

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29; Palm 67:4-7; 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1.7-14

NEXT WEEK:

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

PURIFIERS:

1st September: Leonie Ryan 8th September: Fionnuala Tate

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Longo, Greg Milburn, Rudolf Giebl, Joanne Vaughan, Dr Jesse Morgado

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Frank Martin, Mollie Taylor, Sr Sue Shannon, Antonia and John Razga, Daniel Coleman, Nell Tommey, Kilbani Family, Terence Byrne, Joaquim Meoleiros, Laura Rodrigues, Moira Mahy, Kathleen Doran.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: Thanksgiving: \$2202, Presbytery: \$487 Loose: \$867
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.

PIETY SHOP: Come support our Piety Shop, and be greeted by our amazing volunteers after mass. Cards and beautiful gifts available. Our Stations of the Cross DVD/Booklet would make a great present. All proceeds go to our St Vincent De Paul Conference.

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:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor

What do you think "God gives the lonely a home to live in" means? What kind of home?

**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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22nd Sunday Year C 1st September, 2019

Spring has begun and is transforming the world around us. Daffodils have moved through the darkness of the nurturing earth towards the light, the wattle is in bloom and new growth evident on our roses. The days are lighter and brighter, and we are appreciating the slightly warmer weather. Perhaps we have been prompted to take stock. The wonder of nature reminds us to be thankful and more attentive to the work of God in the world.

Pope Francis has established September 1 as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, inspired by the example of the Orthodox Churches who have observed this day for a number of years. Pope Francis wishes to remind us that: "Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." Thus, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (Laudato Si', 217)

This first Sunday in Spring is always kept as Fathers' Day, and we wish all fathers a special day, spent with the people they love. Hopefully all Dads are able to take to heart the first reading which begins, "My son, be gentle in carrying out your business" and are able to achieve a good family/work balance.

Humility is a common thread in today's readings. Is it fair to say that humility is not a much sought after virtue these days? It may be the case that in the Christian tradition humility became too identified with self-effacement and the false denial of one's gifts. It helps to return to the origin of the word "humility". It derives from the Latin word "*humus*" meaning ground or earth. Humility can then be seen as being close to the earth, as having one's feet on the ground – to be balanced, well grounded. It's to have a sense of one's strengths and weaknesses, to not indulge in a sense of one's own importance or a need to put oneself down. To be humble is to welcome and make best use of the gifts one is given. In the Gospel Jesus demands a new gentleness and humility, not just from the Pharisees, but also from his disciples. We are all to adopt this approach to our whole way of walking upon this earth – gently and humbly.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this past week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with the Very Rev. Brendan Hayes, Episcopal Vicar. Eighty three of our young parishioners, well prepared by parents, teachers and catechists, were sealed with the Holy Spirit in a joyful and reverent ceremony. Most of these young people had been baptised by Fr. Peter and he was very sorry to miss their Confirmation, but sent prayers from Sicily.

Today parishes around Melbourne will hold the **Fathers' Day Appeal** for the **Priests' Retirement Fund**. The Priests' Retirement Fund is one of the four charities in our Combined Charities Appeal, so sincere thanks for your contribution. For visitors to the parish who would like to support the Appeal, envelopes are available in the foyer.

YOUTH FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER: 15th September, 2 – 5pm \$10 adults, gold coin donation for children. Live Music, and afternoon tea provided. All money raised will go to assist with the costs for our representatives attending the Youth Festival in Perth. A raffle will also assist the fundraiser, tickets will be available soon, and the winner drawn at the concert. ALL WELCOME.

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.

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

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 **(OLA Parish will meet the costs - Thank you)**



CONTINUING THE JOURNEY TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL:

Listening and Dialogue Phase has now concluded. We are moving into a period of Listening and Discernment phase. During this time, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern how we can best respond to the six National Discernment themes. Missionary and evangelizing, inclusive, participatory and synodal, prayerful and Eucharistic, humble, healing and merciful, a joyful, hope-filled and servant community, open to conversion renewal and reform. A writing group will be formed for each theme, comprised of highly qualified people from all across Australia, reflecting the diversity of our Church and community. The interview process for membership of the writing groups is currently in progress. More information please email: evangelisation@cam.org.au

KNITTING GROUP: Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September at 1pm in the church meeting room. ALL WELCOME. And remember *"We only knit on day's ending with Y"*

CARD DAY: Wednesday, 4th September at 11.00m in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul. Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161.

GENTLE EXERCISE: Wednesdays 10:15-11.30am in Exodus Hall. Small classes. Call Parish Office on 95836161 or simply turn up.

COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:

The parish provides free short term counselling to members of the OLA community (parish and school) and their families. Counselling is provided by AnneMaree Eddy, Psychologist. Psychological services are offered for more serious issues. Enq: Parish Office on 9583 6161.

COME JOIN US: after 9am and 11am masses this weekend for a tea/coffee and a welcome chat.



THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS PICK UP THE CHECK ON FATHER'S DAY

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