

Risen



Christ

Third Sunday of Easter

3 & 4 May 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 - John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing'. They replied, 'We'll come with you'. They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something'. So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord'. At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught'. Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast'. None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs'. A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of Joh, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep'. Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you'. Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me'.

Reflection - Break Open the Word 2025

This extraordinary story of the disciples' encounter with the risen Christ emphasizes that Jesus is real and yet... somehow different. They knew him well but still did not recognise him when he stood on the shore. (In the garden by the tomb, Mary mistakes him for the gardener!) The big haul of fish causes John to exclaim, *It is the Lord!* Perhaps he was remembering the haul of fish when he and the others were first called to follow Christ (Lk 5). Even later during the breakfast, the gospel remarks, *none of them was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?' They knew...* Recognising the risen Lord is a wondrous experience of faith.

Yet the gospel is also at pains to emphasise the physical reality of the risen Lord. He's built a fire and is cooking fish. He adds some of the disciples' fish to the breakfast meal which he shares with them. Perhaps by now they were remembering the earlier feeding of the crowd with bread and fish at the waterside at Tiberias (Jn 6). For us, the story evokes the eucharistic meal which we too are about to share with the risen Christ.

After breakfast, Jesus gives Peter special attention, calling forth from him a threefold profession of love (perhaps to echo Peter's threefold denial?) which is accompanied by a threefold commissioning to care for the flock of God's people. Discipleship and mission go together.

Appendix this chapter may be, but the narrative is filled with energy and drama and is a powerful opportunity for the assembly to encounter the risen Lord and to profess their love with Peter.

*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: 20 & 27 April 2025

		OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	Cash Electronic	\$227.00 \$4,170.00	\$982.00 \$2,745.50
Presbytery	Cash Electronic	\$1,674.00 \$50.00	\$1,732.20 \$260.00
Thanksgiving / Stewardship Offering			
Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
February	\$8,426.67	\$8,121.50	\$16,548.17
March	\$8,083.67	\$15,977.50	\$24,061.17
April	\$6,796.67	\$10,257.50	\$17,054.17

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 3

12:00pm Baptisms: Kobe, Macey, Miller, Isla, Jude Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 4

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & Baptisms Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Jack, Pia, Tex, Astrid Eltham

Monday 5

11:30am Liturgy with Yr 3 Holy Trinity

2:00pm Mass St Vincent's Aged Care

Tuesday 6

9:30am Mass & SFX Yr 3 & 4 Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Bethany Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 7

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

1:00pm Kairos Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Rosary Eltham

Thursday 8

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Emmaus Small Church Community Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Friday 9

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 10

12:00pm Baptisms: Alora, Frankie, Elle, Will, Charlotte, Oliver Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 11

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

Tuesday 13

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 14

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

7:30pm Rosary Eltham

Thursday 15

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Friday 16

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 17

12:00pm Baptisms: Kobe, Leah, Maliyah Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 18

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Freddie, Zara, Bianca, Sofia Eltham

Conclave History - outside the Vatican

While we associate papal conclaves with the Vatican - specifically the Sistine Chapel - this practice only became consistent after the 15th century. Before that, conclaves were held wherever the pope died or where political conditions allowed. Wars, plagues, and disputes between factions often forced the cardinals to convene outside Rome.

Key Conclaves Held Outside the Vatican

Viterbo (1261–1281): Viterbo hosted multiple conclaves during the 13th century. It became the “unofficial papal election city” during a time of turmoil in Rome. 1268–1271: Perhaps the most famous non-Vatican conclave. After Pope Clement IV died, the cardinals could not agree on a successor for nearly three years. The people of Viterbo, frustrated, locked the cardinals in, cut their food rations, and removed the roof of the palace. Result: Election of Pope Gregory X, who later instituted formal conclave rules in *Ubi periculum* (1274), including seclusion and limited provisions to speed up elections.

Perugia (1294–1305): Another favourite refuge during unstable times. Election of Pope Clement V in 1305: This French pope would later move the papal residence to Avignon, beginning the Avignon Papacy (1309–1377). Perugia hosted multiple conclaves during the late 13th century when Rome was unsafe.

Avignon (1305–1378): During the Avignon Papacy, the popes resided in southern France, largely under French influence. Several conclaves were held here, including: 1314–1316: One of the longest conclaves, lasting over two years; All seven popes elected during this era were French; and this period created tensions in the Church and fuelled accusations of political bias and corruption.

Constance (1417): This conclave ended the Western Schism (1378–1417), during which there were multiple claimants to the papacy (Rome, Avignon, and later Pisa). The Council of Constance elected Pope Martin V, ending the schism and restoring papal unity.

Venice (1799–1800): After the death of Pope Pius VI, who had been taken prisoner by Napoleon and died in exile, Rome was under French control. The conclave was held in the Benedictine monastery of San Giorgio in Venice. Pius VII was elected. He later had a complicated relationship with Napoleon, including being taken prisoner himself.

Legacy and Shift to Rome

After 1870 and the end of the Papal States, the Vatican became a more secure and centralized location for conclaves. Since the election of Pope Pius IX in 1846, all papal conclaves have been held in the Sistine Chapel.

Reflection: What Does This History Teach Us? The Church has faced instability, exile, and political interference - but through it all, the conclave process endured. The Holy Spirit is not confined to a location. Whether in Viterbo or Venice, Avignon or Rome, the Spirit continues to guide the Church through faithful, albeit flawed, human instruments. (Chat GPT)

VATICAN / Funeral liturgy ‘was that of a pastor and not a sovereign’

Francis was ‘a Pope among the people’

PATRICK HUDSON

Pope Francis was remembered as “a Pope among the people” at his funeral in St Peter’s Square last Saturday, attended by 250,000 mourners.

They included leaders of Church and State from around the world, and groups of homeless people, migrants and refugees. Almost 1,000 cardinals, bishops and priests concelebrated the Requiem Mass.

The Congregation of Cardinals held the day before had reaffirmed that the liturgy would be “the funeral of a pastor, and not a sovereign”, in accordance with Pope Francis’ reforms of papal funeral rites in June 2024.

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, the dean of the College of Cardinals and chief celebrant at the Mass, said in his homily that Pope Francis “established direct contact with individuals and peoples, eager to be close to everyone, with a marked attention to those in difficulty, giving himself without



measure, especially to the marginalised, the least among us... he was a Pope among the people, with an open heart towards everyone”. This was his response to the “great mission” entrusted to Peter and his successors in the gospel reading at the Mass: “Feed my sheep”. (John 21:17).

After the liturgy, the Pope’s coffin was taken through Rome in a converted popemobile to the

Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. A further 150,000 people lined the streets of the city to applaud the motorcade.

At the basilica, the coffin was received by a delegation of people who use Rome’s homeless services. Inside, the pall-bearers paused before the Pauline Chapel which houses the Marian icon *Salus Populi Romani* and four children presented flowers before it, as was Francis’ custom.



CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

A Universal Message

Easter Sunday

In his homily on Easter Sunday 2019, Father Richard Rohr shared the good news of the resurrection:

The Brazilian writer and journalist Fernando Sabino wrote, "In the end, everything will be all right. If it's not all right, it's not the end." That's what today is all about: "Everything will be okay in the end."

The message of Easter is not primarily a message about Jesus' body, although we've been taught to limit it to this one-time "miracle". We've been educated to expect a lone, risen Jesus saying, "I rose from the dead; look at me!" I'm afraid that's why many people, even Christians, don't really seem to get too excited about Easter. If the message doesn't somehow include us, humans don't tend to be that interested in theology. Let me share what I think the real message is: *Every message about Jesus is a message about all of us*, about humanity. Sadly, the Western church that most of us were raised in emphasised the individual resurrection of Jesus. It was a miracle that we could neither prove nor experience, but that we just dared to boldly believe.

But there's a great secret, at least for Western Christians, hidden in the other half of the universal church. In the Eastern Orthodox Church - in places like Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Egypt - Easter is not usually painted with a solitary Jesus rising from the dead. He's always surrounded by crowds of people - both haloed and unhaloed. In fact, in traditional icons, he's pulling people out of Hades. Hades isn't the same as hell, although we put the two words together, and so we grew up reciting in the creed that "Jesus descended into hell".

Instead, Hades is simply the place of the dead. There's no punishment or judgment involved. It's just where a soul waits for God. But we neglected that interpretation. The Eastern Church was probably much closer to the truth that the resurrection is a message about humanity and all creation. It's a message about history. It's a corporate message, and it includes you and me and everyone else. If that isn't true, it's no wonder that we basically lost interest.

Today is the feast of hope, direction, purpose, meaning, and community. We're all in this together. The cynicism and negativity that our country and many other countries have descended into show a clear example of what happens when people do not have hope. If it's all hopeless, we individually lose hope too. Easter is an announcement of a common hope. When we sing in the Easter hymn that Christ destroyed death, that means the death of all of us. It's not just about Jesus; God promises to all, "Life is not ended, it merely changes," as we say in the funeral liturgy. That's what happened in Jesus, and that's what will happen in us. In the end, everything will be all right. History is set on an inherently positive and hopeful tangent.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/a-universal-message/>

In this Easter message, Richard Rohr teaches that Jesus' resurrection is a universal pattern we can trust:

Let's try to get to what I think is something basic, because the basic is beautiful, but to most people, it's utterly new.

We got into trouble when we made the person and the message of Jesus into a formal religion, whereby we had an object of worship; then we had to have a priesthood, formal rules and rituals. I'm not saying we should throw those things out, but once we emphasise cult and moral code, we have a religion. When we emphasise experience, unitive experience, we have the world Jesus is moving around in. Once we made Jesus into a form of religion, we projected the whole message onto him alone. *He* died, *he* suffered, *he* rose from the dead, *he* ascended and returned to God. We thought that by celebrating these wonderful feasts like Easter that this somehow meant that we were members of the club.

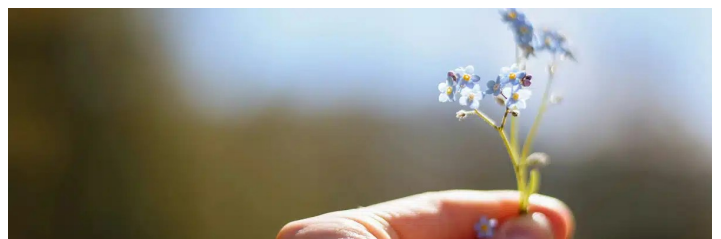
But you know what? I'm quite sure that was not intended as the message! Jesus was not the lone exemplar. Jesus was not the standalone symbol for the pattern of the universe. Resurrection is just the way things work! When we say hallelujah on this Easter morning, we're also saying hallelujah to our own lives, to where they're going, to what we believe in, and hope for.

Reality rolls through cycles of death and resurrection, death and resurrection, death and resurrection. In the raising up of Jesus, we're assured that this is the pattern for everything - that we, and anybody who is suffering - is also going to be raised up. This is what God does for a suffering reality. What we crucify, what reality crucifies, God transforms. I don't think it's naïve to say hallelujah. We have every reason, especially now, since biology and science are also saying this seems to be the shape of everything. It just keeps changing form, meaning, focus or direction, but nothing totally goes away.

Of course, it's an act of faith on our side. In our experience, our most cherished people, pets, and even places, fade away - but Jesus is the archetype of the shape of the universe. To believe in Jesus is to believe that all of this is going somewhere and that God is going to make it so. All we have to do is stay on the train, stay on the wave, trusting that by our crucifixions, we would be allowed to fail, fumble and die, and be transformed by grace and by God.

Easter is the great feast of the triumph of universal grace, the triumph of universal salvation, not just the salvation of the body of Jesus. What we're talking about creates a people of hope, and a culture of hope that doesn't slip into cynicism and despair. Easter is saying, we don't need to go there. Love is going to win. Life is going to win. Grace is going to win. Hallelujah!

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CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

An Example for Us All



CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

Death into Life

Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost!... The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion... That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us. - Pope Francis (1936-2025), "Urbi Et Orbi", Easter, 2025

Father Richard shares how we can receive the miracle of new life by embracing our own difficulties and "deaths" as Jesus did.

Death is not only physical dying. Death also means going to the full depths of things, hitting the bottom, going beyond where we're in control. In that sense, we all go through many deaths in our lives, tipping points when we have to ask, "What am I going to do?" Many people turn bitter, look for someone to blame, and close down. Their "death" is indeed death for them because there is no room for growth after that. But when we go into the full depths and death of anything - even, ironically, the depths of our own sin - we can come out the other side transformed, more alive, more open, more forgiving of ourselves and others. And when we come out the other side, we know that we've been led there. We're not holding on; we're being held by a larger force, by a larger source that is not our own. That's what it means to be saved! It means that we've walked through the mystery of transformation.

The miracle of it all - if we are to speak of miracles - is that God has found the most ingenious way to transform the human soul. God uses the very thing that would normally destroy us - the tragic, the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust deaths that lead us all to the bottom of our lives - to transform us. There it is, in one sentence. Are we prepared to trust that?

Jesus' death and resurrection is a statement of how reality works all the time and everywhere. He teaches us that there's a different way to live with our pain, our sadness, and our suffering. We can say, "Woe is me," and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can say, "God is even in this".

None of us crosses over this gap from death to new life by our own effort, our own merit, our own purity, or our own perfection. Each of us - from pope to president, from princess to peasant - is carried across by unearned grace. Worthiness is never the ticket, only deep desire. With that desire the tomb is always, finally empty, as Mary Magdalene discovered on Easter morning. Death cannot win. We're finally indestructible when we recognise that the thing which could destroy us is the very thing that could enlighten us.

Friends, the Easter feast is a reminder to all of us to open our eyes and our ears and to witness what is happening all around us, all the time, everywhere. God's one and only job description is to turn death into life. That's what God does with every new springtime, every new life, every new season, every new anything. God is the one who always turns death into life, and no one who trusts in this God will ever be put to shame (Psalm 25:3).

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CAC Dean of Faculty Brian McLaren encourages us to make Easter an expansive celebration of resurrection.

What might happen if every Easter we celebrated the resurrection not merely as the resuscitation of a single corpse nearly two millennia ago, but more - as the ongoing resurrection of all humanity through Christ? Easter could be the annual affirmation of our ongoing resurrection of all humanity through Christ? Easter could be the annual affirmation of our ongoing resurrection from violence to peace, from fear to faith, from hostility to love, from a culture of consumption to a culture of stewardship and generosity ... and in all these ways and more, from death to life. What if our celebration of Easter was so radical in its meaning that it tempted tyrants and dictators everywhere to make it illegal, because it represents the ultimate scandal: an annual call for creative and peaceful insurrection against all status quos based on fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence? What if we never stopped making Easter claims about Jesus in AD 33, but always continued by making Easter claims on us today - declaring that now is the time to be raised from the deadness of fear, hostility, exclusion, and violence to walk in what Paul called "newness of life"? What if Easter was about our ongoing resurrection "in Christ" - in a new humanity marked by a strong-benevolent identity as Christ-embodying peacemakers, enemy lovers, offense forgivers, boundary crossers, and movement builders? What kind of character would this kind of liturgical year form in us? How might the world be changed because of it?

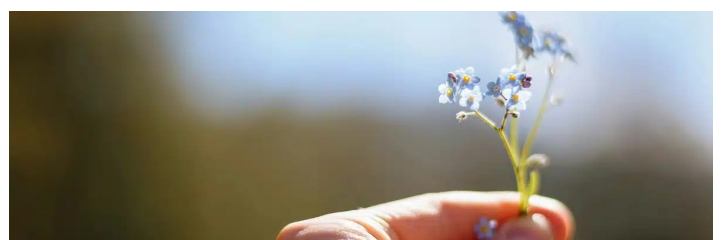
Retired Episcopal bishop and Choctaw citizen Steven Charleston offers this celebratory song for the coming of new light and new hope.

Rise up, faithful friends. Wake up, sleepers in the shadows. Wake up to see bright banners on your horizon. Wake up to see your redemption coming to you, the answer to so many of your prayers, the fulfillment of your dream from long ago. Rise up, faithful friends, to shout the good news to the morning sun: justice has arrived at last, mercy has returned, love has won the day. Rise up, good people of many lands, for this is the moment of change, the time when hope starts to be real and truth begins to speak to every courageous heart. Wake up, rise up, and rejoice!

McLaren imagines the impact of the ongoing recognition that we meet the risen Christ in all we encounter:

I can imagine Easter opening a fifty-day period during which we constantly celebrate newness, freedom, change, and growth. As we would retell each year the story of the risen Christ appearing in the stranger on the Emmaus Road, so part of every Easter season for us would mean meeting and inviting to our tables strangers, aliens, refugees, people of other religions or no religion at all, to welcome them as we would Christ, and to expect to meet Christ in them.

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CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

An Ongoing Celebration

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team - Member Profile

Introducing: Kathy Reardon

Sentence about yourself, family and which Mass you attend:

Peter and I settled in Eltham in 1985 and our three daughters were schooled at OLHC and CLC. All are now parents and live nearby, and our youngest grandchild will be baptised at OLHC on 4 May, at our regular weekly mass, 10am at OLHC.

Why did you join the Parish Leadership Team and what do you hope to achieve?

Father Michael invited me to join the team, and I hope to encourage and support the laity in Risen Christ Parish to contribute and take leading roles in the future.

What do you do with yourself?

I am very busy with five grandchildren ranging from ten years to nine months old. I attend a gym twice a week and love walking along the lovely tracks around Eltham with some special friends. Friday mornings are set aside for a regular coffee/catch-up with a group of former parents from OLHC Primary School.

What's one thing you think would surprise people about yourself?

I served as a cook for five years in the Army Reserve in my early 20's - although that is NOT where I met Peter.

What is one thing on your bucket list that people might be surprised to learn?

I would love to go hot-air ballooning.



Prayers of the Faithful for 4 May 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter

Leader: Lord, you know that we love you. Let us see with the eyes of love as we offer our prayers to you today.

For our Church: that empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may give true witness to the freeing and healing power of the Risen Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For greater discipleship: that we may not be limited by past failures but be open to God's new invitation and rely upon God to bring to fulfilment the mission entrusted to us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, protect your Church in this time of transition. Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty, granting them wisdom and courage to discern your will in appointing a man of deepest compassion, of profound faith and hope. A man whose charity shines forth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the grace of awareness: that God will open our minds and hearts to recognise Christ in the Eucharist, the people, events, and experiences of daily life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our newly elected government: that they may be given divine wisdom to lead this country; that they will work tirelessly to bring about, justice, equality, opportunity, prosperity, hope, dignity and wellbeing for every Australian.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, embrace and support all who are experiencing illness and those who care for them, especially those in our parish communities. We ask that you bring them your healing, comfort and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including *Gabriele Larosa, Lita Lee & John Swindon*. May they be cradled in our Lord's loving embrace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord may your love reach out and touch all those in need of your mercy. We offer these prayers to you through Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen

YOU'RE INVITED!

The St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria delivers crucial assistance with care and compassion to vulnerable individuals.

Our Eltham and Montmorency Conferences are privileged to support families and individuals in our local area in their time of need. Assistance covers a range of essential support including food, education needs, utility bills, rent and beyond.

We are looking for new volunteers to join us, and invite you to attend an information session to learn more about our work and how you could participate.

COME AND SEE Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 10.00am St Martin of Tours Parish 5 Silk Street Rosanna

Any further enquiries please contact: Peter Rigg (Eltham) 0421703523 or John Ramsdale (Montmorency) 041028821



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

To Pray as Jesus prayed; and as He taught his Apostles

A talk (13min) on tape presented Father Gerry Pierse discussion of the Highlights of the Talk presented by Barry Caldwell

Place: Gathering Area, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Eltham

Date: Sunday, 18th of May

Time: 2.00 pm



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

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
Bishop Terry Curtin

Montmorency

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
*Regina Roszczenko (mother of Liz Gray), Siobhan Lappin,
Cindy & Ed Morrissey, Skye Stojanov*

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:
Gabriele Larosa (25th anniversary), Lita Lee, John Swindon

Eltham

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:
Penny Boyce, Ruth Decker, Bernard Murray
To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.

Roster for week ending 4 May 2025

Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Ballenger, Nima	E10:00
Capuana, Marisa	CLNR
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Cseh, Ferenc	E10:00
Davidson, John	W8:30
Dunell, Linda	ASE
French, Jossie	W8:30
Gerritsen, Jenine	H10:00
Haines, Geoff	C10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Lyons, Maria	H10:00
McKenna, John	CLNR
Scannell Family	PRSE
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Taylor, Trish	R10:00
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	E10:00
Williams, Peter	PRYR
Wood, Marie	LoW-01 Thu

Roster for week ending 11 May 2025

Andreatta, Brenda	CLNR
Armstrong, Miranda	C10:00
Capuana, Marisa	LoW-01 Thu
Capuana, Marisa	PRYR
Cseh, Ferenc	E10:00
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Mallia, Anthony	E10:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	H10:00
Reardon, Peter	H10:00
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Scully, Greg	H10:00
Scully, Helen	H10:00
Stewart Family	PRSE
Williams, Peter	R10:00

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



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

Saturday, 3rd May, 2025

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Jude Carrick Gregory
Kobe James Hitchens
Macey Lee Hitchens
Isla Paige Stackpoole
Miller Aubrey Stackpoole

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Sunday, 4th May, 2025

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

Christian June Ballenger
Oliver Reardon Baker

Baptism
Baptism

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Pia Rose Horwood
Tex James Horwood
Astrid Maree Parnis
Jack Levi Sonza

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**Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday
the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to
make a prayer each day for more vocations to the
priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a
young person you may know to pray for by name
this week.





LEADERS HIT KEY MARGINAL SEATS IN FINAL DAY OF CAMPAIGNING



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Opposition Leader Peter Dutton are leaving nothing to chance as they fight for votes on the final day of campaigning ahead of tomorrow's election.

Source: *The Australian*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/05/02/leaders-hit-key-marginal-seats-in-final-day-of-campaigning/>

CARDINAL WARNS OF CRUELTY HIDDEN BEHIND 'ELEGANT SPEECHES' ABOUT POOR



As the Church's cardinals prepare to elect a new pope, they must be wary of "elegant speeches" that hide a subtle cruelty toward the poor and vulnerable, the Vatican's former doctrinal chief said.

Source: *CNS*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/05/02/cardinal-warns-of-cruelty-hidden-behind-elegant-speeches-about-poor/>

FULL-TIME WORKERS HIT BY 'WORST EVER' HOUSING CRISIS



Thousands of Australian renters are struggling to afford housing, a new Anglicare Australia study shows.

Source: *Canberra Times*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/05/02/full-time-workers-hit-by-worst-ever-housing-crisis/>

VIETNAMESE CATHOLICS MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FALL OF SAIGON

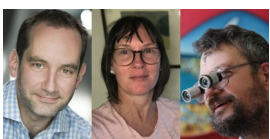


Manh vividly remembers the boat journey out of Vietnam. He was just 11 years old when he and his sister, under the protection of aunts and uncles, set out from a port near Saigon.

Source: *Melbourne Catholic*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/05/02/vietnamese-catholics-mark-50th-anniversary-of-fall-of-saigon/>

CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF DISABILITY



Disability advocates and Church theologians will lead a conference to rethink practical Christian understandings of disability and limitation and what they might tell us about being human.

Source: *ACU*.

<https://cathnews.com/2025/05/02/conference-to-examine-christian-understanding-of-disability/>

Saying goodbye



The past week has been bittersweet as we have joined millions of people around the world in saying goodbye to Pope Francis and giving thanks for his powerful and inclusive ministry of mercy, hope and peace.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-home-for-all-400-000-farewell-open-hearted-pope-in-rome>



Closer to home, St Patrick's Cathedral welcomed 2,500 people yesterday to a Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis - a precious opportunity to respond wholeheartedly to the simply and humble request that punctuated his papacy: 'Pray for me'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pray-for-me-thousands-mourn-pope-francis-at-st-patricks-cathedral>



Monday's celebration was an opportunity to say farewell to the Holy Father, but also a reminder of the wonderful gift that St Patrick's Cathedral is to the people of Melbourne - a place to come together and celebrate, to mourn and find

comfort, and to be bathed in the light of God. Today, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli shares the exciting news that both major parties have pledged to contribute \$60 million to the restoration of our beloved Cathedral.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bipartisan-pledge-of-60-million-to-restore-melbournes-st-patricks-cathedral>



Melbourne Catholic Melkite priest Collin Nunis reflects on Francis' funeral

Fr Nicholas (Collin) Nunis, A Melbourne priest with the Melkite Catholic Church, had just landed in Rome for a brief visit when the Vatican announced the passing of Pope Francis.

His travel plans quickly changed and suddenly he found himself among the thousands of pilgrims lining up to say their final goodbyes to the Holy Father. He later concelebrated at the Requiem Mass for Pope Francis and shares with us how, to the end, the 'People's Pope' kept his mission simple: to draw people to the mercy of God.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/melbourne-catholic-melkite-priest-collin-nunis-reflects-on-francis-funeral>

'On this pilgrim journey together': Bishop Joe Caddy says goodbye to Pope Francis in Rome

Among the Australians present at Pope Francis' funeral was Bishop Joe Caddy of the Diocese of Cairns, who reflected on 'the beautiful almost parable of the last week of his life'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bishop-joe>

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events>

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