

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Genesis18:1-10;Psalm14:2-5;Colossians1:24-28;Luke10:38-42.

NEXT WEEK: Genesis18:20-32;Psalm137:1-3;6-8;Colossians2:12-14;Luke11:1-13

PURIFIERS: 21st July: Michelle Marani 28th July: Kevin Wilson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Monica Roberts, Anna Badaracco, Ruth Kilpatrick, Yvonne Curnow, Pedro Torres, Rudolfo Aviles, Adele Meredith, Avra Chandon, Anton Sabol, Phil McNally, Andrew Krol.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jeff Pengilly, Sheila Fury, Ben Hogan, Lucia Palacios, Paul and Harriet Papalie, Domenico Todarello, Ian Lane

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.

Our Parish RCIA team is beginning a Journey of Faith for any people in our community interested in becoming a Catholic, or baptised people wanting to complete their initiation. 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.

LITURGY TIMES:

Monday July 22	9.15 am	Communion Service
Tuesday July 23	6.00 pm	Mass
Wednesday July 24	9.15 am	Mass
Thursday July 25	9.15 am	Communion Service
Friday July 26	9.15 am	Mass
Saturday July 27	9.00 am	Mass
	6.30 pm	Mass (17th Sunday Ord Time)
Sunday July 28	9.00 am	Mass (17th Sunday Ord Time)
	11.00 am	Mass (17th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

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.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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16th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 21st, 2019

For all of us old enough to remember this past week has been a time of nostalgia. Neil Armstrong walked upon the moon this week 50 years ago. This event brought the whole world together in admiration of human ingenuity. The TV signals from the moon were relayed to the world via the radio telescopes here in Australia. From the time in the early 1900's when the Wright Brothers took to the air for the first time in a contraption of canvas and wire, a mere 66 years passed before that moment in late July of 1969. What more could the human race achieve?

A fascinating story emerged this week in the London Tablet in relation to the moon landing. NASA kept this quiet lest rabid atheists revolted. Buzz Aldrin was the pilot of the landing module, and the second man to walk on the moon after his commander had gone first. There was a gap of about 6 hours after landing before the hatch opened and they stepped out. During that time Buzz Aldrin celebrated a communion service. He made the decision a few days earlier, back on Earth, while attending a Communion service at Webster Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, where he was an elder. The pastor Dean Woodruff handed Aldrin a small piece of the Communion bread, a phial of wine and a tiny chalice, which the astronaut stowed in the small pouch for personal possessions that he was allowed to take with him. Aldrin wanted, he said later, to express his "feeling that what man was doing in this mission transcended electronics and computers and rockets". It was also about communion with God; about reaching beyond humanity, and about putting faith not only in science, but in the aid of a higher power.

Now, two generations later, we ponder what we have done for humanity since. The scripture readings for this weekend speak of hospitality within the complexity of the human journey. Martha and Mary welcome Jesus as their guest. Martha serves, and Mary sits. Communion happens in the eating, the drinking, and the listening. The first reading from Genesis tells of God in the guise of the three strangers appearing outside Abraham's tent. Abraham warmly welcomes them, and gives them food and drink. Abraham's hospitality is rewarded. His wife Sarah at last will conceive and give birth to Isaac. They will become the parents of multiple peoples and nations. Communion between all races and nations is our dream.

The moon landing brought the whole world together via early TV in a way that had never happened before, or perhaps since. This week in contrast we see the leader of America stirring up racial tension, abuse and deep division between Democrat and Republican in his own country. Communion is a far off dream. I wonder how 89-year-old Buzz Aldrin feels about all this today.

Fr Peter

PSALM REFLECTION

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Where is justice to be seen in your life?

How can you better be a source of justice in the world?



IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY of Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli as Archbishop of Melbourne, you are warmly invited to the Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana Apostolic Nuncio in Australia. St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne, Thursday 1 August commencing at 7.00pm. Followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre.

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 on 0429 443 589

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:

2019 Knox Public Lecture Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm, Dr Trudy Dantis- The Voices of Plenary Council. Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3366. R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

RECENTLY DECEASED: If you have a loved one that has died, and you would like the parish to remember them in prayers, please ensure you write your name in the family book, and also the date when they died. Thank you

KINGSTON INTERFAITH COMMITTEE runs a bus tour to places of worship to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about different faiths. Tour participants are able to see different places of worship and ask questions in a respectful and supportive small group environment. The Tour will collect the participants at Mentone Council building at 8:50am. There is no cost and a lunch is offered by Council. Please RSVP by 29th July on 95814783 or email elisabeth.robecchi@kingston.vic.gov.au if you are interested. Save the date: 7th August 2019.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY with CatholicCare at ACU - Learning Partners Needed. Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity to volunteer at ACU? People with **degree qualifications or higher** are required to help tutor and support adult students from 'most disadvantaged' backgrounds who wish to study at university. *This is a rewarding and challenging role in a proven successful program, requiring people with empathy, support and an appreciation of the demands of academic study.* **Organisation:** CatholicCare and ACU **Location:** ACU Fitzroy **Time required:** 1.5 hours weekly on Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm + reading time. **Commencing:** Thursday 15th August 2019, 5:30pm (Induction evening) . **Duration of project:** 13 weeks - Semester Two, 2019 **Subject of study:** Roman History . **Contact Details:** Matt Walton (Volunteer Coordinator) - CatholicCare **Contact Phone:** (03) 9926 5699 **Contact Email:** Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au

KNITTING GROUP: will meet on Tuesday 23rd July in meeting room at 1.00pm. ALL WELCOME. Next knitting stall is on 3rd -4th August. Sale of knitted toys half price. Get on board people...Knitting is hard work.

'MARY POPPINS'-

KILBREDA PRODUCTION: Saturday 17th August at 2pm. We have secured 20 tickets (3 already sold), for this year's production. If you would like to come along tickets are \$22 per person. We will have a sign-up sheet for those who are interested.



(See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 07-18-2014
LIGHT, DARK, SKY, WATER, SUN, MOON, STARS, PLANTS, FISH, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND MAN IN MY IMAGE ... I NEED A DAY OFF AFTER THAT WEEK