

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.

#59 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID 19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese
of Melbourne

Information Updated: 23 June 2022, 12.00pm



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The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious.

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith.

Face Coverings: Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship, workplaces, primary schools, early childhood or retail settings. Face coverings are still required in sensitive settings such as hospitals and care facilities, and must still be worn on public transport, taxis, ride shares, and planes – but will no longer be required at airports.

Vaccinations: There are no longer vaccination requirements at Places of Worship nor any requirement for organisers to check vaccination status for attendee, workers or volunteers at Places of Worship and for associated parish activities.

Liturgical considerations: Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful under both species (i.e., the Sacred Host and Precious Blood).

Sanitising hands before distribution of Holy Communion is still recommended.

Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.

The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy, and Collection Plates may be returned.

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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OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



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www.pol.org.au/eltham

(pol stands for Parish OnLine)

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[St Francis Xavier Parish Montmorency](#)

Monty & Eltham Newsletter & Facebook items:

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St Francis Xavier Primary School

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Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

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RECONCILIATION

available upon request

please call the Parish Office 9435 4742

Collections: 13 June 2022

| | OLHC | SFX |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| Thanksgiving | \$782.00 | \$1,615.00 |
| Presbytery | \$900.25 | \$1,653.55 |

Stewardship Offering

| Month | OLHC | SFX | Total |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jan | \$7,241.06 | \$9,091.00 | \$16,332.06 |
| Feb | \$5,443.06 | \$9,994.50 | \$15,437.56 |
| Mar | \$6,191.60 | \$10,597.00 | \$16,788.60 |

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 25

12:00pm Baptism - Eloise & Leo

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharist

Montmorency

Sunday 26

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

12:00pm Baptism - Violet, Allira, Jonathan, James & Gia

Eltham

Tuesday 28

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

Wednesday 29

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Thursday 30

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 1 July

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Saturday 2

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 3

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

Tuesday 5

10:00am Craft Group

Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Eltham

Wednesday 6

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

1:00pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

Thursday 7

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 8

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Saturday 9

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 10

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

Wednesday 13

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

Thursday 14

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 15

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Saturday 16

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

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Montmorency Parish
by giving with CDFpay

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St Vincent Care Services, Eltham

Hello, I'm Travis and this is Josette my colleague.

We are the Pastoral Care Workers at St Vincent's Aged Care in Eltham.

We're visiting Mass this Sunday to re-kindle our relationship with the Parish and promote both informal visiting of friends and formal volunteering for the betterment of residents.

I attend a Presbyterian Church in Bundoora along with my wife, and Josette attends St Mary's in Greensborough with her husband, and so together we are able to provide holistic Christian pastoral support and services to the residents.

Perhaps you might like to think about sharing some of your time to spend with residents and so share in the work here. If you have questions don't hesitate to come chat during morning tea or just call during the week on 9430-1677.



St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal June 2022

A Very Short History of SVDP: Internationally, in Australia, and in Monty

In 1832 an epidemic of cholera swept through Paris killing up to 1,200 people each day. Homelessness, disease and starvation were common. Large slum areas were forming in Paris where thousands of people lived without work, some without clothes, and many were alcoholic. A young 22 year old university student **Frederic Ozanam**, gathered a few friends around him, and on 23 April 1833 they met to decide what they could do to assist the poor. The small group decided to adopt the name the **Society of St Vincent de Paul** after the Patron Saint of Christian charity.

The first Australian Conference was founded in Victoria by Fr Gerald Ward (1806 -1858), a missionary from London, at St Francis' Church, Melbourne on 5 March 1854, just 21 years after the founding of the first conference in Paris.

The Montmorency Conference was founded by five parishioners on the 23rd September 1965, just two months after the opening of our church. We are very fortunate to have one of the spouses and at least four of the foundation member's children still active as members of our parish community.

Anyone who missed our appeal last week and still wishes to make a donation may do so in one of the following ways:

Envelopes: SVDP envelopes are available at SFX in church pews or at the tables at the entrance doors or at the Presbytery/Church office. You are welcome to leave your donations and/or envelopes in the SVDP Donation boxes on the tables near the entrances to the church, at the Parish Office, or give to an SVDP member or call Mike on 0417 221 245. Receipts can be issued by simply completing name and address on the envelope.

On Line: vinnies.org.au. In terms of directing funds back to the Montmorency or Eltham Conferences, we request that you state **Montmorency** or **Eltham** in the "Comments/Conference Name box" which is just after the postal address box.

By Phone: by calling 13 18 12 and again stating your donation is for the **Montmorency or Eltham conference**.

Direct Credit: BSB 063000 Account 106 07556 **with a reference W22 and Montmorency 916**. In this way moneys will be credited to the Montmorency Conference account and stay within our community.

If you are donating **online, by phone or direct credit** please send an email to msaid@netspace.net.au with your full name and address, amount and date of deposit so that the conference can acknowledge your generosity and ensure these monies are allocated to the **Montmorency or Eltham Conferences**.

Parishioners are reminded that assistance is always promptly available to the community by contacting 1300 305 330 between 10am and 3pm weekday.

Collection of quality household goods/furniture can be arranged by calling 1800 621 349.

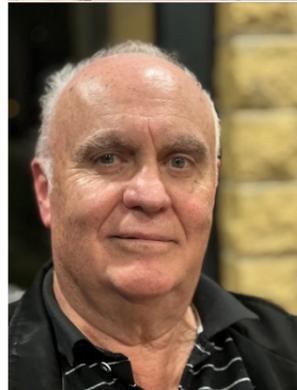
Donations of clothes and other goods are always welcome at any Vinnie's shop.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Transition Leadership Community

Reflections on the TLC Meeting Thursday June 16



The Transition Leadership Community (TLC) is made up of parishioners from Saint Francis Xavier's and Our Lady Help of Christians' parishes.

Our meeting on June 16 opened with Pope Francis' reflection on Luke 24: 5-6. 'A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses Him in the tomb of habit is a Christianity without Easter.' (Pope Francis April 16, 2022.)

We cannot live in the past but must look to the future to ensure a vibrant and engaging community of faith in Jesus.

The TLC's purpose is to establish a process or strategy for growth and development of our two communities into one. This process will begin with a discernment of what we value in our individual communities and of where we will see ourselves in the future.

We discussed what our dreams and visions for the future were, which led us to consider our experiences, both light and dark, of being Catholic and belonging to the Church. This resulted in many honest and open accounts of people's experiences, good and bad.

Building on our stories from the past we then set about exploring what our dreams for the future might be, and so the discussion moved on to isolating those things we would like to see as part of our invigorated Church, such as having joint celebrations of 'big events', as we experienced at Easter – which we all felt were wonderful occasions that gave rise to a real sense of a shared celebration of our faith.

There was the realisation that there was the need to encourage more children and young people to engage with the parish community, not just in the weekly mass but in other activities. It was pointed out that for many young people the expression of their faith was often through things other than regular church attendance. What followed was the idea of the dream to develop a focus on specific groups within the communities – youth, adult, families, the elderly.

Hospitality was seen as a vital community builder and there were many opportunities of fostering the community through formal things like our Sunday morning teas at OLHC and informal gatherings experienced by the SFX community in coffee shops.

Many had the vision of the laity having a bigger role within the newly formed community.

It was not the role of this meeting to come up with ways to achieve some of these dreams but rather to initiate discussion on what things we would like to see being developed. The SFX and OLHC community gatherings to be held in August will give all parishioners of both communities a chance to share their Catholic experiences and the dreams/visions which they may have for the future development of our joint community.

We came out of this June 16 meeting feeling very hopeful for the future. There was a really positive atmosphere of a preparedness to work together to achieve something worthwhile for our two parishes. The reality is that with the one priest for two churches there needs to be developed a real sense of the shared faith and cooperation between the people of SFX and OLHC. How this is to be achieved is the subject for future meetings. The process cannot be hurried. There needs to be time and space for prayerful discernment to take place, so that a truly fruitful development and growth can emerge.

Kathleen & Mike Nolan

Members of the Transition Leadership Community (anticlockwise from top left):

Kathleen Nolan, Anthony Mallia, Elisha O'Dowd, Mike Nolan, Greg Scully, Elizabeth Warrillow, Noel Vincent, Vinka Heagerty, Christopher Pearson (*transition co-ordinator*), Frances Toscano, Marie Wood, Patsy Skipper, Christopher McEwen, Michael Sierakowski, Elisabeth Edwards, Peter Williams, Greg Northrop



Prayers of the Faithful for 26 June 2022 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Leader: May our reflection on today's Gospel lead us to seek closer union with our eternal God and creator. In confidence we pray:

For our Holy Father Pope Francis and all who hold positions of authority within the Church: that as true successors of Peter, they will blend gentleness with strength in a spirit of genuine compassion towards others. *Let us pray to the Lord.* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us take the time to reflect, Lord, on the many people in the story of our Faith who have followed your ways steadfastly in spite of the difficulties suffered.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people of Afghanistan, devastated by earthquake, strengthen them Lord and grant them courage to rebuild their societies.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the countries of Ukraine and Russia, guide them Lord to seek the path of peace, nurturing hope and confidence.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we honour our celebration of the Eucharist and the Word as a nourishment for our lives, and for our relationship with God and each other.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those listed on the sick list in our bulletin, and for all others who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. May they experience the healing touch of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, and we remember *John Amato, Charles Doroszlay, Kevin Mannix & Jack Ramsdale* whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, help us recognise Christ in one another and in all who share the journey of Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Pastoral Care

... 'as long as you did it to one of these, you did it to me'

There is a call and an invitation to each of us in the Gospel, to look out for those in our community who are no longer able to participate as they have done in the past. Many of these folk have looked after others over many years and now are unable to be present with the Community for many reasons, among them: ill health, mobility, or transport issues. Please consider undertaking these caring roles.

If you, or someone you know, would like a visit or Holy Communion in the home, please be in touch.

There are other areas where the Community could be strengthened - Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Small Church Communities, St Vincent de Paul Conference, Passionist Family Groups, etc, etc.

Times are changing, the world is changing, the Church is changing, we see this right before our very eyes. This is our Community - let us care for each other.

For all queries or offers of involvement, please contact:

Patsy 0429 439 675 or Parish Office 9435 4742

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:



ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are suffering due to ongoing financial and political instability. As the body of Christ we are called to support one another. Will you join us as we help them by providing food parcels to 500 needy families in the diocese of Baalbek, Lebanon? To read about the project, or to make an offering visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.



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ACN AUSTRALIA

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



Reflection:

“So, too, I set my face like flint” is what Isaiah’s suffering servant declares at the end of his third lament, as we hear on Palm Sunday. His defiant declaration is paralleled in the gospel statement that Jesus “resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.” Another Old Testament figure is alluded to in the earlier part of the sentence. When Luke looks beyond Jesus’ death to the time when he would “be taken up to heaven,” he reminds us of Elijah’s being taken “up to heaven in the whirlwind” (2 Kings 2:1). This dramatic story is never read on a Sunday or feast day.

In the space of a few words, Luke weaves suffering and exaltation together and establishes the perspective that will shape not only the rest of his gospel but also its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles. In the gospel, Jerusalem is the magnet drawing Jesus inexorably to his destiny. Then a new era opens out. Jesus’ departure from earthly life signals the passage of the gospel from Jerusalem to the centre of the known world.

The rest of the reading serves to highlight Jesus’ resolution. The hostile reception he gets from the Samaritans and the naïveté of the three aspiring followers put Jesus’ unswerving commitment in sharp relief. This text throws down the gauntlet to present-day believers. It deserves serious delivery.

Break Open the Word 2022

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- Property Administrator, Property & Infrastructure – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract, East Melbourne
- Digital Designer, Formation office, East Melbourne
- Full Stack Developer, Formation Office, East Melbourne
- Executive Officer – Supporting the Archbishop, East Melbourne
- Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park
- Personal Assistant – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava, St Kilda
- Bookkeeper, St Peter Apostle Mission Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Clerical Officer, Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East
- Youth Coordinator, Westernport Parish, Hastings
- Pastoral Worker, Westernport Parish, Hastings
- Personal Assistant - Supporting the Parishes of Lilydale & Healesville, Lilydale
- Parish Secretary, St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza
- Parish Business Manager, South Yarra Catholic Parish, South Yarra



Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>