

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145:6-10; Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

## **NEXT WEEK:**

Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; Psalm 94:1-2,6-9; Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10.

## **PURIFIERS:**

29<sup>th</sup> September: Barbara Torley  
6<sup>th</sup> October: Julie White

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr John Rate MSC, Finbarr O'Neill, Antonio Cherubin, Burnon Steveni, Rosina Iannuzzi, Faye Porter, Titilia Latinara

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Dunne, Sergio Andrade, Raul Andrade, Carlyle Muller, James Anderson, Bill Wilson, Jack Moloney, Wal, Mollie and Michael Hannah.

## **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. .

**We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonwong 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.

## **BAPTISMS:**

Salvatore Crocilla (son of Gaetano and Shan Shan)  
Jowen Joaquin (son of Ryan and Rowena)

## **Baptism Welcome:**

Mia Mattingley (James and Natalie)

## **Liturgy times this coming week**

**Fr Peter** will celebrate parish Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week:

**Monday** Sept 30 –

9.15am Communion Service

**Tuesday** Oct 1 – 6pm Mass

**Wednesday** Oct 2 9.15am Mass

**Funeral Masses** will be celebrated for Rosina Iannuzzi, Tuesday at 10.45am, and for Antonio Cherubin Wednesday at 11am

**Fr Alan** arrives Wednesday afternoon and will celebrate the following Masses:

**Thursday** Oct 3 9.15am Mass

**Friday** Oct 4 – 10.15am  
Healing Mass

**Saturday** Oct 5 9.00am Mass  
6.30pm Mass (27<sup>th</sup> Ord Time)

**Sunday** Oct 6 –9.00am Mass  
11.00am Mass

## **PSALM REFLECTION:**

**Praise the Lord my soul!**

When has your life been touched by  
God's generosity?

What have you done to pass it on?



**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham**

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**Administrator:** Fr. Peter Matheson PE.

**Pastoral Associates:** Frances North and Christine Dunne

**Psychologist:** AnneMaree Eddy

## **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

Eight months after turning 75 and three months after you gave me such a wonderful farewell I am finally about to ride off into the sunset. We have had a wonderful journey as a faith community, and you have welcomed me and worked with me as leader of the OLA faith community. I offer you all a final word of thanks. You are all very much part of my identity, and I fear what will happen to my identity after next Wednesday.

I want you to give the same welcome and support to Fr Alan Fox who comes as your new parish priest. We are struggling through a difficult time as church. The sexual abuse crimes followed by the Royal Commission have brought about many changes. Now parishes are expected to have Child Safety Committees precisely at a time when it is more and more difficult to get volunteers to exercise ordinary ministries in our parishes. Perhaps the best way at the start is to make Parish Child Safety a specific and recurring agenda item of the Parish Pastoral Council meetings. But all of this is part of the immediate future in which I will not be involved.

The Plenary Council is just over the horizon, and again I will be on the sidelines as an interested spectator. On the bigger world scene, the battle between progressive reflection and conservative intransigence will be worked out this coming month in the Synod on the Amazon. Pope Francis has approved the agenda which will discuss how the Eucharist will continue to be celebrated in a place where priests are few. Decisions about the shape of the church to come will be made there, which must surely affect the reflections of our Plenary Council.

Word came through this week that Fr John Rate MSC, who grew up in OLA parish, died in Adelaide last Sunday evening. He was parish priest of Henley Beach and had been suffering from cancer for some time. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially his sister Colleen Gleeson who is still very much part of our parish. Our condolences also go to the families of Rosina Iannuzzi and Antonio Cherubin who have died and will be buried on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week. Both families lived in Argus St. Antonio is the father of Diana Milburn who works in admin in our parish school. Only recently she has buried her husband. Fr Peter

**Scripture readings this weekend: The gospel this weekend is a story Jesus told about homelessness. It is the second parable in Luke Ch 16 and follows on from last week's parable about the dishonest steward. This one is about a poor man Lazarus at the gate of a rich man longing to eat the scraps that fall from the rich man's table. They both die and their fortunes are totally reversed in the next world. Fr Brendan Byrne, in his commentary (The Hospitality of God), makes the point that Lazarus was not portrayed as virtuous in any way.**

“It is his poor and neglected condition that is the object of God’s action. Nor is the rich man wicked in other respects. It is simply that his luxury so absorbed him that he did not notice – and not noticing, sealed his fate” (p 137). In terms of conversion the two parables in Luke 16 throw light on each other. The steward, rogue that he may have been, took immediate action when he saw the crisis coming. The rich man however did not. “Inhospitable to Lazarus, he found himself eternally excluded from the hospitality of God” (ibid).

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday** on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: **‘Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world’**. It shares Pope Francis’ challenge to us to *‘boldly become citizens of the digital world’*. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. New digital media offer positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity, however some elements of our digital world may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

**Amalgamation of St Bede’s and St James’ Colleges** Just prior to the school holidays commencing an announcement was made about an agreement between St. James and St. Bede’s of intent to amalgamate both Colleges, under the overall operations of St. Bede’s College, with effect from the start of 2021. This followed considerable discussions over the past 18 months involving the St. James College Canonical Administrators, the St. Bede’s College Board, the De La Salle Brothers, Catholic Education Melbourne and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. OLA is one of the canonical parishes that were involved in buying the land on which St James was built and began in 1970. Over a number of years OLA contributed more than \$100,000 towards the establishment of St James. Those parish contributions ceased in the early 80’s. The time is now right for the partnership between St Bede’s and St James. Over the next twelve months, the colleges will undertake a significant consultation process with parents, teachers, alumni, and importantly, the students, in working towards a binding agreement detailing the transfer of St. James’ administrative operations to St. Bede’s.

**Parish Calendar 2020** There will be a meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm in the School Board Room to discuss possible events and dates to be organised as fund raisers next year. Suggestions – Parish Fete, Cocktail Party/Dinner Dance. If you are unable to attend the meeting, any suggestions may be forwarded to [cheltenham@cam.org.au](mailto:cheltenham@cam.org.au) and will be tabled for discussion. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!!

**CARD DAY:** Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00am in Church Meeting Room. Basket lunch provided. Cost \$10. Proceeds to St Vincent De Paul.  
Enq: via Parish office 9583 6161

**KNITTING GROUP:** Many thanks to those who purchased items from our stall last weekend. We were able to donate \$640 to St Vincent De Paul. Thanks to those who donate the wool. Next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 1pm in the Meeting Room. All welcome.

**HEALING MASS:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.15am. All Welcome.



**The Knights of the Southern Cross** are sponsoring an information morning relating by Advanced Care Planning Australia (ACPA). The presentation is free. When **Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> 11am to 12 noon**. Where Exodus Hall Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Center Dandenong Road Cheltenham. RSVP essential Please phone or text Terry on 0414 569 265 or email [petero4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:petero4@optusnet.com.au).



This year’s Grand Final has a distinctly OLA flavour. **Lachie Whitfield** (Grandson of Kevin Kelly) and **Tim Taranto** (Grandson of Dianne and Paul Taranto) are two of the GWS players to play in the GrandFinal. **Lachie** was drafted No.1 in the 2012 draft. He is the son of Maryanne (nee: Kelly) who attended OLA and OLSH; Grandfather Kevin

has been a member of the OLA Parish since 1959; Lachie won the GWS Best and Fairest and was named All Australian in 2018. **Tim** was drafted No.2 in the 2016 draft. Grandparents Paul and Dianne are involved in several parish activities. He has had a wonderful year and is tipped to be Best and Fairest at GWS this year. Both boys are great mates and extremely popular at their Club. They are also a credit to their families

**O.L.A SOCIAL GOLF- NEW SEASON** Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October - Twilight Golf & Dinner- More Players Needed & Non-golfers Also Welcome for Dinner. See Entry sheet on table in foyer-3.30pm start Enquiries: Ron 9583 8589 Rob 9584 9089

**SPARKS OF BEAUTY: SACRED SPACES: Wednesday 9 October, 6.30-8.30pm (6.30pm registration/light refreshments).** **Mary MacKillop Chapel, ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne** The *Sparks of Beauty* series seeks to enter into dialogue with speakers from a variety of fields and to celebrate the intersections between faith and life while encouraging a new imagining of Catholic spirituality in 21<sup>st</sup> century Australia. Fr Laurence Freeman OSB together with Cathy Jenkins, Director of the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation, will offer some insights into how we might find and celebrate the sacred in today’s increasingly fragmented and secular world. **Cost:** \$30 adult, \$15 student (18 and under), \$100 for a group of five (includes light refreshments). **Enquiries:** Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation on 99265761 or [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au) **Registrations:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BELFB>

