

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.



Happy Easter Blessings To Everyone May the Power of the Risen Jesus touch us all

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulcher. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Reflection:

Our Lenten journey has come to completion. We accompanied Jesus all the way from the desert of temptation to his tomb. We had a sense of direction and the tension grew as we closed in on the city of Jerusalem. Now we have arrived and find that we have crossed a threshold into a different kind of space.

We are not about to leave for a new destination so much as to explore the place where we have arrived. In the much-quoted words from T. S. Eliot's poem *Little Gidding*: "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time". We spend the next fifty days discovering how different the world looks in the light of the resurrection.

This means that Pentecost is not our goal, as if we were deprived of the Holy Spirit until then. On the contrary, we spend the entire fifty days immersed in the Spirit. In partnership with John's gospel, the Spirit leads us into our heart of hearts where divine love dwells. In partnership with the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit sends us out on our mission to announce the good news. It's a spirited season from start to finish.

Break Open the Word 2023

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 half an hour before
 any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 26 March & 2 April 2023

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	\$527.00	\$1,275.00
Presbytery	\$908.35	\$966.15

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
January	\$7,248.10	\$8,760.60	\$16,008.70
February	\$5,345.56	\$8,405.00	\$13,750.56
March	\$5,590.48	\$10,815.00	\$16,405.48

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Thursday 6 - Holy Thursday

11:30am SFX School Stations of the Cross Montmorency
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Montmorency

Friday 7 - Good Friday

11:00am The Way of the Cross Eltham
 3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord (Mass) Eltham

Saturday 8 - Holy Saturday

5:00pm Blessing of the Food (Easter Blessing) Montmorency
 7:00pm Vigil of the Resurrection (Mass) Montmorency

Sunday 9 - Easter Sunday

6:00am Dawn Vigil of the Resurrection (Mass) Eltham
 8:30am Easter Mass & Baptisms Montmorency
 10:00am Easter Mass Eltham

Tuesday 11

9:30am Mass Montmorency

Wednesday 12

6:30am Meditation Montmorency
 9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham
 10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Thursday 13

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency
 2:00pm Mass St Vincent Care, Eltham

Friday 14

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 15

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 16

8:30am Mass Montmorency
 10:00am Mass Eltham

Tuesday 18

9:30am Mass Montmorency
 10:00am Craft Group Montmorency
 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 19

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 20

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 21

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 22

12:00pm Baptisms: Lara, Dylan, Samuel & Bonnie Montmorency
 6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 23

8:30am Mass Montmorency
 10:00am Mass Eltham
 12:00pm Baptisms: Leo, Raphael Eltham

Tuesday 25 - ANZAC Day

9:30am Mass Montmorency
 10:30am ANZAC Day Service Montmorency/Eltham RSL

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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Arturo Bacani, Patricia Stoddart

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Jack Boyd, Maureen Briffa, Don Edmond, Kate Feil

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Gay, Gayle, Helen, Maurice, Edwinda Bacani, Perly Bacani, Rita Bevanda, Maria Bredle, Kim Brisbane, Feliksa Chwasta, Pat Collins, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Cindy Morrissey, Anne Pearce (nee Callahan), Andrew Pighin, Aguatha Spina

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Janet Taylor

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, Shannon Donahoo, 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:

Sunday 9 April

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 8:30am

Penelope Kylie Forster

Bowie Marvin Miller

Baptism

Baptism

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am

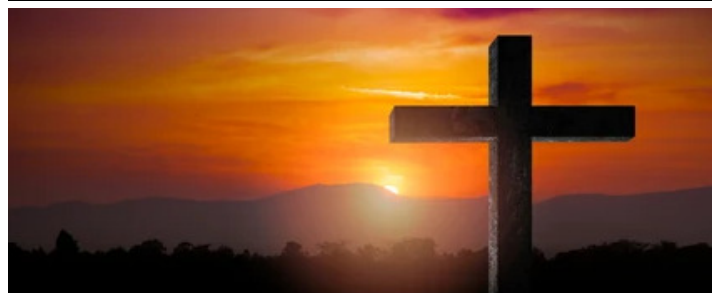
Cameron Geoffrey Jones

First Eucharist

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 15/16 April

Armstrong, Miranda	H10:00
Azzopardi, Michael	E10:00
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Dopheide, Marlis	H10:00
Edwards, Elisabeth	E10:00
Iiliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Mallia, Anthony	C10:00
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Nolan, Michael	PRYR
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Rigg Family	PRSE
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Scully, Helen	ASE
Taylor, Trish	R10:00

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham; C = Commentator; E = Euch. Minister;
H = Hospitality ; PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;
W = Minister of the Word; R = Reader



Prayers of the Faithful for 9 April 2023 - Easter Sunday

Leader: Dear Lord we come before you today with renewed confidence and hope.

‘God looked at everything he made and he found it good’ (Gen 31). The earth, skies, seas, plants and animals are all part of God’s creation - a precious, fragile gift. May we treasure, nourish and preserve this gift. We pray for all nations as they commit and work towards a global movement to address climate change.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The events of Easter changed Peter. He became more confident in his faith, trusting in Jesus and his message. We pray for the strength to trust in the Lord, to find hope in the Easter story, even though our path is often difficult and unclear. We remember all those who have lost their way, who struggle to live with optimism and hope. We remember refugees and all fleeing violence and injustice.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we be deep listeners and thinkers, informed and active in our families and community; generous in our response to the needs of others and the inequity in our world. We pray for the people of Ukraine and for the global effort to support the country and combat the injustice of this conflict.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May Jesus’ Easter message of hope and joy instill in us a sense of our common humanity, helping us to reach out and unite with people of all nations and religions.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a spirit of respect, understanding and informed consultation as Australia works towards a just representation of First Nations people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are living with mental illness, those who have lost hope, and for all those who are sick. May Jesus’ suffering and resurrection bring comfort and renewed hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died and whose anniversaries occur around this time, remembering especially *Jack Boyd, Maureen Briffa, Don Edmond, Kate Feil & Janet Taylor*. May they rest peacefully in the love of the risen Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ‘My love shall never leave you’ (Isaiah 54). May the Easter story bring us all renewed faith, life and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



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.

