

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah38:4-6,8-10;Psalm38:2-4,18;Hebrews12:1-4;Luke12:49-53

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah66:18-21;Psalm116;Hebrews12:5-7;11-13;Luke13:22-30

PURIFIERS:

18th August: Jeanne Patterson **25th August:** Lisa Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Rate, Eileen Minahan, Geoff Williamson, Sema Cajeric, Margaret Dix, Newton De'Cruz, Helen Griffiths

ANNIVERSARIES: Drazen Rujc, Zliata Rujc, Ronald Willa, Harry Bugby, Edith Robinson, Anthony Borg, Sr Paula Borg, Monical McQuillan, Girna, Vinconzo De Felice, Mario Impercia Vinacciq, Fajic Franjo, Robson Miranda.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION:

Thanksgiving Tax Receipts which were available in the church foyer, are now the parish offic.. 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	
Confessions:	Saturday 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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20th Sunday Year C 18th August, 2019.

We warmly welcome Fr. Thang Vu, who will be celebrating Eucharist with us this weekend. Fr. Peter got away safely and is currently soaking up the warm Italian sun, and sends good wishes and prayers as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. Thursday was a wonderful day of celebrations as we gathered, young and not so young in a very happy shared atmosphere, followed by lunch and then the school Fun Fair which, as the name suggests, was a lot of fun. Some very enthusiastic students, staff and parents worked very hard to raise funds for the Opening the Doors Foundation, an organisation supporting aboriginal children staying in school. We very much appreciated Fr. Ed Molony coming to celebrate our Mass when Fr. Jake Mudge was called on to officiate at his cousin's funeral.

The gospel today has Jesus declaring that he has come not to bring peace but rather division. Because of his Word that sets people's hearts on fire, households will be divided, son against father, mother against daughter. The Word of God is challenging and demanding. It commands a response. The first reading tells of the conflict caused in the Jerusalem community when Jeremiah preached the Word of God there 600 years before the time of Christ. They tried to silence him. Our faith stances can lead to division in families and communities. The Church's stance on Aboriginal Reconciliation, Climate Change, Nauru and Manos Island detention centres, for example, and asylum seekers in general, creates divisions in the community.

It is again the season for school productions and OLA have staged a wonderful performance of Wakakirri. The St. Bede's/Kilbreda production of Mary Poppins was outstanding, with many former students of OLA in starring roles. Both companies were full of energy and very talented young people, and their joy was contagious.

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to two of our long-standing Parish families, who this week commended to God their much loved mothers. Maria Algeri was buried on Wednesday and we extend condolences to Paul and their family. Eileen Rate, a parishioner of sixty years was farewelled on Friday, and our love goes out to her daughter, Colleen Gleeson and Wally and their family, to Paul and his family and to Fr. John Rate MSC. May their dear souls rest in peace.

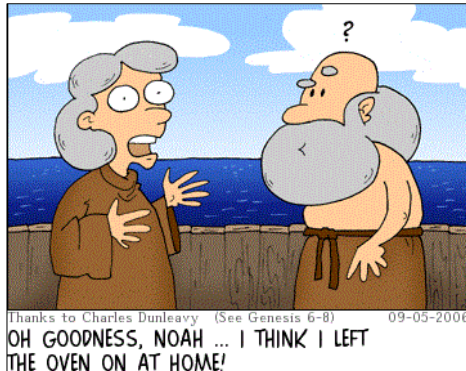
PSALM REFLECTION:

All: Lord, come to my aid! How have you experienced God's rescuing hand? How did you show your gratitude?

YOUR'E INVITED: Retirement living focus group: In this focus group, VMCH will provide an overview on their approach to retirement living, and want to hear your thoughts on their approach. Thursday 29th August from 7-8.30pm. Little Chapel, Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Road Keysborough. RSVP to Gayle by Monday 26th August: Gayle.Cassidey@vmch.com.au 99262402.

AS PART OF MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK (19-25 August 2019), we are asking Catholic faith communities to demonstrate their support for this statement by sending a letter, **using the template**, found in the church foyer, to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. Their postal addresses are – Hon. Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600. The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Leader of the Opposition, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
You may even like to send a letter (or deliver it in person) to the local federal MP. To find your local MP and electoral office details go to: [https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators and Members/Members](https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members)
"IT'S ABOUT ALL OF US!" Annual Mass of All Nations. Migrants & Refugees Sunday 25 August 2019. Rosary:2pm Mass:3pm St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne **Main Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

COMBINED CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL: We continue our appeal for the four Catholic Charities which Fr Frank Martin identified years ago as worthy of our care. This week we will emphasise the work of **Catholic Mission** and show some images of their current focus of activity in Myanmar. Next week we focus on the **Melbourne Overseas Mission** begun by Cardinal Knox when Archbishop of Melbourne. All contributions over \$2 are tax deductible. Special envelopes for this combined appeal are available on the table in the foyer. The envelopes will be available until Father's Day. Receipts for Taxation purposes will be provided by the parish later in the year after all moneys have been received and distributed to the four charities. Thank you again, and in advance, for your wonderful generosity towards these four Catholic charities.



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: lucibrick@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: www.trybooking.com/BCUWM Enquiries: Lucia Brick: 9287 5566 lucia.brick@css.org.au

AN EVENING WITH CAMINO AUTHOR AND LEGEND, JOHN BRIERLEY

Tuesday 15 October, 7-10pm Newman College Oratory, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville. Camino Community Melbourne is hosting an event for international Camino legend and author John Brierley. John is the author of the most popular Camino guide book, *A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago*. John will be sharing his reflections on how the Camino can act as a potent force in the collective evolution for humanity. **Cost: \$10**
Enquiries: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369
Bookings: www.caminocommunityinmelbourne.com.au

NEXT KNITTING DAY: will be held on 20th August at 1pm. As always, everyone is welcome.