

Monty & Eltham

The Catholic Parishes of
St Francis Xavier & Our Lady Help of Christians



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



Easter Peace - Stepping into the unknown ... Faith

Naturally this Easter 2022, we wish everyone on the face of the earth the peace and power of the Risen Christ. Not just 'Easter eggs' or 'hot cross buns' or chocolate or even family gatherings or holidays can draw out for us the essence of this faith filled season.

These sacred days for Christians are about celebrating God's eternal love for all humanity and creation in the person of Jesus - Risen from the dead. When it is all said and done, our faith position relies upon the fact of an empty tomb and a promise of life eternal.

We are asked to consider stepping beyond the facts and the reasonable and known, to believe in the unknown mystery of divine love. This is truly a leap of faith - spiritually - into God and nothing else. The unknown scares us and is certainly not reasonable, but faith in Jesus Christ and the power of his Resurrection will truly set us free. Free to be fully human & fully alive! Life is a mystery and so is to live in these challenging times. Christians around the world mark these sacred days with rituals of beauty and meaning and commitment, and in MONTMORENCY and ELTHAM we are no different.

Children and Adults are being Baptised, Confirmations will be taking place and for many of us it's our time to 're-commit' to our promises to live out the Christian life as families and communities together. Stepping into the unknown is saying 'yes' to our true self and acknowledging the Divine love of God for everyone - **Easter Peace**.

On behalf of the parish — Happy Easter everyone
And let there be peace on Earth

Michael

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

For more information visit pol.org.au/eltham or pol.org.au/montmorency.

We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.



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RECONCILIATION

available upon request

please call the Parish Office 9435 4742



You are invited to come and join us in celebrating the next Charismatic Mass on Thursday 21st April at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough.

The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass.

For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Friday 15 - Good Friday

11:00am The Way of the Cross Eltham

3:00pm Mass: The Passion of Our Lord Eltham

Saturday 16 - Holy Saturday

5:00pm Blessing of the Food Montmorency

7:00pm Mass: Vigil of the Resurrection
Confirmations & First Eucharist Montmorency

Sunday 17 - Easter Sunday

6:00am Mass: Dawn Vigil of the Resurrection
Baptism & Confirmation Eltham

8:30am Easter Mass & Confirmations Montmorency

10:00am Easter Mass & Confirmations Eltham

Tuesday 19

9:30am Mass Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 20

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 21

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 22

3:00pm Mass Eltham

Saturday 23

12:00pm Baptism - Callen, Javier, Oliver Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & Confirmations Montmorency

Sunday 24

8:30am Mass & Confirmations Montmorency

10:00am Mass & Confirmations Eltham

12:00pm Baptism - Sebastian, Thomas, Ella, Noa Montmorency

Tuesday 26

9:30am Mass Montmorency

Wednesday 27

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Thursday 28

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 29

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 30

12:00pm Baptism - Sierra, Matteo Montmorency

2:00pm Kadasig AGM Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & Confirmations Montmorency

Sunday 1 May

8:30am Mass & Confirmations Montmorency

10:00am Mass & Confirmations Eltham

12:00pm Baptism - Mia, Willow, Zayn, James Eltham

Tuesday 3

9:30am Mass Montmorency

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

Montmorency

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:
James Caulfield, Greg Jackson, Wally Krolikowski
For those in need of healing, remembering especially:
Mona, Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Alana Foulds,
Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Kate Lagerewskij,
Melanie Lam, Andrew Pighin, Aguatha Spina

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Denis Morganti
For those in need of healing, remembering especially:
Violetta, Margaret McKay
Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully, Ian Sturman
To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or eltham@cam.org.au.



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday 16 April

St Francis Xavier, 7:00pm

Anton Calabro Confirmation
Lucas Calabro First Eucharist
Travis Murray Confirmation
Trent Murray Confirmation

Sunday 17 April

Our Lady Help of Christians, 6:00am

Mansour (Diako) Aghaee Baptism,
First Eucharist & Confirmation

St Francis Xavier, 8:30am

Mary Willis Confirmation

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am

Alessia Boschini Confirmation
Kristian Guastella Confirmation
Bronson Marziano Confirmation
Cooper Spence Confirmation



Thank you and Farewell to Fr Terry

Covid restrictions have limited our opportunities to farewell and thank Fr Terry for the 15 years that he spent with us in the parish and for him to thank the parish. Two opportunities to rectify this situation are being arranged on the following dates:

Saturday 21 May at 7pm in the SFX Parish Hall; and
Sunday 22 May at 12:30pm at the Monty-Eltham RSL.

[More details to follow.](#)

Roster for WEEKEND 23/24 April 2022

Dean, Mary	PRYR
Dunell, Linda	Altar Society
Haines, Geoff	Reader
Iiffe, Yvonne	Eucharistic Minister
McAleer, Peter & Denise	ASRC
Nolan, Kathleen	Commentator
Nolan, Kathleen & Mike	Hospitality
Reardon, Kathy	Eucharistic Minister
Saltalamacchia, Carmel	Altar Society
Zavadil Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue

COME AND CELEBRATE THE 22ND WORLDWIDE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

24TH
APRIL
2022

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
290 Childs Rd. Mill Park (03)9407 6700

- 1:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions
Holy Rosary
- 2:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction
- 3:00 pm Holy Mass
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Blessing of Religious articles

Main Celebrant: Fr Anthony Girolami PP

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
The 9 Day Novena of
Chaplets to the Divine
Mercy will commence
after Solemn Liturgy
on Good Friday and
continues through to
Holy Saturday.



The Exsultet



Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,

that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt
to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

