

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.

**The Harvest is Plentiful,
but the Labourers are few. - Matt 9:37**

GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 3 July 2022



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

Collections: 27 June 2022

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	\$302.00	\$1,688.05
Presbytery	\$1,004.15	\$1,138.50

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
April	\$7,964.46	\$11,281.00	\$19,245.46
May	\$5,768.51	\$11,421.00	\$17,189.51
June	\$6,530.13	\$10,509.05	\$17,039.18

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 2

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 3

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

Tuesday 5

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

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

Tuesday 12

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

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

Sunday 17

8:30am Mass & First Eucharist

Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists

Eltham

Tuesday 19

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

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Montmorency Parish
by giving with CDFpay

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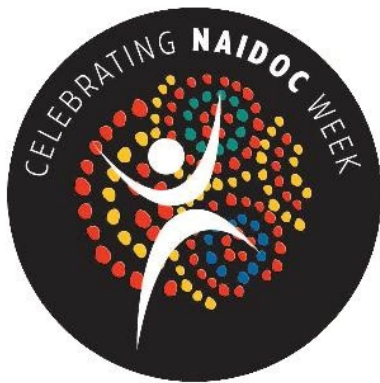


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NAIDOC History

1920s & 1930s

Before the 1920s, Aboriginal rights groups boycotted Australia Day (26 January) in protest against the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. By the 1920s, they were increasingly aware that the broader Australian public were largely ignorant of the boycotts. If the movement were to make progress, it would need to be active.

Several organisations emerged to fill this role, particularly the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association (AAPA) in 1924 and the Australian Aborigines League (AAL) in 1932. Their efforts were largely overlooked, and due to police harassment, the AAPA abandoned their work in 1927.

In 1935, William Cooper, founder of the AAL, drafted a petition to send to King George V, asking for special Aboriginal electorates in Federal Parliament. The Australian Government believed that the petition fell outside its constitutional responsibilities.

1938

On Australia Day, 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney, followed by a congress attended by over a thousand people. One of the first major civil rights gatherings in the world, it was known as the Day of Mourning.

Following the congress, a deputation led by William Cooper presented Prime Minister Joseph Lyons with a proposed national policy for Aboriginal people. This was again rejected because the Government did not hold constitutional powers in relation to Aboriginal people.

After the Day of Mourning, there was a growing feeling that it should be a regular event. In 1939 William Cooper wrote to the National Missionary Council of Australia to seek their assistance in supporting and promoting an annual event.

1940–1955

From 1940 until 1955, the Day of Mourning was held annually on the Sunday before Australia Day and was known as Aborigines Day. In 1955 Aborigines Day was shifted to the first Sunday in July after it was decided the day should become not simply a protest day but also a celebration of Aboriginal culture.

1956–1990

Major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, and a number of church groups all supported the formation of NADOC, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee. At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage.

In 1972, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs was formed, as a major outcome of the 1967 referendum.

In 1974, the NADOC committee was composed entirely of Aboriginal members for the first time. The following year, it was decided that the event should cover a week, from the first to second Sunday in July.

In 1984, NADOC asked that National Aborigines Day be made a national public holiday, to help celebrate and recognise the rich cultural history that makes Australia unique. While this has not happened, other groups have echoed the call.

1991–Present

With a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people. The committee became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, NAIDOC. This new name has become the title for the whole week, not just the day. Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC.

During the mid-1990s, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) took over the management of NAIDOC until ATSIC was disbanded in 2004–05.

There were interim arrangements in 2005. Since then a National NAIDOC Committee, until recently chaired by former Senator Aden Ridgeway, has made key decisions on national celebrations each year. The national committee has representatives from most States and Territories.

Uluru Statement from the Heart

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from ‘time immemorial’, and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is *a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or ‘mother nature’, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.* It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia’s nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them.

And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is *the torment of our powerlessness.*

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take *a rightful place* in our country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: *the coming together after a struggle.* It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.



*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:
*Mary Boyd, Rhys Branston, Kevin & Margaret Brody
Leon Nolan, Mary Thomasina Said*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:
*Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Alana Foulds,
Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Melanie Lam,
Frances McDonald, Andrew Pighin, Aguatha Spina,
Melina Tenaglia*

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Barbara Hermans, Leon Nolan

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:
*Violetta, Elisabeth Edwards, Jade McAlear,
Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully,
Ian Sturman, Sarah Thompson*

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

Roster for WEEKEND 2/3 July 2022

Donnellan, Denise	Eucharistic Minister
Frediani, Gabriella	Altar Society
French, Jossie	W8:30
Goss, Marion	Eucharistic Minister
Heyhoe, Margaret	Commentator
Jones, Marion	W6:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Leahy Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Leahy, Michelle	Reader
Love, Philip	W8:30
Turnbull, Pauline & Mark	Hospitality OLHC
Williams, Peter & Anne	PRYR

Roster for WEEKEND 9/10 July 2022

Armstrong, Miranda	Eucharistic Minister
Boyd, Mary	PRYR
Furtado, Lorraine	Commentator
Hannon, Kevin & Genni	ASRC
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Nolan, Kathleen & Mike	Hospitality OLHC
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Kathy	Altar Society
Reardon, Kathy	Eucharistic Minister
Rigg Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Scully, Greg	Reader
Scully, Helen	Altar Society

Collection 2022

PETER'S PENCE

*"Encourage one another and build one
another up, just as you are doing."
(1 Thess 5:11)*



Make your contribution to the Holy Father

Offerings are designated for the Pope's apostolic and charitable ministry

**PETER'S
PENCE**



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

Saturday 2 July

St Francis Xavier, 6:00pm
Lucian Armstrong
Georgiana Firth

First Eucharist
First Eucharist

Sunday 3 July

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am
Bianca Fernandes
Annabelle Morabito

First Eucharist
First Eucharist



Many thanks for
the thoughts and
prayers for Mona
who was brought to
Australia by Children
First Foundation.
She is now home in
the Philippines and
doing very well,
practising her
speech.

Prayers of the Faithful for 3 July 2022

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Leader: Let us turn our thoughts and lives to God as we pray together today.

The Lord's power can only be measured in spiritual terms. There we find integrity, fairness, justice, and a love that has no limits. We pray for the courage to be open minded, aware of different perspectives, to love without limit and to persistently pursue justice.

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

The Lord welcomed hospitality, bringing graciousness, acceptance and peace to each home he visited. May we be equally gracious and accepting. May our government extend compassion, fairness and welcome to all those who seek asylum on our shores.

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

We give thanks for the gift of life, our homes, friends and family. We pray for the people of Ukraine and all those who have lost the security and safety of their home through war, violence, economic or environmental uncertainty.

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

"Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer of his kindness! We ask the Lord for peace, in our homes and families, between nations and people. May the Lord's peace bring understanding, openness and cooperation.

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

We remember all those receiving Eucharist for the first time. May the Lord bring them love and joy and bless them with his peace.

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

We remember those who are sick, those living with physical or mental stress, their families and carers. May the peace of the Lord calm and ease their days. We give thanks and prayers for all working in the health professions.

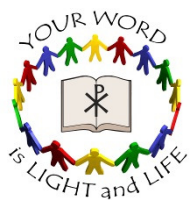
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, *Mary Boyd, Rhys Branston, Kevin & Margaret Brody, Barbara Hermans, Leon Nolan and Mary Thomasina Said.* May they rest in the peace and love of Christ.

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

Leader: May the peace of Christ reign in all our hearts.

All: Amen



Small Church Communities - let us gather together again!

Though each of our Communities have stayed connected during isolation and lockdown via zoom and more recently face to face, it will be wonderful for us all to gather again as one. We plan to celebrate this with **Eucharist and meal on Friday evening, 15th July**. Place this date in your calendar and keep it free! Watch this space for details to follow.

Patsy: 0429 439 675



Thank you **SFX Primary** for assisting **SVDP Monty** with their request for food this winter.

The amount collected was fantastic and was much more than in previous years. A magnificent effort from staff and your school community.

Pictured:
SVDP Monty pantry & SFX Primary Year 6 RE Leaders

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’



Reflection:

In last Sunday’s gospel Jesus sends three would-be disciples away; today he sends seventy (perhaps seventy-two) disciples out. His refusal to compromise with the three aspiring followers carries over into the instructions he gives the missionaries. They are being sent “like lambs among wolves.” They are to carry nothing with them. They have to take their chances with hospitality. They may not be made welcome. The sense of urgency is palpable, for “the kingdom of God is very near.”

The long version goes on to spell out the judgement that will be handed down for those who reject them. It also includes the disciples’ report of their success and Jesus’ confirmation that the satanic powers holding the world hostage are already being disarmed. The reference to “serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy” brings to mind the assurances Jesus gives to the Eleven when he commissions them at the end of Mark’s gospel (16:18).

Both the longer and the shorter texts finish on a positive note. Whichever is chosen, this gospel is a clarion call for the people of God to be bearers of peace, agents of healing and heralds of good news.

Break Open the Word 2022

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic voices on...

The Catholic Social Justice Principle of Subsidiarity teaches us that all peoples have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Subsidiarity requires that decisions be made by the people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns of the community. Your support of our voices on important issues helps to make Subsidiarity a reality. It is important to note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are made up of a diversity of Language Groups and each possesses unique experiences and points of view. *Please take time to talk with your Traditional Custodians.*

Visit <http://natsicc.org.au/first-nations-voices-on.html> and navigate to ‘**First Nations Voices on ...**’ to gain a Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective on:

3. Emerging as a more equitable Nation after Covid-19

We find ourselves pondering whether Australia will ever be the same after COVID-19. However, it might be more useful to consider whether we should arise from the pandemic the same after COVID-19.

“After suffering together through the pandemic, Australians should forge forwards with humble hearts and a unity of mind and armed with a renewed sense of equality and care for one another.”

“Our gifts of acceptance, tenacity, perseverance, and faith in a Greater Being are what we want to share with Australia and what we want Australians to embrace.”

(excerpts taken from: www.natsicc.org.au/assets/natsicc_a4-booklet_digital)