

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

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

### **NEXT WEEK:**

Kings5:14-17;Psalm97:1-4;  
2 Timothy2:8-13;Luke17:11-19

### **PURIFIERS:**

6<sup>th</sup> October: Julie White  
13<sup>th</sup> October: Kevin Wilson

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Graham Cunningham, Marta Andrade

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian Hodgson, Guy Goh, John Dunne, John Mumford (Snr), Rick Miller, Henry Hanna, Fr Gregorio Florendo, Mergino Maria Giuseppa, Michael McGurn, Molly Kelly, Gelie McDonald, Clare Robinson, Julie Maskell, Maria Flavia Violi, Eileen Adams, James Robisnon, Adrian Joseph, Sabino Del Balso, Catherine Roughsedg.

### **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 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.

### **BAPTISMS:**

Thomas George Cassar, son of Clinton and Megan

### **BAPTISM WELCOME:**

**11.00am:** Gus Anthony Revere, son of Joshua and Patricia.

### **Liturgy Times:**

#### **Monday Oct 7**

9.15 am Communion Service

#### **Tuesday Oct 8**

6.00 pm Mass

#### **Wednesday Oct 9**

9.15 am Mass

#### **Thursday Oct 10**

9.15 am Mass

#### **Friday Oct 11**

9.15 am Mass

#### **Saturday Oct 12**

9.00 am Mass

6.30 pm Mass (28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year)

#### **Sunday Oct 13**

9.00 am Mass

11.00 am Mass

### **Confessions:**

Wednesday 9.40am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm

### **PSALM REFLECTION:**

**If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts**

In what ways do you hear the voice of God? How do you respond?

**We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our Parish.**



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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C - 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

First of all I would like to say how much I've appreciated the warm welcome quite a few of you have already extended to me, having commenced my appointment here at OLA this week. The hospitality of this parish community was clearly evident from when my appointment was first announced, as I received a number of notes, cards and emails from parishioners. As I write, I've now celebrated a couple of weekday Masses, including the Anointing Mass on Friday morning, and again, many parishioners went out of their way to introduce themselves and offer words of welcome. So thank you most sincerely for such a warm introduction. I look forward to getting to know many of you particularly over the weeks and months ahead.

The teaching of Jesus in this week's gospel reading, in response to the plea of the apostles to 'increase their faith', has implications for all who follow Christ. It would be unfortunate if the comparisons Jesus employs – quite strange to our ears – were to get in the way, as we hear his words. Literal affirmations and vivid images were taken for granted by the cultural tradition in which Jesus situated his ministry. Perhaps he was near a mulberry tree as he spoke. That a mulberry bush, a fair sized tree with an extensive root system, quite familiar to his listeners, should suddenly be uprooted and re-established in the sea, was clearly an impossibility in the world of ordinary experience. But the point Jesus is making is that those who have 'faith' will know impossible things, are possible for God.

The 'faith' that Jesus constantly refers to in the gospels is an openness to the coming of God's Reign, in the miraculous signs he worked and in the teachings he offers us. God has been revealed, as the Scriptures constantly remind us, in the 'great things' God has done. Just like the apostles, we too are sent out – given a share in Jesus' own mission and what his heaven Father achieves through him. We are reminded, however, that we are no more than God's instruments – whatever has lasting worth for the final kingdom is all God's work. This applies to us all; but it has an obvious importance for those who are called to serve within the Christian community. In the reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, those who have such roles are told, therefore, to 'Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us'.

**Fr. Alan**

**COMBINED CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:** Receipts are available in the church foyer for your collection. Please ensure you take your envelope. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

**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!!

**THANK YOU TO FATHER PETER** and all of the OLA parishioners who attended and helped us celebrate Father Michael's first mass at OLA on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen. A very special time for our family. Michael is now back in Rome and sends his best wishes. Thanks again everyone, David, Colleen, Maddy & Michael Buck.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the OLA Parish, who donated the walking aid which was left in the foyer at the Saturday evening Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. It's now in the very careful hands of my father in law and has completely given him a new lease of life He's used it every day since we got it and loves going for his walk with it and not being totally dependent on his walking stick. *Olivia Moran & father in law Sean Moran.*

**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: Parish office 9583 6161

**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 21st 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>

**OLA SCHOOL REUNION :** 1955-1962. Come along on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JOIN AN INFORMATION NIGHT** covering what to look for in a Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. Hear from John & Randa, who were born & brought up in the Holy Lands & live in Australia since 1995. Wednesday 23 October at 6.30pm: St. Augustine's Church on 631 Bourke St, Melbourne. Or Thursday 24 October at 6.30 pm: Our Lady of the Pines Church, on 77 Carbine St, Donvale. **Please register your interest: Call John 0404 184 622 or Randa 0431 125 533 or email: [support@christianpilgrimage.com.au](mailto:support@christianpilgrimage.com.au)**

**MEDITATION:** All are welcome, no experience necessary : "a safe and relaxing place to gently explore body movements sound and deep meditation". Can be done on a chair or on a comfortable mat on the floor. \$25 casual, \$20 concession. Also Wednesdays Christian meditation at OLA recommences 9<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm: All are welcome. Call Maree Crutch c/o Parish office 9583 6161. **NEW CLASS** starting Thursday, 10 October with Maree Crutch at 42 Jack Road Cheltenham Gentle acu-yoga and Meditation.

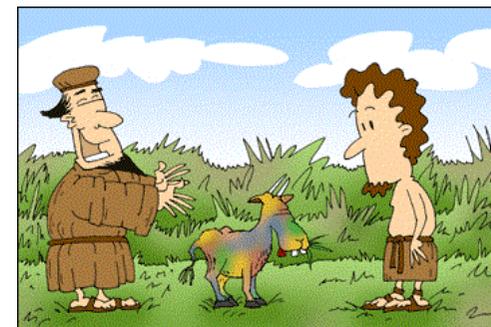
**VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT:** to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 15 October, 2019 at 7.00pm. This concert will feature Baroque Ensemble SONARE and Vocal Ensemble CANTUS NOVESIA from Germany, under the direction of Joachim Neugart, Director of Music at the cathedral in Neuss, Germany. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFXGN> or tickets available at the door.

**MISSION ADVENTURE?** Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. On October 27 teacher **Kathy Brick** will share her experience of mentoring in Samoa, Tanzania and South Africa, and explain how **sharing your skills** can **immerse** you in a **world of deep cultural discovery**. **Discover Palms:** Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am, Ross House, Jenny Florence Room. 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

**GENTLE EXERCISE:** Will return on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**SENIORS GROUP:** Will return on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**RENTAL AVAILABLE:** Compact detached 1 bedroom bungalow with kitchenette available to rent. \$180 per week close to Southland would suit single person. Contact Katarina 0490 178 141



Thanks to Doug Ferrell (See Genesis 37:3-36) 02-11-2002  
**DURING AN EARLY MISUNDERSTANDING, JOSEPH WAS GIVEN A GOAT OF MANY COLORS**