

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

21–28 May 2023

“Do good; seek justice.”
(cf Isaiah 1:17)



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 was chosen by the Minnesota Council of Churches “**Do good; seek justice.**” (cf Isaiah 1:17).

The working group appointed by the Minnesota Council of Churches chose this verse from the first chapter of the prophet Isaiah as the central text for the Week of Prayer: “*learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow*” (1:17).

“*When we stop talking and listen, we hear that the church in Australia is built on stolen land, Indigenous land, and shares in a history of racism, massacre, abuse, stolen children, imprisonment and death in custody, and ongoing disadvantage. We hear that this legacy is really ours because we have explained, justified or remained silent in the face of this reality. When we stop talking and listen, we make space to realise anew that we have acted in ways that deny the worth of some of God’s people, equally made in God’s image.*” (Rev Radhika Sukumar-White’s sermon from Day of Mourning service, 19th January 2020, Leichhardt Uniting Church.)

The image is taken from the painting “Invasion” by artist John “Munnari” Hammond A’Hang ©.

*White man came to this country in their ships.
With their guns the black man has no answers.
They were poisoned, shot, hung and put in chains
as punishment.*

*Then along came religion, Christianity, the Bible
was read at campsites by white man and later
black and white.*

*Now we walk side by side burning bridges of the
past. The chains of the past are broken and black
and white walk on equal ground through this
rugged wide land. Their spirit finally free through
Christianity.*

Prayer: God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet’s call to do good and to seek justice. May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation. May God’s Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth. May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. **Amen**

Further information and resources:
www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity

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: 7 & 14 May 2023

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving Cash	\$590.00	\$833.00
Presbytery Cash	\$1,342.45	\$651.95

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
February	\$5,345.56	\$8,405.00	\$13,750.56
March	\$5,590.48	\$10,815.00	\$16,405.48
April	\$6,822.52	\$10,517.00	\$17,339.52

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Friday Saturday 20

12:00pm Baptisms: Harper Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 21

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Oscar & Theodore Eltham

Tuesday 23

9:30am Mass (& SFX Preps & Yr 6) Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

7:30pm Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May Eltham

Thursday 25

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 26

9:30am Mass (& OLHC School) OLHC Feast Day Eltham

Saturday 27

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

12:00pm Baptisms: Georgia Montmorency

Sunday 28

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

Tuesday 30

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yr 5) Montmorency

Wednesday 31

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

7:30pm Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May Eltham

Thursday 1 June

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

2:00pm Mass St Vincent's Care Eltham

Friday 2

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 3 - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

12:00pm Baptisms: Ilara Montmorency

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 4 - Holy Trinity Feast Day

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Alba Eltham

Monday 5

11:30am Mass : Holy Trinity Feast Day Holy Trinity

Tuesday 6

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yrs 3 & 4) Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 7

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 8

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 9

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 10

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 11

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Quinn Eltham



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:

Valentina Di Benedetto

Glenn McCormack, Luke McCormack

Shaun Thomas McCormack
10 year anniversary

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, Allan Dooley, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Ysabelle Fanlo, Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Cindy Morrissey, Andrew Pighin, Aquatha Spina

Eltham

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, Bill Boyce, David Campbell, Shannon Donahoo, Sandra Edwards, Peter Gaffney, Jade McAlear, Beth Morganti, 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 20 May 2023

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Harper Rose Bevilacqua

Baptism

Saturday 21 May 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Theodore James Bronts

Oscar Jose Perez

Baptism

Baptism



Book launch – The School That Hope Built

Over 21 years, The School of St Jude, in Arusha, Tanzania, has grown from three students to three schools, over 300 scholars supported in tertiary studies, 370 alumni who have graduated from tertiary studies, and 350 staff.

We're so excited! The founder - Gemma, author - Maddie and Enock – past student, are coming to Eltham to share the wonderful story of the School of St Jude in Tanzania. We'd love to share the opportunity with anyone who is interested. Come along to be inspired, enjoy some afternoon tea, and hear about their new book - **The School That Hope Built**.

Sunday 4 June, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Living & Learning Nillumbik, 739 Main Rd, Eltham

No cost. Limited places.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CIGVO>



**PASSIONIST
FAMILY
GROUP
MOVEMENT**

St. Francis Xavier Parish has six active Passionist Family Groups.

The Passionist Family Group Movement is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023, with combined Parishes of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians acknowledging this important milestone at both Parish Masses on the weekend of June 3 and 4.

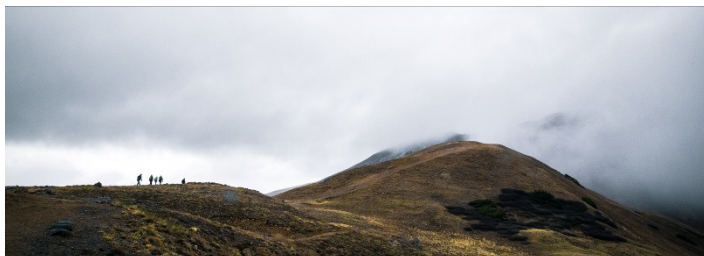
WHAT IS A FAMILY GROUP?

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. There is a giving & receiving by all members of the group to each other. Everyone is welcome to join.

The Passionist Family Group Movement was established in 1972 by Fr Peter McGrath cp at St Anthony in the Fields Catholic Church, Terry Hills in the northern suburbs of Sydney, Australia. From humble beginnings the movement has now spread to New Zealand, USA, UK and Ireland.



Marion Month of May

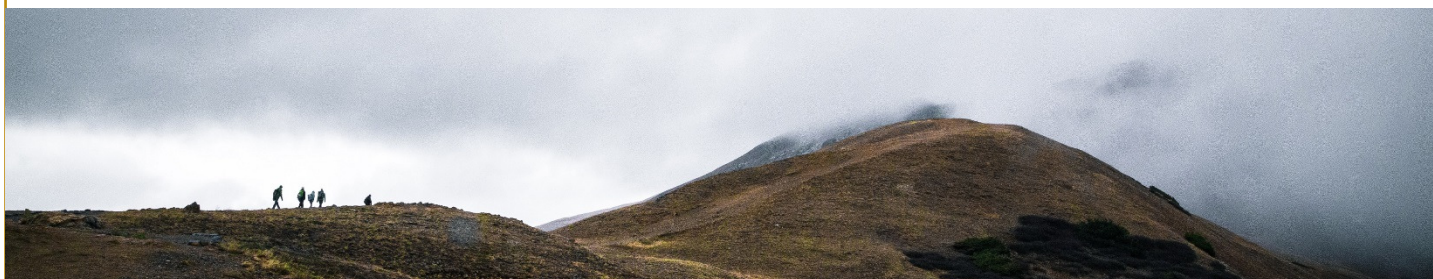
Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May
will be at

Our Lady Help of Christians
at 7:30pm every Wednesday during May.

For further information,
please contact Parish Office 9435 4742.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



Reflection:

Most of the gospel texts for the Sundays of Easter come from John's gospel, but today we return to Matthew, the gospel for Year A. We hear the final five verses. Jesus appears to the eleven (not named) as apostles, but as disciples) and charges them with a global mission to preach and baptize. Neither here nor earlier in the gospel is there any reference to Jesus' ascension. In fact the gospel concludes with his promise to be with the disciples always, "yes, to the end of time".

This final post-resurrection appearance of Jesus takes place in Galilee where the apostles were first called. It also occurs on a mountain, a common biblical setting for encounters with the divine. Even at this solemn commissioning, Matthew is unafraid to record that when the disciples saw Jesus, "some hesitated". Another curiosity is that Matthew alone, among all the New Testament writers, provides the Trinitarian formula for baptism that ultimately became the sacramental norm. Elsewhere, baptism was usually "in the name of the Lord Jesus".

The brief mention of the disciples' hesitation only serves to highlight the sure authority that pervades this text. As the resounding conclusion to Matthew's gospel, it calls for a strong and assertive delivery.

Break Open the Word 2023

Prayers of the Faithful for 21 May 2023 - The Ascension of the Lord

Leader: Our hope is in the risen Lord. Confident that God will hear our prayers, we place our need before the Lord. Jesus' claim is overwhelming "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Let us be grateful to those first disciples who took Jesus' words literally and went into the streets and preached Jesus' gospel. May we too be filled with that overwhelming spirit to share our faith like those first disciples.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As baptised Christians we too are given a mandate to preach the gospel. For most of us this means by way of giving good example, attending Mass, preparing for Mass, reflecting on the readings and following the Church in any way we can.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

This Sunday's Psalm urges us to rejoice and glorify God. May we take the call of this Psalm close to our hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we think of people living in countries where religious knowledge is discouraged, ridiculed or restricted. We pray that authorities allow their citizens the freedom to follow their hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Church, may authorities be diligent in following and encouraging Christ's path.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray, Lord, for those who are sick in our parish, may the support of their family and friends enable them to make a recovery.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of the school bus crash. May all concerned victims, innocent bystanders, and those responsible find a path to you Lord, in this great tragedy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our priests, many of whom are ageing and are overburdened. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood in particular.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including, *Valentina Di Benedetto and Glen, Luke & Shaun McCormack*. May they dwell in the Lord's own house for ever and ever.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Father Richard shares how St. Paul spread Jesus' message of equality and human dignity through the power of the Holy Spirit:

Saint Paul gives us a basis for loving all others as Christ has loved us. Paul offers a theological and solid foundation for human dignity and human flourishing that is inherent, universal, and indestructible by any evaluation, whether it be race, religion, gender, nationality, class, education, or social position. We now

believe the reason this one man enjoyed such immense success in such a short time is that he gave human dignity back to a world that had largely lost it. One more god in Greece and Asia Minor would have meant little, but when Paul told shamed populations they were temples of the divine, this made hearts burn with desire and hope.

The account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-11 emphasizes that people from all over the world heard the Galileans speaking in the pilgrims' individual languages after the descent of heavenly fire and wind. The theological message is clear: God loves everyone! God's love and favour are both totally democratic and unmerited. This was meant to be the end of all exclusive and elitist religion. Sadly, it did not last long.

One of the reasons Paul's teachings had so much influence in Asia Minor was that he restored human dignity at a time when the region was a key source of enslaved people, women were considered the property of men, temple prostitution was a form of worship, and oppression and injustice toward poor and marginalized people were universal norms. Most of the world was not yet aware that human rights even existed. Paul shouts into this corrupt and corrupting empire, "One and the same Spirit was given to us all to drink!" (1 Corinthians 12:13). He utterly levels the playing field: "You, all of you, are sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus... where there is no distinction between male or female, Greek or Jew, slave or free, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28).

This is quite amazing, considering the divided world at the time! In Paul's estimation, the old world was forever gone, and a new world was born. This was surely impossible and frightening to some people, but utterly attractive and hopeful to the majority who had been given no dignity whatsoever. Who does not want to be told they are worthy and good? Who does not want their social shame taken away? No longer was the human body a cheap thing, degraded by slavery, or sexual, verbal, and physical abuse. Paul is saying, "You are the very temple of God." Scholars now believe this is Paul's supreme and organizing idea. Such an unexpected affirmation of human dignity began to turn the whole Roman Empire around.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/we-are-temples-of-god-2023-05-11/>



FREEDOM FROM SHAME
We Are Temples of God

Richard Rohr calls for contemplative prayer to teach us the "art of detachment". He stresses that in such prayer we don't deny our feelings, but simply let go of their ultimacy:

We need forms of prayer that free us from fixating on our own conscious thoughts and feelings and from identifying with them, as if we are our thinking. Who are we before we have our thoughts and feelings? That is our naked being. We have to learn to be spiritually empty, or, as Jesus says in his first beatitude, "How blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). If we are filled with ourselves, there is no longer room for another, and certainly not for God. We need contemplative prayer, in which we simply let go of our constantly changing ego needs, so Something Eternal can take over.

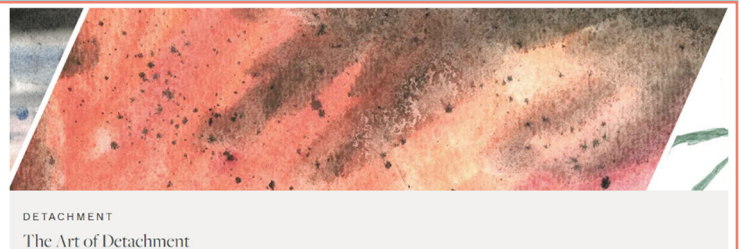
This may sound simple, but it's not easy! Because we've lost the art of detachment, we've become almost fully identified with our stream of consciousness and our feelings. Don't misunderstand me; I'm not saying we should repress or deny our feelings. I'm challenging us to name them and observe them, but not to directly fight them, identify with them, or attach to them. Unless we learn to let go of our feelings, we don't have our feelings; our feelings have us.

We might ask: "What does this have to do with God? I thought prayer was supposed to be talking to God or searching for God. This seems to be saying prayer is about getting myself out of the way." That is exactly what I am saying. As John the Baptist put it, "I must grow smaller so he can grow greater" (John 3:30).

To any of us comfortable people, detachment sounds like losing, but it is actually about accessing a deeper, broader sense of the self, which is already whole, already content, already filled with abundant life. This is the part of us that has always loved God and has always said "yes" to God. It's the part of us that is Love, and all we have to do is *let go and fall into it*. It's already there. Once we move our identity to that level of deep inner contentment and compassion, we realise that we're drawing upon a Life that is larger than our own and from a deeper Abundance. Once we learn to do that, why would we ever again settle for some scarcity model for life?

God is already present. God's Spirit is dwelling within us. We cannot search for what we already have. We cannot talk to God into coming "to" us by longer and more urgent prayers. All we can do is become quieter, smaller, and less filled with our own self and our constant flurry of ideas and feelings. Then God will be obvious in the very now of things, and in the simplicity of things. To sum it all up, *we can never get there, we can only be there*.

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/the-art-of-detachment-2023-04-27/>



DETACHMENT
The Art of Detachment



Beanies! Scarves! Socks!

Now the cold nights and days begin to bite we are drawn more than ever to think of those who live on the streets. We feel overwhelmed by the crisis going on around us. We are not able to help everyone but something is better than nothing. If you can spare any clean beanies, scarves or socks for adults or children, please place them in the basket provided in the Church porch. They will be handed out to those in need by volunteers who work on the nightly soup kitchens. Thank you.

'whenever you did it to one of these, you did it to me'

Patsy Skipper: 0429 439 675



Beanies! Scarves! Socks!

Vinnies Eltham are joining SFX in collecting beanies, scarves and sox to be distributed by the nightly soup kitchen.

Dark colours are preferred.

Basket outside Piety Stall Eltham.

Scarf patterns or queries: Mary O'Connor or Patsy 0429 439 675



CathNews

A MINISTRY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

[VATICAN ABUSE COMMISSION SHIFTING TO 'IMPACT-FOCUSED' DIRECTION](#)

The new projects and developments at the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors represent "a major shift toward a more impact-focused direction", said its president, Cardinal Sean O'Malley OFM Cap. Source: NCR Online

[CARITAS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES GOVERNMENT'S \\$6M COMMITMENT TO SUDAN](#)

Caritas Australia has expressed gratitude for Australia's commitment of \$6 million in urgent humanitarian assistance to address the escalating conflict in Sudan.

[NEW WEBSITE AND COMPANION BOOK ANSWER THE BIG QUESTIONS](#)

The National Centre for Evangelisation has launched a new website and a companion book to help answer the questions people commonly ask when they are considering becoming Catholic.

Source: ACBC Media Blog.

[CATHOLIC MISSION CONFERENCE 'A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE'](#)

After three days of reflection, inspiration and dialogue on the future of mission, the Mission: One Heart Many Voices conference concluded on Friday.

Source: Catholic Mission.

[RENT ASSISTANCE HAS NO EFFECT ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: ANGLICARE](#)

An increase in Commonwealth rent assistance has been mooted as a Budget measure to ease the housing crisis for those on lower incomes, but Anglicare Australia has warned the payment is not "fit for purpose" and has no effect on affordability.

Source: The Guardian.

Father Michael held up James Mellon's book: *Divine Renovation* that speaks of a future church. It is in our (OLHC) library but is borrowed for now. It will be on the top shelf when available.

The Future is our Ministry we heard recently at Mass:

A little history...

OLHC, before Covid times, had a group of people who volunteered to visit the parishioners who were ill or incapacitated. Mostly, we took the Eucharist to those in St Vincent's Care, however, this ministry has slowed down.

Now, more than ever, we have parishioners who are struggling to make it to Mass.

I take Communion to three people as it is, and I now have a couple of volunteers who are helping with another parishioner.

I know of another couple who are desperately reaching out now.

If you think you are able to join in this ministry to visit parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist once a week or fortnight let me know, **Trish Taylor, 0402914817**. It may mean once a month, if we receive a good response.

We will organise a meeting of such people and the more the easier. The biggest hurdle is bringing you to a realisation that you can do it. **And of course you can.**

You carry Jesus in every breath already.

Watch out for a meeting time.

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Vinnies Eltham have been experiencing a high demand from people with very limited cooking facilities. We are requesting help with provision of the following items:

- Full Cream Long Life Milk, Sugar Sticks
- Coffee and Tea (small), Cup Noodles
- Vegetable Soup, Porridge in Pouches
- Small Weetbix, Fruit in Plastic Pots
- Biscuits, Sweet & Savoury, Toilet Rolls
- Packets of Biscuits & Cheese, Tin Fish

Thank you

Roster for THIS WEEKEND: 20/21 May	
Armstrong, Miranda	H10:00
Capuana, Marisa	PRYR
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	C10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	H10:00
Dunell, Linda	ASE
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Foxley, David	R10:00
French, Jossie	W8:30
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Love, Philip	W8:30
Maynes, Phil	W6:00
McAleer, Peter	ASRC
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
Williams, Peter	W6:00
Zavadil Family	PRSE
Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 27/28 May	
Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Bowyer, Darrell	ASRC
Bowyer, Rosemary	ASRC
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Croft, Mike	H10:00
Croft, Pat	H10:00
Dhanasen Family	PRSE
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
Heyhoe, Margaret	R10:00
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Mallia, Anthony	C10:00
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	PRYR

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

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

ASRC
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

1. Sweet & savoury biscuits
2. Tomato paste
3. Razors
4. Deodorant
5. Laundry powder or liquid 1 kg/L
6. Dishwashing liquid 1 L

Please note that we do not need baked beans, tinned soup or tinned spaghetti



Eight years ago this year, Pope Francis published his encyclical *Laudato si'*, on caring for our common home. It was a call to conversion, to see human life and the life of the earth as intimately connected.

Since then, faithful Catholics have taken up the Pope's call in a variety of practical ways, including in many parishes across our Archdiocese. To mark *Laudato si'* Week, we take a look at what several parishes are doing, and at the ways Catholic Earthcare Australia is helping Catholic parishes, schools and agencies to implement the *Laudatio si'* goals.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/laudato-si-week-reminds-us-to-care-for-our-common-home>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference recently released a statement on the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, in which they encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, observing that this is 'a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bishops-issue-statement-on-indigenous-voice-to-parliament>

Last week, the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria officially launched this year's Archbishop's Dinner in support of the Priests Support and Education Fund — a great initiative that has been supporting Melbourne's priests for 25 years.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/knights-of-the-southern-cross-victoria-launch-the-2023-archbishops-dinner-for-the-priests-support-and-education-fund>

The Week of Global Prayer for China begins this Sunday. This lay-led initiative is an opportunity to focus on the challenges faced by our Christian brothers and sisters in China and to uphold them in prayer.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/catholics-urged-to-join-week-of-global-prayer-for-china>

We also visit Lithuania as we continue our series on 'Our Lady around the world', and reflect on what St Paul's famous 'hymn to love' might teach us about how to engage with media in more loving and life-giving ways.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/our-lady-around-the-world-part-7-lithuania>

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/to-love-and-communicate-well-examining-our-media-habits>

NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
 THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

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 &
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 &
faithful
 volunteers,
 thank you for your
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 Parishes of
 St Francis Xavier
 &
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 You make a **difference**
 every single day.

NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
 THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

National Volunteer Week 2023
 is a celebration of our power to drive
 change and ensure volunteering is
 inclusive of all members of the Australian
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 12.30-2.30pm

St Francis Xavier
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