Patricia Gibbins, Monica Sandman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur McVeigh, Joe Halloran, Saman Kunan, Mason Chapman, Clare Flynn, Turkal Family, Rinaldo and Helen Gori, Edgar and Meme Rosso, Gwen Valent, Arthur Ross, Milena Bilos, Josip Mandic, Jasmine Whitehead, Dunstant Muller, Rocco Morabito, Leon Wronka, Jelena Fajic.

Thanksgiving Tax Receipts are now available in the church foyer. Please ensure you take your envelope. Thank you once again for your generous support of OLA Parish.

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.

LITURGY TIMES:

Monday July 15	9.15 am	Communion Service
Tuesday July 16	6.00 pm	Mass
Wednesday July 17	9.15 am	Mass
Thursday July 18	9.15 am	Mass
Friday July 19	9.15 am	Mass
Saturday July 20	9.00 am	Mass
	6.30 pm	Mass (16th Sunday Ord Time)
Sunday July 21	9.00 am	Mass (16th Sunday Ord Time)
	11.00 am	Mass (16th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwong people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
May we walk gently here.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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15th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 14, 2019

The winter holidays for schools end this weekend, and I am sure the children are “dying” to return to normal duties. I have noticed these wet days have drawn many a child to Southland. They seemed to be in the care of their grandparents. So I guess grandparents are “dying” for the end of school holidays also.

The readings this weekend for the 15th Sunday, Year C, present a delightful challenge to all who do not like their neighbour. It is only in Luke's gospel that we have this story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan. For the Jews at the time of Jesus felt that a “good Samaritan” was a contradiction in terms.

One critical issue that impinges on the gospel story of the Good Samaritan is our attitude to immigration. The hard line approach of our Parliament to the refugees on Manus and Nauru frightens many of us. Opposition to immigration is one of the main forces behind political change across Europe at the moment. Public opinion is pushing towards the demise of centrist parties in favour of extremes. The European Union has attempted to soften the impact of immigration but to little effect. In Britain resistance to immigration was one of the major forces in the pro-Brexit campaign of 2016.

When we look at our own country of Australia where would we really be if we had a narcissistic attitude after the Second World War and closed our borders to the large scale immigration of those post war years which have enriched our Australian identity and society so much. We could have been like the priest and the Levite in Jesus' story and walked by on the other side. But thanks to people like Arthur Caldwell in the 50's and later like Malcolm Fraser in the 70's our country has truly become a multicultural melting pot of peoples, first from Europe and later from Asia.

As this NAIDOC week of celebrations comes to a close we must also not forget our First Nation's peoples. We have come to their land and been welcomed here. They are God's people as much as any of us. They are our neighbours and companions on the journey.

Even though I officially retire next Wednesday July 17 I will be staying on as Administrator until FR Alan Fox arrives on Oct 3. We will try and keep normal programs going with the help of our parish team during this period. Thanks again to all of you who keep the parish going.

Fr Peter

PSALM REFLECTION

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

What do you need, deep in your soul?

Spend a few moments telling God about it.

THE SANCTITY OF THE CONFESSIONAL: Mark Clarke, the executive officer of the Archdiocesan Office for Justice and Peace, sent out a message this week that a proposal to change the law in regard to the sanctity of the Confessional has been withdrawn in the US state of California. He noted that similar legislation has been proposed by various state governments within Australia, following one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The Victorian Premier has already flagged his intention to do so in Victoria. The church in California ran a vigorous public campaign against this proposed Bill, which ultimately has been successful. We wait and see what Daniel Andrews has in mind for Victoria.



UPCOMING EVENT: CHOOSING LOVE - CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME. On Thursday, 1 August, 12.00-1.25pm Pat Long will lead parishioners, visitors and OLA Primary students in a seminar

exploring our response to the Earth's beauty and diversity, and our call to a new lifestyle. Pat is an experienced educator, spending many years raising ecological awareness, and a great speaker. In the church. Entry is free, bring your friends.

Enquiries: Adrian Foley: ade.foley@gmail.com. Mobile: 0497780233

JOIN US TO LEARN TO MEDITATE OR TO CONTINUE YOUR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRACTICE in a supported, faith infused group environment.

When: Wednesday evenings 7.30pm-9pm from July 24th 2019.

Where: Meeting Room OLA, The facilitator: Maree Therese Crutch, Health Practitioner and Educator, Meditation and Yoga Teacher, Previously Nurse Educator. Find details about the course structure, on the brochure which is available in the Church foyer. For any further information call Maree via the parish office on 95836161

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 any seniors who would like to join the group, please contact the Parish Office. The seniors will be returning on the 18th July.

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 and usually reception next Easter. We are open to all needs! The 'process' is called - The RCIA ~ *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*. It is comprised of those wishing to be baptised as Catholics, those wanting full communion with the Catholic Church but baptised in other denominations, and those community members aiming to deepen their faith. If you are curious or interested in participating in the group or wishing to be involved in a supportive capacity this year, 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 if needed, while they become familiar with 'what we do' as Catholics! The date for the first Inquiry night is Wednesday July 24 at the parish house, please let us know if you plan to join us.

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: 9581 7766
Email: registrar@kilbreda.vic.edu.au

ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Huge thank you to all who have been part of our Welcome Group, handing out bulletins and welcoming people to Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month. We would like to expand this to every Mass, so if you would like to be part of the team, please add your name to list in foyer. Special thanks to all the wonderful ladies who have organised morning teas over these many years, Lynn Dobson, Elizabeth Thomas, Anne Cairns, Geraldine Rippon, Leonie Clarke, Sheila Taylor, Rob Humphery, Sr. Veronica Joyce, Sr. Jenny Crowe and Sr. Sue Loughnane. Again, we invite you to add your name to the list if you would like to be part of the morning tea team. It should be noted that **THIS IS NOT RESTRICTED TO WOMEN - ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP.**

PLATTERS etc.: Please remember to take your platters and/or plates that were used for Father Peter's afternoon tea. Items that are not collected will be donated to St Vincent De Paul. Thank you once again everyone who contributed.

