

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Wisdom:18:6-9;Psalm32:1.12.18-20,22;Hebrews11:1-2,8-19;Luke12:32-48

NEXT WEEK:

Jeremiah38:4-6,8-10;Psalm39:2-4,18;Hebrews12:1-4;Luke12:49-53

PURIFIERS:

11th August: Margaret Nash **18th August:** Jeanne Patterson

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ken Blackshaw, Maria Algeri, Peter Birt.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin Michael Dillon, John Borg, Sophie Lang, Sarah Christensen, Fr John Carnie, Peter Home, Leo Scully, Maria Dib, Pina Gori, Patrick Melia, John Melia, Beryl Boltwood, Annunzia Morabito, Eufemia Cutri, Eufemia Morabito, Sean McGurn, Barry Jones.

Thanksgiving Tax Receipts which were available in the church foyer, are now the parish office. 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 to Friday:	9.15 am	Communion services each day
Saturdays	Mass 6.30 pm	(No Communion service Saturday morning)
Sundays	Mass 9.00 am	
	11.00 am	

PSALM REFLECTION:

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
What does "placing your trust in God" mean to you?

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.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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19th Sunday Ord Time, Year C, August 11, 2019

I was involved in two events at Kilbreda College this week. On Tuesday I was invited by the Principal (Nicole Mangelsdorf) to join the staff for a reflection day led by Dr Carmody Grey, a professor at Durham University in the UK. Among the many wonderful things she said, one thing stands out for me. She said "Time is the only real thing of value we have."

"Be dressed for action, and have your lamps lit." This message of the Gospel today suggests that we have a job to do and it will take far into the night before it is done. The night time is a metaphor in the scriptures for anything or any power that is against the light of the world who is Christ. The early Christians expected the Lord to return soon after his ascension. Once he prepared a place for them he would be back. But it has taken longer than they had imagined. Many dark times have fallen on the human story since the death and resurrection of Jesus. But the Christian is called to be dressed always for action, and ready with lamps lit. There are dark times in every age not only to survive, but also to illuminate. The gift of time that is the only time we have, and it is the only real thing of value we have. Ponder that!

The second event at Kilbreda this past week was the Mass for the whole school on Thursday morning. It was the feast of Mary MacKillop but for Kilbreda it was also the 115th anniversary since the College began on August 8, 1904. A number of the current College teachers are former students of Kilbreda and we blessed them at the end with the blessing of St Brigid. "May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell; bless every fireside, every wall and door; bless every heart that beats beneath its roof; bless every hand that toils to bring it joy; bless every foot that walks its portals through. May Brigid bless the house that shelters you."

On Wednesday evening parents of new Preps for next year were welcomed, and new friendships already began to form among the group. It was especially pleasing that Fr Alan Fox, the new parish priest from Oct 2, was able to come and join in the evening, along with Mr Richard Jacques, the principal who will be taking over from Leonie Young when she retires at the end of the year. So a younger team is about to take over! And God bless them.

Fr Peter

ASSUMPTION DAY (NEXT THURSDAY).

There will be one parish Mass at 10 am that day, at which the OLA school children will also be present. There will a morning tea to follow Mass, and all are welcome to stay behind to have a cuppa, and something delicious to eat in honour of our parish feast day. **Fr Jake Mudge**, a young priest from the Sandhurst Diocese, who lives at Corpus Christi College, Carlton, and lectures at Catholic Theological College is coming to celebrate the Mass.

COMBINED CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL. Each year at this time we hold our special appeal for four of Melbourne's traditional Catholic Charities, **CatholicCare, Catholic Missions, Melbourne Overseas Mission**, and the **Priests Retirement Fund**. We will concentrate briefly on a different charity each week of August. There are envelopes at the back of the church which we invite you to take home and return by the beginning of September at the latest. The envelopes indicate how the money collected will be distributed among those four Charities. This week we focus on the work of the **Priests Retirement Foundation**. Because Fr Peter is joining the ranks of the Retired Priests we will show the short 5 minute PowerPoint of Fr Peter's farewell back on June 30. The video reflects many smiling faces, and will probably put a smile on your own. We are always very grateful for the generous response of the parishioners of OLA to this annual combined appeal began a long time ago by Fr Frank.

PARISH SCHOOL CAR PARK. The closure of Cheltenham Station Car Park may have consequences for our own school parish car park and this is causing concern among a few people in our community. People who have nothing to do with the school or the parish often park in our car park each day. None have ever asked permission to do so, and the private car park sign indicating use only by school or parish has been destroyed a few times. I have been in contact with Cr Geoff Gledhill of Kingston Council, and both school families and the Council Traffic warden are monitoring the situation over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for further information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT O.L.A. PRIMARY: On Assumption Day, Thursday 15th August, we will be having a Fun Fair from 12-1:30pm. The Fun Fair is a mini-fete for the students, parents and any members of the Parish community who wish to attend. Each class has a stall with a fundraising game, competition or activity. Students bring coins to spend on the stalls. Stalls are inexpensive (e.g. 20c to play a game). Money raised this year is going to the Opening the Doors Foundation. All students will get to attend and any parents/families that wish to come are also welcome. The 'Opening the Doors Foundation' raises money to cover educational costs associated with schooling, where the children are in a non-government setting. For more information, visit <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>

2 tickets still available for Mary Poppins. Please enquire at the Parish Office*

A MASSIVE THANKS: Thank you one and all from the knitting group. With your help they have given St Vincent De Paul \$900 from their stall sales. An amazing achievement! Next knitting day will be held on 20th August at 1pm. As always, everyone is welcome. 'Knit and Ye Shall Find'.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND MELBOURNE:



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA BREAKFAST BRIEFING:

Chris Lowney. Friday 6 September 7.15am for 7.30am start. Chris Lowney is a noted author and speaker on leadership and Ignatian spirituality. He is vice chair of CommonSpirit Health, the largest nonprofit health system in the US. *Everyone Leads*, his recent book on revitalisation of the Church, builds on the Ignatian principle that everyone exercises a leadership role. Cathedral Room Address: 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter via Lansdowne St) Cost:\$20. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BDORX RSVP: 2 September 2019 Enquiries: Lucia Brick at 9287 5566 e: luciabrick@css.org.au

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA invites members, friends and those we work with to our Annual Dinner, Friday 30 August at the Catholic Leadership Centre. 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost: \$85.00. RSVP: 23 August Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BCUWM Enquiries: Lucia Brick: 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au. An opportunity to celebrate our work, and to strengthen the links within our broad community of service. The Dinner will be **an occasion to honour Sr Brigid Arthur csb** with Life Membership of Catholic Social Services Victoria. RSVP: 23 August 2019 Bookings: [ww.trybooking.com/BCUWM](http://www.trybooking.com/BCUWM) Enquiries: Lucia Brick: 9287 5566 lucia.brick@css.org.au



God let us be serious.
Face to face.
Heart to heart.
Let us be fully present.
Strongly present.
Deeply serious.
The closest we may come
to innocence. Amen
Michael Leunig

