

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

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

NEXT WEEK:

Ecclesiastes1:2,2:21-23;Psalm89:3-6,12-14,17;Colossians3:1-5,9-11;Luke12:13-21

PURIFIERS: 28th July: Kevin Wilson August 4th: Nanette McVeigh

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joe Cauchi, Silvestra Misajon, Monica Sandman, Fr David Wells, Freddie Quai Hoi, Kerry Mac Donnell, Pat Flood, Jan Lugt

ANNIVERSARIES: Francine Ashton, Marie Wilson, Angela Perna, Jack Harris, Jerzy Wierzbicki, Mary Joseph Emmanuel.

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 29	9.15 am	Communion Service
Tuesday July 30	6.00 pm	Mass
Wednesday July 31	9.15 am	Mass
Thursday Aug 1	9.15 am	Communion Service
Friday Aug 2	10.15 am	Healing Mass
Saturday Aug 3	9.00 am	Mass
	6.30 pm	Mass (18th Sunday Ord Time)
Sunday Aug 4	9.00 am	Mass (18th Sunday Ord Time)
	11.00 am	Mass (18th Sunday Ord Time)

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 9.45am
Saturday: 9.30am & 6.00pm

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



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17th Sunday Ordinary Time, July 28th 2019

There is an awful sense of loss around the Archdiocese this weekend. Word came through this week from the Archbishop about large-scale redundancies affecting many Archdiocesan offices and agencies. Effectively it is due to the Archdiocese running at a deficit for a few years now. From now on there will be major problems in accessing services offered by many of those agencies. But our hearts go out to all those who have lost their jobs as a result of this cost cutting process.

This weekend we welcome the boys and girls of Year 6 who are committing themselves to the final stages of their journey to full initiation in the Church with the sacrament of Confirmation. Some will be coming to the 6.30 pm Mass and the rest to the 11.00 am Mass. Please pray for them. They like the disciples on the road to Jerusalem with Jesus are experiencing an intense period of formation. The dates for the sacrament of Confirmation this year are Tuesday Aug 27 and Thursday Aug 29, both in the evening at 7.00 pm. Because I thought I would be fully retired come July I organised my holiday in Italy for that time, and hence will not be present to witness the final initiation into the Body of Christ for these young people. I shall be praying for them from the northern parts of Tuscany as they are Confirmed. It will be almost lunchtime there on those days.

Today's readings focus on the theme of prayer. The first reading is Abraham's intimate battle in prayer with God over redemption for the whole people if only a few just people can be found. The gospel passage contains Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer. But it goes further. We are to ask, seek and knock. And the door will be opened to us. In Luke's gospel from chapter 8 onwards Jesus and the disciples are on the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem and an intense period of formation of the disciple was now under way. Learning to pray is very much part of their apprenticeship. No matter how old we are there is always learning to do in how to pray.

Next Friday is the first Friday of August and we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during our Mass, which commences at 10.15 am. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Joe Cauchi, Anna Badaracco, and Silvestra Misajon who were buried, or will be buried, from OLA over these days. May they all rest in God's peace.

Fr Peter

PSALM REFLECTION

Lord on the day you called for me help, you answered me

The psalm describes a relationship with God of two-way listening and responding. What is your conversation with God like?

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: David and Colleen Buck invite you to attend the Ordination of their son Rev. Michael Kevin Buck by the Most Rev. Peter A. Comensoli on the 7th September, 10.00am at St Patricks Cathedral. You are also invited to attend Fr. Buck's first Mass on 8th September at 2pm, St Patricks Church, 10 Rogers Street Mentone, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please rsvp either online at <https://22575.floktu.com> or email frbuckfirstmass@outlook.com or telephone on 0400532909.

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

KNITTING GROUP: Next knitting stall is on 3rd -4th August. Sale of knitted toys half price. Next knitting day will be held Tuesday 6th August at 1pm in the church meeting room. *I just found out it takes 5 sheep to knit a jumper! I didn't know they knew how to knit!*

'MARY POPPINS' - KILBREDA PRODUCTION: Saturday 17th August at 2pm. We have secured tickets, (still have a few more) for this year's production. If you would like to come along tickets are \$22 per person. Please contact the Parish Office during the week if you would like a ticket.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT : To Aid the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. Date :Friday 23rd August, 2019. Venue : St Mary's Hall, Holyrood St, Hampton. Time: 7:30p.m. \$ 25 per person. BYO Drinks and Nibbles
BOOKINGS: Colette 9598 7329 or colfox@gmail.com

'TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS' - 6 x Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm, 6 Aug - 10 Sep 2019. Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. This reflection series, led by Nicole Rotaru rsm, will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. The sessions will cover: introduction and an understanding of ageing; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death - mystery. Cost \$180. Contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

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. **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

'God help us with ideas, those thoughts which inform the way we live and the things we do. Let us not seize upon ideas, neither shall we hunt them down, nor steal them away. Rather let us wait faithfully for them to approach, slowly and gently like creatures from the wild. And let them enter willingly into our hearts and come and go freely within the sanctuary of our contemplation, informing our souls as they arrive and being enlivened by the inspiration of our hearts as they leave. These shall be our truest thoughts. Our willing and effective ideas. Let us treasure their humble originality. Let us follow them gently back into the world with faith that they shall lead us to lives of harmony and integrity'.

Amen.....Michael Leunig

