

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19.; Timothy 1:12-17. Luke 15:1-10

NEXT WEEK:

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8; Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

PURIFIERS:

15th September: Moira Tetteroo
22nd September: Theresa Thomas

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ted Smith, Fr James Feenan, Margot Kerrins, Audrey Cooper, Marj Keller, Sr Geraldine Stapleton csb, Felomina Giokas, Robin Starc, Ralph Bonadio, Antoinette Crisara and Joycelyn Traill.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Laurence Lazareth, Ron Raven, Peter Haggarty, Zachary Gleeson, Dr Raymond Flood, John Murphy, Jenny Anne Abarquez, Fausta Saguimpa, Eduvino Birks, Mariso Izquierdo, Gerry Gauntlett, Cathy Fahy

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. celebration. 95836161.

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.

BAPTISM WELCOME:

11.00am: Rylee Jane Van Taarling (daughter of Liam and Mikala)
Jowen Joaquin (son of Ryan and Rowena).

LITURGY TIMES:

Liturgy Times this week:

Monday 16th September:

Communion Service 9.15am

Tuesday 17th September:

Mass 6pm

Wednesday 18th September:

Mass 9.15am

Thursday 19th September:

Mass 9.15am

Friday 20th September:

Communion Service 9.15am

Saturday 21st September:

9am Mass

6.30pm Vigil Mass 24th Sunday Year C

Sunday 22nd September

Mass 24th Sunday Year C

9am and 11am

Confessions: Wednesday 9.45am

Saturday 9.30am and 6pm

PSALM REFLECTION:

I will rise and go to my father

What you deeply regretted in your life? How have you shared your regret with God?

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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Administrator: Fr. Peter Matheson PE.

Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

Psychologist: Anne Maree Eddy

24th Sunday Year C 15th September, 2019

Fr. Peter has returned, renewed and revitalised and ready to journey with us these next three weeks before handing over to Fr. Alan. In this first week back, Fr. Peter will be celebrating the Funeral Mass of Ted Smith, uncle of John and a friend of many years. Ted had always wanted Fr. Peter to celebrate his funeral at OLA, so timing was perfect. Ted was a larger than life character with a great sense of humour. When he celebrated his 88th birthday, Fr. Peter and Geoff Russell were among the guests and Ted pointed out that the next time they would meet with him would be his funeral. He was right.

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Michael Buck to celebrate the 9am Mass. Fr. Michael was ordained last weekend in a magnificent ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and now he comes back to where it all began. Our prayers are for Fr. Michael and his fellow ordinands as they start to work among God's people, as Pope Francis said, "getting the smell of the sheep about them" living the joy of the Gospel into a hope-filled future.

The theme of this week's readings is that of God's mercy in the face of human failure. In the first reading we see that the people had abandoned God and fallen back into idolatry. God's righteous wrath yields to boundless generosity, mercy and faithfulness to promise.

The fact that Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them was a cause of scandal to the Pharisees. They the "separated ones" avoided all contact with sinners. They assumed that God has no dealings with sinners either. But Jesus shows them a very different kind of God. Jesus tells three parables in today's gospel (the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son). In each case the behaviour, response and attitude of the person who loses something precious images the behaviour, response and attitude of God towards human beings "lost" through sin. The parables show that the chief issue is not so much sin and its forgiveness, but the loss and recovery of something precious.

Perhaps the most famous depiction of today's gospel is Rembrandt's "*The Return of the Prodigal Son*". In the prologue of his short book *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* (1992) Henri Nouwen wrote "The more I spoke of the Prodigal Son, the more I came to see it as, somehow, my personal painting, the painting that contained not only the heart of the story that God wants to tell me, but also the heart of the story that I want to tell God and God's people. All of the Gospel is there. All of my life is there. All of the lives of my friends are there. The painting has become a mysterious window through which I can step into the Kingdom of God."

PARISH OFFICE CHANGE TO HOURS:

The Parish Office will be closed on this coming Monday morning (16th September). **Opening at noon.**

TODAY IS OUR YOUTH FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER: 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, the winner drawn at the concert.
ALL WELCOME.

ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA: Saturday 21 September, St Bede's College Mentone. At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone – especially parents – to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family! To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers on our noticeboard.

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)**

CHILD PROTECTION:

OLA Parish is compliant with Victorian Child Safe Standards, has developed a Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct, in line with Archdiocesan Policy, and appreciates the co-operation of all volunteers in obtaining Working With Children Checks. Our policy is displayed in foyer, is on our website and accessible through www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention.

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. Please contact the parish office for appointments.

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

KNITTING GROUP: The knitting group stall is happening on the 21st and 22nd September. Support these wonderful people who create beautiful items from wool, all money raised will go to our St Vincent De Paul Conference. The next knitting day will be held on the 17th September at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. All welcome to join the fun.



MARY OF THE CROSS ASPENDALE & MORDIALLOC

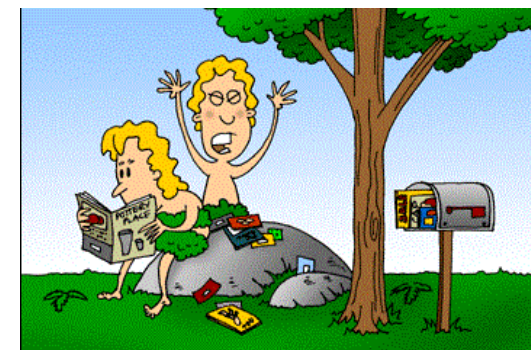
PARISH: Justice Action Group *Planet Earth, The Jewel In The Universe, Our Home. What Can We Do To Preserve It?* **GUEST SPEAKER:** Sr Anne Boyd csb, *Experienced educator, Passionate environmentalist, Founder & director of Earth Song.* On Wednesday 18th September 7.30pm – 9.30pm *Light supper included in*

the Foyer at St Louis de Montfort's Church, 37 Dolphin St, Aspendale
ALL WELCOME.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: are sponsoring an information morning relating by Advanced Care Planning Australia (ACPA). Presented by (ACPA) it is national program funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, enabling Australians to make the best choices for their life and health care that encourages people to reflect on their current and future health goals, values and beliefs. The presentation is free. When: Monday September 30th 11am to 12 noon. Where: Exodus Hall Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. RSVP essential Please phone or text Terry on 0414 569 265 or email petero4@optusnet.com.au.

MORNING TEA:

Please join us at the 9am and 11am masses for tea and coffee, and chat with our parishioners. After 9am mass we will have a special morning tea to welcome Fr Michael Buck, past OLA and St Bedes student, and now newly ordained priest. **ALL WELCOME.**



(See Genesis 3)
JUNK MAIL!?!? ... WILL THE PAIN NEVER
END
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