

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Wisdom9:13-18;Psalm89:3-6,12-14.17;Philemon9-10.12-17;Luke14:25-33

NEXT WEEK:

Exodus32:7-11.13-14;Psalm50:3-4.12-13.17.19.;Timothy1:12-17.Luke15:1-10

PURIFIERS:

8th September: Fionnuala Tate
15th September: Moira Tetteroo

RECENTLY DECEASED: Isla Libbis, Em Port, Socar Andrade, Margaret (Jan) Little

ANNIVERSARIES: Miette Cimiotti, Vin Stewart, Jack Bradbury, Monica Hill, James Andrews, Jim Sullivan, Denis(Snow)Seymour, Bill Seymour, Maureen Stent, Isabell Allars, Françoise Delos Angeles, Maxime Raimbert, Doug Somerville, Maureen Reidy, Sheila Sutton

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.

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:

In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge

Our lives are brief, lived within the great wonder of creation.

How do you celebrate the life God has given you,
day by day, year by year?

**We, the people of OLA, acknowledge and pay respect to the Boonworong people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
May we walk gently here.**

May you be filled with loving kindness
May you be well
May you be peaceful and at ease
May you be happy



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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Pastoral Associates: Frances North and Christine Dunne

Psychologist: AnneMaree Eddy

23rd Sunday Year C 8th September, 2019

This year the Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the National Child Protection Week campaign, stressing the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. The focus is Putting Children First – Child Protection is everyone's Business.

The images of child sexual abuse have continued to appal our entire community and diminish the trust that many have placed in our Church. Sadly, that trust has been further eroded when it becomes evident that institutions have failed to appropriately respond to the needs of victims. In the midst of pain and disappointment, do we pray to understand this moment in Church history? Do we cry out to God? As the psalmist says today "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

The Australian Bishops' Conference has set aside today to pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters, and to recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that genuinely support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

As parishioners of OLA Parish, and disciples of Jesus, we are all called to play our part in supporting parents and ensuring that our children and young people are safe from harm. Small things we do every day can help create a safer environment for children. The importance of respect, of being good role models and acting on genuine concerns for a child's safety and wellbeing are a few simple ways we are able to do this. By building stronger communities we can create safer environments for children. We believe that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

The two short parables in today's Gospel make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. The goal Jesus sets before us is immensely worthwhile – the goal of an authentic way of life here and eternal life hereafter. There is no higher goal than that.



From Fr. Peter - Greetings from Cefalu.

Cefalu is a delightful seaside town on the north coast of Sicily, sporting a 12th Century Norman cathedral. Arrived here after the "Secrets of Sicily" tour ended. It has been a wonderful holiday and the "secrets" of Sicily include such a diversity

of archaeology, architecture and cuisine, created by the influx over centuries of cultures from east, north, south and west in this island in the middle of the Mediterranean. Now in the warmth and humidity of a Mediterranean September it is time to rest on the sand and in the water, and enjoy the fish and fruit and sauces of so many trattorias up and down the narrow streets of the old historical township. I shall be thinking of Michael Buck on Saturday, and the Buck family, and look forward to celebrating Mass with Michael the following Sunday at Cheltenham.

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.

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.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: This Saturday at St Patrick's Cathedral, there was much rejoicing as Archbishop Peter ordained four new priests for service in Melbourne. Please pray for newly ordained Andrew Choi, Nathan Rawlins, Michael Buck and Trac Nguyen. Our warmest congratulations to Michael Buck, a former student of OLA, son of Colleen and

David Buck and grandson of Mary Buck. Michael will celebrate the 9am Mass at OLA next Sunday, 15th September.

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

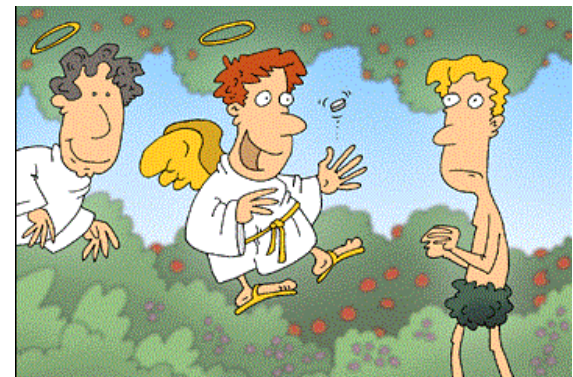
LIVING LAUDATO SI'

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).-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)**

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.

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.



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Genesis 2:7-25) 11-20-2009
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