

Risen Christ



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 & 5 October 2025 - Year C

The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.



Gospel - Luke 17:5-10



The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith'. The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Reflection - Break Open the Word 2025

These verses offer two different pieces of advice on discipleship.

The first is centred on the short and memorable request, *Increase our faith*. With typical Hebrew hyperbole, Jesus uses the startling image of the mulberry tree. He is not promoting showy wonder-working. Faith is about trusting God and God's power - to this, there are no limits. People of faith accomplish nothing by their own human power.

The second piece of advice surprisingly addresses the disciple as an upper-class landowner who has a servant to work on the farm and to serve at table. The point of the example is to speak to them of a leadership of service. At the Last Supper, Jesus himself will point out that he is among the apostles as 'one who serves' (Lk 22:26-27). Jesus here pricks the bubble of pride: *we are merely servants...*

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community. We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 21 & 28 September 2025

		OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	Cash	\$517.00	\$866.00
	Electronic	\$3,274.00	\$3,977.50
Presbytery	Cash	\$1,020.65	\$855.45
	Electronic	\$200.00	\$230.00

Thanksgiving / Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
July	\$5,586.47	\$8,151.50	\$13,737.97
August	\$6,513.67	\$9,149.50	\$15,663.17
September	\$6,600.67	\$11,649.50	\$18,250.17

Parish Census

A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends - Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th and Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th October. This will enable us to update our parish records - adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census cards/privacy envelopes and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 4

12:00pm Baptisms: Mia, Ella, Isaac
Myla & Tahlia Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 5

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

Monday 6

2:00pm Mass St Vincent's Aged Care

7:30pm RCIA Class Eltham

Tuesday 7

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Bethan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 8

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

7:30pm Rosary Eltham

Thursday 9

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Emmaus Small Church Community Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

2:30pm Meditation Eltham

7:00pm Meditation Eltham

Friday 10

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 11

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 12

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

Monday 13

7:30pm RCIA Class Eltham

Tuesday 14

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal St Patrick's Cathedral

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 15

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

1:00pm Kairos Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Rosary Eltham



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

Montmorency

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:

*Nora Edmond, Pat Hosmer, Siobhan Lappin, Frances McDonald,
Jarrod Mizzi, Cindy & Ed Morrissey, Regina Roszczenko (mother of Liz Gray),
Barney Steward, Jeanne Vanderwert*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:

Mick Fagan, Judy McInerney, Gracie Money, Lina Moylan

Eltham

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:

*Stephen Andrew, Sheilah Arneson, Bill Boyce, Penny Boyce, Ruth Decker,
Mary Luttick, Bernard Murray, Audrey Tunks*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:

Daniel Stevenson

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.



**Congratulations to all who celebrate
their sacraments this weekend:**

Saturday, 4th October, 2025

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Tahlia Lily Galante
Ella James Hill
Mia Ashleigh Hill
Isaac Scott Kernaghan
Myla Eden Marie

Baptism
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St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 6:00pm

Thomas Richard Blair
Jude William Foulds
Patrick Maxwell Fraser
Alexandra Joy Gogorosis
Ren Dylan Nolan
Ted Norman

First Eucharist
First Eucharist
First Eucharist
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First Eucharist

Sunday, 5th October, 2025

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 10:00am

Ayla Jurowicz
Harvey Paul Saw
Thomas James Stanton

First Eucharist
First Eucharist
First Eucharist

Season of Creation - Week Five

Canticle

Praised by You, my Lord, through our Sister
Bodily Death, from whom no living man can
escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will
find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm. Praise
and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

Reading

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they
should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting
in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of
love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should
strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the
resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them
serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

(OFS Rule, Art. 19)

Contemplation

“This is what I want from you: to do justice, to love compassionately, and to
walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)

Prayer of the Week

All-powerful, most holy, most high, supreme God: all good, supreme good,
totally good, You Who alone are good, may we give You all praise, all glory, all
thanks, all honour, all blessing, and all good. So be it! So be it! Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

Roster for week ending 5 Oct 2025

Bowlby, Ross	H10:00
Boyd, Mary	PRYR
Cotter, Anne	CLNR
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Edwards, Elisabeth	C10:00
Grande, Silvana	H10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Reischel, Will	R10:00
Rough Family	PRSE
Scully, Greg	E10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Wood, Gerard	CLNR
Wood, Marie	LoW-01 Thu

Roster for week ending 12 Oct 2025

Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Cseh, Nika	R10:00
Davidson, John	PRYR
Dopheide, Marlis	C10:00
French, Jossie	W8:30
Goodison, Pauline	CLNR
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
John, Audry	H10:00
John, Des	H10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Love, Philip	W8:30
Maloney, Jo	W6:00
Roy, Yvonne	CLNR
Ryan Family	PRSE
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Scully, Greg	H10:00
Scully, Helen	H10:00
Skipper, Patsy	LoW-01 Thu
Williams, Peter	E10:00
Wood, Marie	CLNR

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham;

C = Commentator;

CLKR = PowerPoint Clicker @ SFX;

CLNR = Cleaner @ SFX; **R** = Reader;

E = Eucharistic Minister;

H = Hospitality;

LoW-01 = Liturgy of the Word with
Communion @ SFX;

PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;

M = Music; **W** = Minister of the Word

A HOMELAND FOR THE PALESTINIANS

The recognition of the state of Palestine by the United Kingdom could have serious historical implications. There is a parallel with the Balfour Declaration, the 1917 statement by the British government which promised the Jewish people a homeland. It took 31 years for the State of Israel to come about, but the Declaration set a direction of travel. And it recognised an entity, “the Jewish people”, which had some status in international law and diplomacy. In a similar way, recognition of a “state” of Palestine is implicit recognition that an entity called the “Palestinian people” is in existence today, just as the “Jewish people” existed in 1917. The concept of a “people” rests on the assumption that any group defined by a common ethnic, historical, religious and language identity is greater than the sum of its parts. It becomes a social and ontological reality.

These things matter, which may be why the Israeli government of Benjamin Netanyahu opposes the recognition of the Palestinian state so vehemently. He will be beware that the Balfour Declaration, later to become a foundation document of the State of Israel, also spoke of guaranteeing “the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine”. That commitment, long regarded as a dead letter and even a logical contradiction, has now been resurrected in the Downing Street Declaration of 21 September 2025. This is not meaningless.

But Netanyahu does raise a good question. Would a Palestinian state, if ever it were to happen on the ground, necessarily be a threat to Israel’s survival? After its foundation, for many decades the larger part of the Arab world deplored Israel’s existence, and organised several attempts to invade and destroy it. Antisemitism in the Arab street remains strong, even if the majority of Middle Eastern countries, with the exception of Iran, have come to terms with Israel’s existence, *de facto* if not *de jure*. If it is not to threaten Israel’s security, the establishment of a state of Palestine has to be part of a permanent solution to long-standing grievances in the region, grievances which Netanyahu himself has wantonly amplified by his government’s attempt to destroy Gaza and the mass killing of its population.

The suppression of Hamas and the anti-Zionist ideology it stands for is also a necessary condition for the eventual existence of a Palestinian state committed to living in peace with its neighbours. The same applies to Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen, and above all to the current regime in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The word “genocide” has been much used to describe the Israeli government’s intentions, but these three entities are unmistakably guilty of it. Israel is entitled to fight back.

Netanyahu may think that Israel needs Hamas and its allies as enemies bent on its destruction, to neutralise the possibility of a two-state solution. What he fails to grasp, even from his own Jewish history, is that the idea of a national homeland for a people as their birthright is so compelling and profound that it is almost impossible, in the long run, to deny it.



Franciscan Witness and Practice PROPHETIC LIVING

It has struck me in a recurring way over my lifetime that Francis’ universal social justice agenda was to live a simple life. Otherwise, we’re always a part of the system, please somebody to get some advantage or make more money.

~ Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs* (podcast)

Richard Rohr considers how the prophetic lives of Francis and Clare shaped others through their witness:

Francis and Clare were not so much prophets by what they said as in the radical, system-critiquing way that they lived their lives. They found both their inner and outer freedom by structurally living *on the edge of the inside of church and society*. Too often people seek either inner freedom or mere outer freedom, but seldom - in my opinion - do people seek and find both. Francis and Clare did.

Their agenda for justice was the most foundational and undercutting of all others: a very simple lifestyle outside the system of production and consumption (the real meaning of the vow of poverty), plus a conscious identification with the marginalised of society (the communion of saints pushed to its outer edge). In this position, we do not “do” acts of peace and justice as much as our lives themselves become peace and justice. We take our small and sufficient place in the great and grand scheme of God.

By “living on the edge of the inside” I mean building on the solid Tradition (“from the inside”) from a new and creative stance (“on the edge”) where we cannot be co-opted for purposes of security, possessions, or the illusions of power. Francis and Clare placed themselves outside the social and ecclesiastical systems. Francis was not a priest, nor were Franciscan men to pursue priesthood in the early years of the order. Theirs was not a spirituality of earning or seeking worthiness, career, church status, moral one-upmanship, or divine favour (which they knew they already had). Within their chosen structural freedom, Francis and Clare also found personal, mental, and emotional freedom. They were free from negativity and ego. Such liberation is full gospel freedom.

Today, most of us try to find personal and individual freedom even as we remain inside of structural boxes and a system of consumption that we are then unable or unwilling to critique. Our mortgages, luxuries, and privileged lifestyles control our whole future. Whoever is paying our bills and giving us security and status determines what we can and cannot say or even think.

When Jesus and John’s Gospel used the term “the world”, they did not mean the earth, creation, or civilisation, which Jesus clearly came to love and save (see John 12:47). They were referring to idolatrous systems and institutions that are invariably self-referential and “always passing away” (see 1 Corinthians 7:31). Francis and Clare showed us it is possible to change the system not by negative attaches (which tend to inflate the ego), but simply by quietly moving to the side and doing it better!

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/prophetic-living/>

For the Pope's representative in Ukraine life has become stripped to the essentials / By Visvaldas Kulbokas

Learning from the war

It is very difficult for me to communicate with the "other world", the world other people live in. We have drone attacks in Kyiv almost every night and missile attacks every couple of weeks. I find it impossible to rest if there is an attack during the night, and impossible to concentrate on work if there is an attack during the day. This world of violence and fear consumes all my time and attention.

Being in Kyiv is, though, incomparably easier than living in, say, Kherson, Sumy, Kharkiv or Zaporizhzhia. When a Greek Catholic bishop invited some soldiers to join him at the Easter table in Zaporizhzhia this year, I found it impossible to talk to them: after I said a few words about Easter, about the resurrection of Jesus, the soldiers plunged into thoughts about their comrades in the trenches. A military chaplain told me his white Samoyed dog Aeneas was better than he was at communicating with soldiers, especially the wounded. Aeneas just needs to cuddle up and be there. He doesn't need words.

The same chaplain tells newly mobilised soldiers, "When your hands shake while loading a rifle or cannon - don't be surprised, it's normal. When you pee in the trenches or soil yourself the first time you come under attack - don't be afraid. Your yellowed or browned trousers will not surprise anyone."

Near the frontline, everyone is a target: bus drivers, humanitarian aid workers, priests. A former chaplain, now a simple priest in Kherson, showed me wounds on his side and thigh. He explained: "A drone was chasing me as I was driving. A parishioner saw it and called me. 'Put your foot down as hard as you can,' he told me. 'There's a drone right behind you!' By driving at top speed and manoeuvring the car I prevent the drone (or rather, the drone operator) from accurately targeting me, so I escaped with only a moderate injury."

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "When you give food to the hungry or water to the thirsty, you give me food and you give me drink; when you visit a prisoner or visit some who is sick, you visit me." As nuncio I represent the Pope to all the people of Ukraine, including those in the occupied territories, and,



Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas at a prayer breakfast in Kyiv

especially, the children and civilians and prisoners of war being held in Russia. What chance have I of visiting them, of offering them water to drink and food to eat? None. I live in a reality where it is impossible for me to do as Jesus asks. Except, of course, in prayer.

The living conditions of prisoners are so difficult that I personally know priests who, having been captured, are looking for ways to take their own lives. My friend Ihor Kozlovskiy, the philosopher, religious scholar and poet, was captured in 2016, when Russia occupied the Donbas. He was imprisoned and tortured. After nearly two years, he was released. "In order not to go crazy," he told me, "I used to give lectures to the rates while standing in my cell, which was full of dirt and faeces up to my calves." I thank God that he survived to see his wife and children and to enjoy a taste of freedom. Ihor died in his sleep on 6 September 2023.

I have been here for over four years. I thank God that I am in Kyiv. People here are no longer interested in anything other than the absolute essentials. This became clear to me after President Donald Trump suggested that peace negotiations with Russian and Ukraine might take place with the mediation of the Holy See. Within a few hours I was contacted by fellow diplomats, by negotiators and analysts. None wanted anything for themselves. The situation in Ukraine is so serious, the threat of what might happen if the war is not ended is so dire, that they all - whether they were from France, from Great Britain,

Egypt, Switzerland, the Netherlands, or refugees from Russia - shared their insights, thoughts and experiences without ceremony.

It occurred to me: this is how humanity should be. Only by supporting each other can we create something together, because the threats Ukraine faces are common to all. I don't think that we are united enough or that there are enough of us, but the breakthroughs in togetherness have been inspiring.

A question arises for me: what to do with time in the middle of war. I have given up reading books and watching the news, except for the most essential of the essential. What else can I eliminate from my worries so that I have strength and time left for essential things? So that the background of relatively smaller problems does not overshadow the main ones?

The price of giving up all that is small. I simply no longer know, I can no longer imagine, what life looks like and feels like elsewhere, in that "other world". So much energy, so many hours here are spent in meetings and conferences. Many ordinary Ukrainians - captured soldiers, citizens and illegally deported children - are imprisoned in Russia. What more can we do to bring them home to their families? Because we are so caught up trying to address the human consequences of the war, there is little time left for contact with the other world, the world that is outside Ukraine - even with those I report to in the Holy See, not to mention family and friends.

Yet the greatest refreshment for the soul is to communicate with people from "other worlds", and from the heart, not with platitudes or clichés. And as I lie awake fearful that it might be my turn to be killed or injured in the next drone attack, one "recipe" that I have learned here in Kyiv comes to mind: it is time for all of us to truly love - and respect - each other. Then we will be able to rely more firmly on the Gospel, which says that only by loving each other are we in God, and is God in us.

Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas has been the Pope's representative in Ukraine since 2021. He is a native of Klaipėda, Lithuania.

Malaysian Update and a Perspective

Marlis and I have been privileged to support people from many countries. Hazara from Afghanistan, Ethiopians, Somalians have lived with us, coming from war-torn countries, where they were tortured, terrorised and intimidated. We have worked with Kurds, Syrians, Lebanese and Iraqis, also from war-torn countries.

But then there is a murky, nebulous collection of asylum seekers, whose stories do not fit the “acceptable profile”. OLHC have assisted in all the following cases. A PNG woman who almost died at the hands of her husband but managed to escape to Australia. But Australia supports PNG, and domestic violence is considered a “national issue”. This lady is still in Australia, but her future is tenuous. An Albanian mother of two whose husband was found to be a ruthless criminal who threatened her life. But with church support she gained safe haven in Australia and residency. And then the Sri Lankan mother and daughter whose fight went down to the 12th hour before the church team saved them... and the mum married a parishioner!!!

Our most horrific case was an Egyptian couple who lived in Parih accommodation. The husband suffered psychiatric issues but the couple did not meet government asylum requirements. In the middle of the night, with no prior warning, 3 police cars, 2 border security cars and an ambulance arrived at the property and forcibly removed the couple to a detention centre. Subsequently they were deported. It was a blatant act of bullying and disregard for human duty of care. It shattered us all.

And so we come to the case of the Malaysians. Malaysia is not a war-torn country but citizens often relocate to Australia because of persecution issues (gender, black magic, economic distress etc). The case of our Malaysians is particularly “murky”. Ridz (the husband) came to Australia 10 years ago on a work/study visa for 3 months. Australia is desperate for fruit pickers and farm workers. Whilst here, Ridz applied for asylum. We don’t know the reasons he cited. And we don’t know who lodged his application, but it was incomplete and inadequate. Nor (the wife/mother) came in 2019, also on a work/study visa. But her story is very different. She has been raised almost in isolation since the age of 13 years believing she has been hexed by black magic. Her mother has fed this belief remorselessly. She applied for asylum and believes if she returns to Malaysia she and her child/ren will be killed.

One may well ask how an asylum seeker, like Ridz, with a tenuous claim can be allowed to linger in Australia for so long with no certainty of outcome. Where Ridz now works, over half the population of Robinvale are illegal immigrants keeping the fruit industry afloat, being supported by the orchard farmers and the community because without them the industry would flounder.

On Wednesday, I took Nor into the city to meet with an immigration lawyer recommended by Alba (mother of 5). He is a good man. He made it clear that the past paperwork lodge on this couple’s behalf may not be helpful. Also, it is unclear if Nor has ever had a valid application and Khayla (the daughter) has certainly never been represented.

As the lawyer said, these are “simple” folk who totally believed the people trying to help. They have NO IDEA how to navigate “the system”. The compelling issue is that Nor has a vivid, crippling belief that she has been hexed by black magic, and this mental ‘psychosis’ governs her life. To be free from this, she needs to know that she is NOT returning to Malaysia, and then she needs to get psychological help.

BUT, to unravel all the machinations, and to make our way toward a solution, we need legal representation, and this is costly. When Marlis and I work in any outreach capacity, we never judge. Asylum seeker, refugee, homeless - whomever - we have a basic formula, we listen to their story, we try to empower them to move forward (with or without assistance), and we walk beside them for however long it takes. It is not about a cup of coffee or a meal here and there. It is walking the walk for however long the journey takes - but always trying to empower growth.

On Wednesday, the Malaysians began a long, messy journey under the guidance of a compassionate lawyer. Marlis and I believe the child/ren need support, and for that to happen the mother needs huge support. So, we need help raising funds. **If anyone has expertise in fundraising, GO FUND ME money raising, whatever - we need help, because between hospital costs for the new baby (with an illegal resident) and legal fees to protect the toddler and unborn child, our funds have already dwindled.**

God bless you all for what you have already done, and most importantly for your love and welcome for all who walk through our parish doors.

Please contact us via: thomasinemiranda52@gmail.com or 0425 766 155.

Sincerely, Miranda.



**TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope**

REMINDER: For people who took petition papers to collect more signatures, would you please mail them to Caritas Australia yourself. The reply paid address is on the form. They need to reach Caritas by 20th October. Thank you.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



An open invitation is extended to people who are not Catholic, or as Adults have not received the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation and would like to fully participate in the Mass with the reception of the Eucharist. Please contact us and let’s begin our enquiry time together.

Risen Christ Parish, Eltham & Montmorency welcome your participation.

If you know of anyone in your family or friendship groups or neighbourhood that might like to begin this “enquiry” time, with no obligation to continue in the process to Easter 2026, then please feel free to ask them.

Please let Kate (in the parish office) know by phone (9435 4742) or email (RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au).



Fundraising Dinner

Sat 11 Oct at 6pm

Maney's Dumplings
7/12-16 McLeans Road, Bundoora

\$40 adults, \$20 under 12 years
Please advise dietary requirements
BYO wine, drinks available to purchase
Prepare for our usual wonderful raffle along with the \$1 and \$2 boards
Funds raised will go towards supporting Annie our volunteer nurse in Cebu

BSB: 083276, Acct No 822436380
This is a prepaid event
Use your name as reference
Any queries please contact Glenys Gayfer
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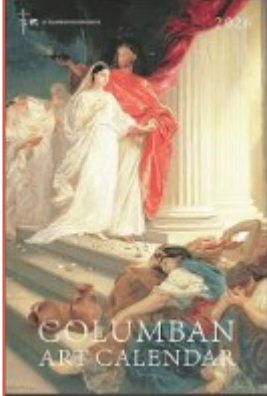
The Marian Month of October

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency:
a group of Parishioners gather each Tuesday after the 9:30am Mass to pray the Rosary, from approximately 10:10am.



Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham:
we will be praying the Rosary for October every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm.

All welcome.



OLHC Vinnies
now have a limited number of **Columban Calendars** for 2026 available at the **Piety Stall.**
\$10.00 each.

Prayers of the Faithful for 5 Oct 2025 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leader: We gather today with open hearts, trusting in the Lord's love.

Lord, we pray for the strength and integrity to trust in your love, even when the way forward is unclear. We remember all those living life precariously, uncertain of employment, relationships, or lacking the security of home and community.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Trust in the Lord brings immense power - the power of love, of self-control and awareness of others. May our lives be guided by this trust. We pray for national and world leaders that these core principles guide their decisions.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all we have - home, life, family, community and our beautiful environment. May we treasure these gifts and share, and keep sharing, this joy and privilege. May we all work to be informed community members and to make our society more equitable and just.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we feel the Lord always present with us. We pray for the courage and strength to give and keep on giving, to always seek ways to assist and bring joy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, their families and carers. May they feel the Lord's strength, and trust in his love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died; and for those whose anniversaries are around this time, including *Mick Fagan, Judy McInerney, Gracie Money, Lina Moylan and Daniel Stevenson*. May they rest in the peace and love of the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: "If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts." May we always be open to the Lord's presence in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

NT GOVERNMENT TO DRAFT VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL



Voluntary assisted dying laws will be introduced to the Northern Territory Parliament, with the Country Liberal Government confirming

yesterday it will move ahead with drafting a bill.

Source: *NT News*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/10/02/nt-government-to-draft-voluntary-assisted-dying-bill/>

WE MUST ALL CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: POPE

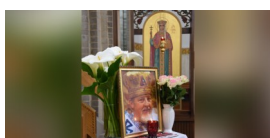


People of faith cannot love God while despising his creatures, and people cannot call themselves Christians without caring for everything fragile

and wounded, including the earth, Pope Leo XIV told climate activists and political and religious leaders yesterday. Source: *CNS*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/10/02/we-must-all-care-for-our-common-home-pope/>

BISHOP WILL BE REMEMBERED AS 'DEDICATED SERVANT OF THE CHURCH'



Bishop Peter Stasiuk CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of the Melbourne Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia, New

Zealand and Oceania, was farewelled at a funeral liturgy in Melbourne yesterday.

Source: *Melbourne Catholic*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/10/02/bishop-will-be-remembered-as-dedicated-servant-of-the-church/>

BUTLER UNDER FIRE OVER PLANS TO CUT SPENDING



Health Minister Mark Butler's plans to rein in spending on the \$220 billion care sector are coming under attack, as state

premiers take Labor to task over hospital funding and disability reform.

Source: *The Age*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/10/02/butler-under-fire-over-plans-to-cut-spending/>

CONFERENCE IN THE KEY OF 'SACRAMENT AND SONG'



Visitors from the United States and Fiji were among more than 400 delegates who attended the first day of a major music and liturgy conference in Adelaide

yesterday. Source: *The Southern Cross*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/10/02/conference-in-the-key-of-sacrament-and-song/>

SPECIAL DELIVERY HELPING SAVE BABIES IN BANGLADESH



Caritas Australia is calling on the community to support its "Women for the World" appeal today, which has a special focus on maternal health in

Bangladesh.

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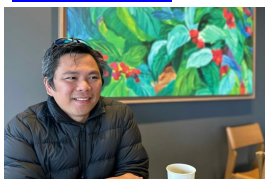
TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY OF FAITH Good companions

No matter how old or young we are, we all need good companions on the journey of faith - friends and mentors to encourage, advise, support and help us find the way.



As we prepare to celebrate International Day of Older Persons tomorrow, we visit a remarkable program that has been pairing school students with aged care residents, encouraging them to share their time, stories, perspective and faith.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-wise-the-sweet-and-the-funny-aged-care-resident-stories-students-didnt-know-they-needed-to-hear>



This weekend, the Jubilee of Migrants provides an opportunity for the Church in Melbourne to celebrate the countless ways migrant communities have enriched our life together in Christ. Gary Cuenta, who has helped organise the celebrations, shares some of his story of coming to Australia, and how God has accompanied him and his family every step of the way.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/calling-australia-home-preparing-for-the-jubilee-of-migrants>



Fr Alex Chow and his identical twin brother Albert have been there for each other right from the very beginning, always connected by the strong Catholic faith in which they were raised, even when their paths have diverged.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/fr-alex-chow-and-albert-chow>



And as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival draws closer - only two months to go! - we take a look at how a number of parishes across Melbourne have been accompanying their young people on the journey to ACYF and supporting them through creative fundraising initiatives.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/from-snags-to-saints-parishes-fundraise-for-acyf-pilgrims>

KEEPING THE WINDOWS OPEN: VATICAN II'S UNFINISHED AGENDA AT 60

Six decades after its close, the Second Vatican Council remains a living event, as a recent symposium confirmed. Speakers highlighted Vatican II's unfinished agenda, and its renewed, global focus on the environment and marginalised people. It raised questions about the future of a Catholic Church that interprets the Gospel for a new age.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/keeping-the-windows-open-vatican-iis-unfinished-agenda-at-60>

POPE TO DECLARE ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH ON 1 NOVEMBER

Pope Leo XIV has announced he will proclaim St John Henry Newman a doctor of the Church on 1 November during the Jubilee of the World of Education, saying that St Newman 'contributed decisively to the renewal of theology and to the understanding of the development of Christian doctrine'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-to-declare-st-john-henry-newman-doctor-of-the-church-on-1-november>

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