

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

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

## **NEXT WEEK:**

Ecclesiasticus3:17-20.28-29;Palm67:4-7;10-11;Hebrews12:18-19,22-24;Luke14:1.7-14

## **PURIFIERS:**

**25<sup>th</sup> August:** Lisa Harris      **1<sup>st</sup> September:** Leonie Ryan

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Laurie Doherty, Romeo De Castro, Irene Cleofe Manongdo, Anthony Fleming

## **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Anne Cairns, Marie Burgess, Lucia Palacios, Ronald Streets, Andrew Borg, Angelo Gauci, Joseph Muscat, Catherine Kilbane, Jim McCarthy, Rosa Morabito, A Cimadon, Anna Ferluga.

*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	
Confessions:	Saturday: 6.00pm	

## **PSALM REFLECTION:**

### **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News**

How do you proclaim the Good News to the people you meet? Do you need to be a better proclaimer?

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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## **21st Sunday Year C 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**

*From Fr. Peter: Rome is hot. Ferragosto is the feast of the Assumption here and the middle of an iron summer when many Italians take not only the feast day (a public holiday here) but many other days in either side of it for their annual holidays. Last Thursday I was thinking of you all as I spent time in Santa Maria Maggiore and in Santa Maria in Trastevere. Having spent 7 years of my life here in Rome it is good to be back and wandering around the cobble-stoned streets and reliving memories of all those stones could tell. Today, seven days later, it is August 22, the feast of Mary, Mother and Queen, and the 49th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Today I caught the Metro to St Paul's Outside the Walls and spent a couple of hours reflecting on many things, and friends, and events these 49 years have given me. These last almost thirteen years at OLA have been a special part of that history. Yesterday I came back to Rome with the news of Cardinal Pell's appeal dismissal but it did not seem to affect any special reaction here in Domus Australia, my Roman guest house. Pictures of George still abound in the reception area and beyond. We wait and see what the next stage of this sorry saga may bring.*

There is a universalist note (typical of Luke) which we find in today's Gospel. God wills that all people should be saved. People will come from all over the world to share in the messianic kingdom, and the Jews will have no advantage over the Gentiles. When asked how many will be saved, Jesus will not respond to speculations in these terms. It is the present, not the future, that will decide the issue. So he turns the question back into a warning not to miss the opportunity while it is still available. The hospitality of God is ample and generous – we are all invited to the banquet; but human beings can exclude themselves by not being prepared to accept the divine hospitality at the time, and in the company, of God's choosing. Jesus suggests: "try to enter through the narrow door." What is the narrow door and the path it leads to? Is it religion? As Catholics we would see our faith as a source of strength and hope; but for another group of people religion is the placard under which they inflict violence and terror. Is the narrow door challenges with suffering, as described in the second reading? For some people this is true. Suffering and trials have carved valleys in their hearts that now hold great rivers and great beauty, and opened them to empathize with the pain of the world, to walk with others in their pain. For others, however, suffering leaves them embittered. Is our life vocation the narrow door, be it single life, marriage or religious life? For some it brings fulfilment and joy; for others pain and disillusionment. So, what is the narrow door and the path it leads to? This is a question that we each must ask, and then seek an answer for ourselves, and walk through that narrow door to the path that leads us to life in its fullness here, and eternal life with God.

**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 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.

**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 **TODAY:** Rosary:2pm Mass:3pm St Patrick's Cathedral

East Melbourne **Main Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

**ORGAN CONCERT** to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 6 September, 2019 at 6.30pm. This concert will feature renowned organist Thomas Trotter. Thomas Trotter has been City Organist for the City of Birmingham since 1983 and is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, in London. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door.

**MEDITATION CLASS:** There will be no Wednesday evening Christian meditation class on 28 August as we will be joining the spirituality in the pub at Sandringham hotel that night. Meditation will recommence Wednesday, 4 September and stop for the two weeks of the school holidays: Wednesday, 25 September and Wednesday, 2 October and recommence Wednesday, 9 October 7:30 pm in the meeting room all are welcome. Thank you - Maree

**LIVING LAUDATO SI'** Parish Forum- St Ambrose Centre, 259A Sydney Road, Brunswick, 9.00am-1.00pm. Saturday 14 September 2019

*"... the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion"*, Pope Francis, 2015. You are invited to attend this forum, hosted by Catholic Social Services Victoria. Join in discussions to help identify positive actions families and parishes can take to live the message of Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*, "Care for our Common Home". RSVP- 11 September 2019. Cost: \$30.00 (includes book and light lunch). - Concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick.: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=532302&> Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or e: [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)

**PARISH FORUM: Planning to offer shelter in Winter 2020 Tuesday 24 September 6.00 for 6.30 - 8.30pm.** The Winter Shelter program helps many rough sleepers find a warm bed during the coldest time of the year. This Forum invites parishes to work with others to extend Winter Shelter in 2020 to as many areas as can be reached. Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street) RSVP: 20 September 2019 Cost: \$20.00 - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEOEB> Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or e: [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au) **(OLA Parish will meet the costs - Thank you)**

**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**

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**Prayer for friends:** We give thanks for our friends. Our dear friends. We anger each other; We fail each other. We share this sad earth, this tender life, this precious time. Such richness, Such wildness. Together we are blown about. Together we are dragged along. All this delight. All this suffering. All this forgiving life. We hold it together. **M.L.**



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See John 2:1-11) 12-11-2002  
**BUT I ALREADY PAID THE WATER TAX**