

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.



**- For the Parishes of Eltham & Monty -
the important month of October is fast
approaching and we need your help.**



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis Xavier, Montmorency &
Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham,

The month of October is soon upon us and it's looking like an important time to gather together for the 'second' and most important part of our planning as two parishes consider their future.

The Transition Leadership Community again invite you to participate in these open parish meetings, ELTHAM (first this time) to be held on Sunday 16th October, starting at 1pm in the church gathering space. MONTMORENCY will be held on Sunday 30th October starting at 1pm in the parish/school hall, behind the church.

For your interest, on Sunday 23rd October we have the combined Confirmations in St. Patrick's Cathedral starting at 2:30pm for students in year 6 this year, and with the support of our regional Bishop Terry Curtin. This will hopefully be an amazing experience for parishioners, families, relatives and friends to celebrate and be together for this important sacrament.

Please add these important dates into your diary or calendar of events - not to be missed.

Please note also that with these transition leadership gatherings, the invitation to participate in Eltham and Montmorency is this time exclusively for that community. The story of Eltham is unique to Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Community and very different from the story at St. Francis Xavier in Montmorency.

No crossing over is important for these upcoming meetings. So, if you identify as a Monty Parishioner then you have one opportunity to participate in the St. Francis Xavier Faith Story, and likewise if you identify as an Eltham Parishioner then the gathering at Our Lady Help of Christians happens on Sunday 16th October.

We can only move forward as two Faith Communities with your prayerful support and active participation in this process - thus it's vital that you consider being actively involved.

Warmest thanks, *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

Collections: 4 September 2022

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	\$995.15	\$1,336.00
Presbytery	\$1,116.95	\$803.65

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
June	\$6,530.13	\$10,509.05	\$17,039.18
July	\$6,285.38	\$10,092.00	\$16,377.38
August	\$6,835.24	\$9,642.00	\$16,477.24

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 17 - Social Services Sunday

12:00pm Baptisms: Tommy, Gordon, Jaxon Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 18 - Social Services Sunday

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

Tuesday 20

9:30am Mass Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 21

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 22

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 23

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 24 - National Day for Migrants & Refugees

12:00pm Baptisms: Douglas, Nathan Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharist Montmorency

Sunday 25 - National Day for Migrants & Refugees

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

Tuesday 27

9:30am Mass Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 28

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Thursday 29

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 30

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 1 October - St Vincent de Paul

12:00pm Baptisms: Ari, Alivia, Audrey, Bailey, Billie Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharist Montmorency

Sunday 2 - St Vincent de Paul

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Henry, Zara, Leo Eltham

Tuesday 4

9:30am Mass (SFX Yr 4 Class) Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 5

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection 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 who have died recently:

Jim Bennett, Ingrid Pinghe

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Paul Collins, Eva Crowe, Ruth Elliott

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Alana Foulds, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Frances McDonald, Andrew Pighin, Agnatha Spina, Melina Tenaglia

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Rosa & Salvatore Ficarro, George Gunton Onofrio Saltalamacchia

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, Elisabeth Edwards, Jade McAlear, Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully, Ian Sturman, James Sutton, Sarah Thompson

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 17 September

St Francis Xavier, 12:00 pm

Tommy Collins Cox	Baptism
Jaxon Aaron Mamo	Baptism
Gordon Kenneth Price	Baptism

St Francis Xavier, 6:00pm

Ethan Smith	First Eucharist
Riley Smith	First Eucharist

Sunday 18 September

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am

Amelia Grace Adapon	First Eucharist
Lachlan James Bordignon	First Eucharist
Asher Rose Ciappara	First Eucharist
Lottie Dalton	First Eucharist
Blake Jackson Ibbott	First Eucharist
Ellyse Catherine Saliba	First Eucharist

Roster for THIS WEEKEND: 17/18 Sep 2022

Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Beckford, Peter	Reader
Costanzo, Brenda	W8:30
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	PRYR
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Dunnell, Linda	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Hall, Vali	Altar Society
Milwain, Gianna	Altar Society
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Kathy & Peter	Hospitality
Ryan Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Said, Mike & Marie	ASRC
Scully, Greg	Commentator
Williams, Peter	W6:00

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 24/25 Sep 2022

Armstrong, Miranda	Reader
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	Commentator
Emslie, Maureen	W6:00
Frediani, Gabriella	Altar Society
French, Jossie	W8:30
Goss, Marion	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Love, Philip	W8:30
McAleer, Peter	ASRC
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Scannell Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Turnbull, Pauline & Mark	Hospitality

E10:00 = Eucharistic Minister @ 10am Mass
W8:30 = Minister of the Word @ 8:30am Mass
W6:00 = Minister of the Word @ 6pm Mass

2022 Annual Fundraising Dinner

After 3 long years, we are back fundraising for our Sponsorship Families & Livelihood Projects in Cebu. We are excited to announce that our dinner will be catered for by Elena's Paella. We can't wait to have a great night, and fill our bellies with a chicken & chorizo paella, that will be made onsite on the day (with a vegetarian option available for our veg guests).

Please support this fundraiser to help many. The focus of our dinner will be raising money for the construction of septic toilets for as many families as possible - but you will have to attend on the night to see what fun we have in store for this theme.

Early Bird Ticket Sales open August 15 - \$50 per ticket. Ticket will include an entree grazing plate on each table, Elena's Paella and something small & sweet for dessert. After Sep 15, tickets will be full price - \$60 per ticket

For more information please contact **Glenys Gayfer** 0411 196 395 or email papel-imports@bigpond.com





Catholics chosen to attend Queen's funeral

Published: 14 September 2022

Catholics Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann and Danny Abdallah have been named among 10 "everyday" Australian citizens chosen to attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II next week. Source: The Guardian.



Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann and Danny Abdallah (Miriam Rose Foundation and Facebook/TheFourAngels)

The 10 attendees from across all states and territories will travel with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Governor General David Hurley to London for the funeral on Monday, September 19.

Mr Albanese announced yesterday that, in addition to the invitations extended to Australia's heads of state, Buckingham Palace had wanted to invite 10 Australians who had made "extraordinary contributions to their communities, and who represent Australian culture and values".

Dr Ungunmerr Baumann AM is a Catholic Aboriginal elder, artist and activist who established the Miriam Rose Foundation to drive reconciliation at a grassroots level. She was named Senior Australian of the Year for 2021.

Mr Abdallah, a Maronite Catholic, founded the i4Give Foundation to assist families like his own who have suffered through trauma, and to increase community awareness of the power of forgiveness.

Joining Dr Ungunmerr Baumann and Mr Abdallah are the Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott, Senior Australian of the Year Valmai Dempsey, "local heroes" Shanna Whan, Saba Abraham and Kim Smith, the Western Australian Australian of the year Helen Milroy, the South Australian Young Australian of the Year Trudy Lin, and the Australian Racing Hall of Fame's Chris Waller.

Mr Albanese said the invited Australians "embody an extraordinary contribution to our nation" and dismissed questions on whether any of those attending the funeral supported Australia becoming a republic, saying they had not been asked.

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45312-catholics-chosen-to-attend-queen-s-funeral>



Melbourne Catholic News:

This past week, the world has mourned, and continues to mourn, the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, who died at her Scotland residence after a reign of more than 70 years. For many people, she was the only monarch they ever knew — an important public figure as well as a devout Christian and a model of grace and dignity. Her selfless commitment to service and her public Christian witness are two aspects of a remarkable life for which people of faith can be particularly thankful.

Tributes flowed in from around the world, and [Archbishop Peter A Comensoli also paid his respects](#), alongside Pope Francis, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and many other religious figures.

Like the late Queen, our clergy are called to devote their whole lives to selfless public service and Christian witness — not least among them our permanent deacons, who serve the Church and the broader community in unique and important ways. This week we have the pleasure of [hearing from two of our Archdiocese's longest-serving deacons](#), Deacon Kevin Pattison and Deacon Jim Curtain, about how they came to be permanent deacons, and the joys and challenges of living out their vocation.

As we approach the feast day of St Hildegard of Bingen, we also [explore the significance of this extraordinary woman](#) in the history of the Church. A Renaissance woman before the Renaissance, she is a saint whose music, spirituality and legacy continue to enrich the life of the Church. Dr Christopher Morris from Catholic Theological College joined *Melbourne Catholic* to help us better understand this legacy and how she can inspire us today.

Earlier this month, High Court judge the Honourable Justice Simon Steward addressed more than 130 people who had gathered for the [Melbourne Catholic Lawyers' Association Annual Dinner](#). Speaking on the topic 'The Christian judge in an increasingly secular world', he encouraged his listeners to uphold the Christian foundations of our legal system through a commitment to public service and fidelity to the law, and by publicly acknowledging their faith.

Finally, a reminder that this weekend St Patrick's Cathedral will echo with the beautiful sounds of some of our city's finest musicians as the [cathedral hosts a festival of music](#) running from Friday to Sunday evening. Be sure to come along, and tell your friends. www.melbournecatholic.org/news



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

SFX 90TH GALA

Saturday 15 October

Veneto Club • 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen

7pm till late - Dress: Cocktail - Three course dinner & drinks
 Auction to raise funds to upgrade computers at SFX School
 Featuring popular Melbourne live cover band - Redline

Tickets: \$135 per head - trybooking.com/cbwml
 Tickets sales strictly limited.
 From 5 September to 11 September exclusive current SFX family sales only.
 After this date open sales to all.




Celebrating 90 years of Catholic Education in Montmorency

SFX School Celebrates 90 years.

It was so good to see more than 1,000 people at our **Fiesta Noventa** celebration from both the school and Parish.

Our next & final celebration is our **90th Gala Dinner Dance** at the Veneto Club Bulleen on Saturday 15th October.

We have planned a three course dinner and drinks, live Melbourne cover band Redline as entertainment, live auctions and lots of fun planned as we raise money to upgrade the computer equipment at SFX School. It has been many years since we have gathered as a school and Parish community, catching up with old friends and celebrating with new ones in a dinner dance atmosphere. Bookings are made by using the QR code in the advertisement. This will be such a memorable evening for all our parish to be a part of.



"What is your Experience of Being Catholic today – both light and dark?"

The Catholic
 Sunday, August 30, 2008
don't manage it
Confront sexual abuse, don't manage it
 By Geoffrey Robinson
 As long as the Church seeks to manage rather than confront the devastating effect the scandal has had on the Church, it will continue to cripple other activities. Of what use is it?
MONTMORENCY - Sun. Aug 14th
ELTHAM - Sunday August 21st

This is the final opportunity for parishioners who were not able to be involved in the meetings during the month of August, to participate by filling in the form below, and submitting to the office by Friday 23 September, so we can report back to our Catholic communities regarding the first sessions held here in August. Our feedback to you will be in late September and early October.

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My experience of being Catholic - The Dark

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My Dream of our future faith community

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Please email your responses to:
eltham@cam.org.au or montmorency@cam.org.au

Prayers of the Faithful for 18 September 2022 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Leader:** Sisters and Brothers, God's call for us to act with justice is fundamental to the life of a Christian.
For Pope Francis in his ministry of calling the church to be one for the poor, that we will bring justice with mercy to those in need. *Let us pray to the Lord.* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For the People of God - that we speak out for the 'poor of the land' and call to account those who 'tamper with scales', or buy 'the poor for silver' or for a 'pair of sandals'.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For those preparing for first Eucharist - may the example and prayers of this community inspire them to grow in their knowledge and love of God.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For leaders of nations - that they ensure the world's food resources are shared fairly and that all people have sufficient quality food, each day.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For successful outcomes from the recent Jobs and Skills Summit - that on this International Equal Pay Day, real efforts will be made to achieve justice toward women workers in Australia.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For those serving in public office - that they persevere in a desire to do good for people and for the environment.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For the people of Pakistan, the people facing famine in Africa, and those impacted by natural disasters, may we all take whatever steps we can to ease their suffering.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For King Charles III, may he be a strong advocate for justice for all people, the environment and the better sharing of the world's resources.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- For all the sick and especially those mentioned in our bulletin - may they know the presence of Jesus in their lives and the grace of his healing touch.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- We pray for those who have died, *Jim Bennet & Ingrid Pinghe*, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, *Paul Collins, Eva Crowe, Ruth Elliott, Rosa & Salvatore Ficarro, George Gunton & Onofrio Saltalamacchia*, may they experience the certainty of Jesus' resurrection.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader:** God our Saviour, you call us into your service, Make us wise and resourceful: children of the light who continue your work in this world with untiring concern for integrity, justice and care for our common home. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son.
- All:** **Amen**

Pope arrives in Kazakhstan as a 'pilgrim of peace'

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Arriving in Kazakhstan, a country that borders Russia, Pope Francis said he came as a "pilgrim of peace" at a time when "our world urgently needs peace; it needs to recover harmony". Source: CNS.

"I am visiting you in the course of the senseless and tragic war that broke out with the invasion of Ukraine, even as other conflicts and threats of conflict continue to imperil our times," the Pope said yesterday in a speech to the country's civil authorities, representatives of civic groups and members of the diplomatic corps.



Pope Francis with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev after his arrival in Kazakhstan (CNS/Paul Haring)

"I have come to echo the plea of all those who cry out for peace, which is the essential path to development for our globalised world," he said.

After a nearly seven-hour flight from Rome, Pope Francis arrived in the capital city, Nur-Sultan, where he will attend the two-day Congress of World and Traditional Religions, which begins today. As he arrived in Kazakh airspace, his plane was escorted by fighter jets.

Arriving at the presidential palace, Pope Francis, who continues to suffer from knee pain, remained seated while Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev stood next to him as an honour guard played the national anthems of Vatican City State and Kazakhstan.

Welcoming the Pope, President Tokayev thanked him for his "tireless and dedicated efforts in the name of the human family around the world" at a "critical juncture in human history."

As Islamophobia, antisemitism and Christian persecutions continue to rise, the president said, "humanity could really go one way or the other if we are not vigilant."

Mr Tokayev said the Pope's presence at the interreligious meeting would ensure its success "and instil a true joy and happiness in the hearts of all devout Catholics in Kazakhstan and beyond".

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45313-pope-arrives-in-kazakhstan-as-a-pilgrim-of-peace>

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

"Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

"And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?"

"No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."



Reflection:

Luke wasted no time establishing the theme of reversal in his gospel.. It's embedded in Mary's great canticle, the *Magnificat* (1:46-55). The proud, the powerful and the rich will be cast down and the lowly and the hungry raised up. The theme of reversal continues with the blessings and woes (6:20-26) and is maintained through to the end. Facing his last days, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard tenants (20:9-19). The vineyard will be taken from them and given to others.

The story of Lazarus and the rich man displays the same dynamic. The reversal to come is heralded by the fact that it's the nobody, Lazarus, who is given a name, while the privileged one is nameless. There's more to come. Lazarus, the poor, diseased and hungry outsider is made at home in "the bosom of Abraham." The well-dressed, fine-feasting insider is relegated to the domain of the dead where he suffers pain and thirst. But the gulf between them is as unbridgeable as ever.

The parable is addressed to the Pharisees. They are the ones who prided themselves on being sons of Abraham and Moses. In the first place, therefore, Jesus is calling these self-satisfied insiders to account. But the added reference to one who might "rise from the dead" may reflect Luke's concern that successful Christians are prone to the same blindness and deafness as their Jewish counterparts. It's a perennial issue.

Break Open the Word 2022

People living in modern slavery rises to 50 million

Published: 13 September 2022

About 50 million people globally are living in modern slavery, including a growing number of women who are in forced marriages, new Australian-led research shows.

Source: SBS News.



An estimated 22 million people globally are trapped in forced marriages (Bigstock)

A study, spearheaded by philanthropic foundation Walk Free, found widespread socioeconomic instability linked to climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic had contributed to increasing poverty and forced migration.

An estimated 28 million people are in forced labour and 22 million are trapped in forced marriages. The number of people in modern slavery has risen by more than nine million over the past five years, the report by Walk Free and the UN's International Labour Organisation and International Organisation for Migration found.

Researchers found migrant workers were more than three times as likely as others to be drawn into forced labour.

The number of people living in forced marriages was estimated to have grown by almost seven million in the past five years. However, the true number was likely far greater given the difficulties associated with capturing child marriages in the data. Forced marriage is illegal under Australian law, including when people are taken overseas to marry. But the report noted criminalisation could drive the practice underground and distract from a more holistic response including prevention measures.

Australia's modern slavery laws require businesses to ensure slavery does not occur in their domestic or global operations or supply chains. A review of modern slavery legislation is underway led by Australian National University professor John McMillan.

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45296-people-living-in-modern-slavery-rises-to-50-million>