

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Amos8:4-7;Psalm112:1-2,4-8;Timothy2:1-8;Luke16:1-13.

NEXT WEEK:

Amos6:1,4-7;Psalm145:6-10;Timothy6:11-6;Luke16:19-31

PURIFIERS:

22nd September: Theresa Thomas

29th September: Barbara Torley

RECENTLY DECEASED:Fay Porter, Mary D'Rozario Kate Nolan, Aura Cimador, Br Kevin Williams cfc, Brian Young, Joan Thompson.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jean Rule, Vera Moloney, Michael Cleary, Sally Hewson, Marta Izquierdo, Arthur Lane, Margaret Benkin(snr), Anne Noone, Clifford Roy Hall, Doria and James Nugent, Peter and Dorothy Nugent, Keith Wilson, Bede Gilmore.

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. 95836161.

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.

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:

6.30pm:*Jowen Joaqui*

(son of Ryan and Rowena.

11.00am: *Salvatore Crocilla*

(son of Gaetano and Shan)

Thomas Cassar

(son of Clinton and Megan)

LITURGY TIMES:

Monday Sept 23

9.15 am Communion Service

Tuesday Sept 24

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday Sept 25

9.15 am Mass

Thursday Sept 26

9.15 am Mass

Friday Sept 27

9.15 am Mass

Saturday Sept 28

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (26th Ord Time)

Sunday Sept 29

9.00 am Mass (26th Ord Time)

11.00 am Mass (26th Ord Time)

Confessions: Wednesday 9.45am

Saturday 9.30am and 6pm

PSALM REFLECTION:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

How do you experience God?
Up there? Everywhere at all times?
In some places and not others?
Helping? Just watching? How?



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25th Sunday Year C 22nd September, 2019

My retirement is taking a long time to come around. Next weekend, however, will be my last weekend in the parish as parish priest. Hopefully I will be able to return from time to time for special occasions. School holidays have begun, and we wish the children, teachers and parents, a very restful and peaceful holiday. When school returns Fr Alan Fox will be here as parish priest. He will officially move in on Wednesday, October 2, after being parish priest for thirteen years or more at St John the Baptist parish, Ferntree Gully.

Last Sunday we were truly blessed by the talents of so many of our young people in the concert they gave last Sunday afternoon. The concert was to raise money to send some of our young people to Perth in December for the National Catholic youth Festival. The talent on show last Sunday was so professional and brilliant. The girls who sang were all current or former students of Kilbreda, OLSH, or Star of the Sea Colleges, and all former students of our parish school. The concert began and concluded with Natalie Bohatcova playing a few selections of Bach, Morricone, and Dvorak on the organ. It was a very memorable afternoon. The list of Raffle winners is found elsewhere in the bulletin.

Again last Sunday we welcomed Fr Michael Buck, newly ordained, who celebrated the 9.00 am Mass. Michael's parents are Colleen and David Buck, long time parishioners of OLA. His grandparents too were very much part of OLA. David's mother Mary is still with us. Colleen's parents, Kevin and Louise Fennessy, were both buried from OLA during my time here. The loose money on the plate at the 9am Mass amounted to \$1015 and was given to Fr Michael as a gift from the parish to assist him as he returns to Rome for another two years to obtain his Licence of Sacred theology, specialising in Patristics. We wish him well in his on-going studies, and a speedy return to work among the faithful of Melbourne.

During the week we finalised the **Combined Catholic Charities** appeal and forwarded **\$11,700** to the Archdiocesan Finance Office to distribute to the four specific charities according to the varying percentages. Michelle will be preparing receipts this coming week for me to sign and they will be available next weekend. The sum of money collected this year was down on previous years but still you have given a very generous sum. Thank you on behalf of the four charities, CatholicCare, Catholic Missions, Melbourne Overseas Mission, and the Priests Retirement Foundation.

The reflection on this weekend's scripture readings appears inside the bulletin today.

Fr Peter

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME: The first reading today comes from the prophet Amos. He is the great champion of social justice. He has no respect for the rich and wealthy who rob and trample on the poor and needy farmers, tampering with scales, and on-selling the wheat at marked-up prices. We think corruption is a recent problem. Obviously it was doing well in the time of Amos. Chapter 16 of Luke provides the gospel for today and next Sunday. It tells stories about the use of money. It may seem ironic that these two Sundays coincide with the first two weekends of the September school holidays. It is peak time when children sweet-talk their mums and dads for money for this, or money for that. Money controls so much of our lives. Yet the Lord invites his disciples to see the kingdom of God that surrounds them as the greater value. Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, in his wonderful book on Luke's gospel (The Hospitality of God), offers an interesting interpretation of today's gospel. In Jesus' story the steward is about to be sacked, and he calls in his master's debtors and starts cancelling large slabs of their debt. And then he is praised by the master for his astuteness. How strange! Yet Fr Brendan says that what the steward was cancelling was probably his own commission that would have come to him as the manager. The master's wealth and return would not have been affected. So he was denying himself what would have been his anyway to have friends in the world, rather than money in the bank.

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: Will return on Wednesday 9th October.

SENIORS GROUP: Will return on Thursday 10th September 20

KNITTING GROUP: The knitting group stall is happening this weekend. Support these wonderful people who create beautiful items from wool, all money raised will go to our St Vincent De Paul Conference. Go knit, or go home!

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, Centre Dandenong Road Cheltenham. RSVP essential Please phone or text Terry on 0414 569 265 or email petero4@optusnet.com.au.

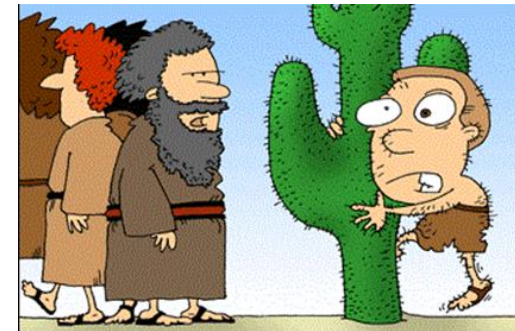
CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: See noticeboard for information on courses for the Masters of Education and Theology.

OLA SCHOOL REUNION : 1955-1962. Come along on the 13th October at 12noon to the Royal Oak Hotel Mentone. Contact Sr Margaret Pelly 958455851 who was Mother Anselm in those days. Should be a great catchup.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket for the wonderful raffle held last weekend at our Youth Festival fundraiser. The winners were, Maria Bracchi, Sue Robinson, Natalie, Anne Z. Thanks also to Christine Hargreaves who donated the marvellous prizes, most kind.

ST ANDREW'S PARISH COMMUNITY FETE:

Amazing international food stalls, great raffle prizes, exciting rides and games. Saturday 19th October 10am-4pm. Cnr Bunney and Srings Road, Clayton South.



(See Luke 19:1-10) 04-02-2001
**HONESTLY ZACCHAEUS ... YOU KNOW
BETTER THAN TO ATTEND SPEECHES IN THE
DESERT**