

# Risen



# Christ

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 July 2023 - Year A

**The Catholic Communities of  
Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency**



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.

## VISION

Risen Christ is a welcoming Catholic parish.  
A living Community inspired by the Gospels;  
Enriched by the Vision of Vatican II;  
Formed by vibrant liturgy and sacraments, and  
Respectful of the different histories and identities  
of our two faith communities.

## MISSION

Guided by the Holy Spirit, Risen Christ parish strives to:-

- Be a people of God, an inclusive community of hospitality and belonging.
- Actively embrace social justice and the marginalized.
- Be committed to the safeguarding of children and adults.
- Seek equality of men and women in lay ministry and leadership.
- Work towards healing for those wounded by the pain of our parish history.
- Be an outward looking Community which is ecumenically aware.
- Keenly engage the challenges of the young people.
- Listen, dialogue and grow in our faith and live together, as disciples in the modern world.

*This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.  
We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.*



## PARISH TEAM & INFORMATION

### OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



#### Parish Priest

Michael Sierakowski - **Moderator**

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#### Parish Office

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Kate Kogler:

**Parish Secretary**  
Tue-Fri 9am-3pm

Peter Williams:

**Child Safety Officer**  
[RisenChristChildSafety@cam.org.au](mailto:RisenChristChildSafety@cam.org.au)

Kerry Mash:

**Volunteer**  
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Website:

[www.pol.org.au/montmorency](http://www.pol.org.au/montmorency) OR  
[www.pol.org.au/eltham](http://www.pol.org.au/eltham)

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Risen Christ Parish

Risen Christ Parish Bulletin items:

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#### Schools

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### RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before  
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

#### Collections: 18 & 25 June 2023

	OLHC	SFX	
<b>Thanksgiving</b>			
Cash	\$507.00	\$1,080.00	
Electronic	\$2,984.00	\$2,839.00	
<b>Presbytery</b>			
Cash	\$709.75	\$754.15	
Electronic	\$920.00	\$700.00	
<b>Stewardship Offering</b>			
Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
March	\$5,590.48	\$10,815.00	\$16,405.48
April	\$6,822.52	\$10,517.00	\$17,339.52
May	\$6,620.26	\$8,507.00	\$15,127.26

## Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

### Saturday 1 July

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

### Sunday 2

8:30am Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharist Eltham

### Tuesday 4

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Small Church Community Montmorency

### Wednesday 5

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

11:00am Funeral: Joan Posar Montmorency

1:00pm Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

### Thursday 6

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

### Friday 7

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

### Saturday 8

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

### Sunday 9

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

### Tuesday 11

9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

2:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

### Wednesday 12

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

### Thursday 13

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

### Friday 14

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

### Saturday 15

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

### Sunday 16

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

### Tuesday 18

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Small Church Community Montmorency

### Wednesday 19

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

1:00pm Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

### Thursday 20

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Support  
Montmorency  
Catholic Community  
by giving with CDFpay



Support  
Eltham  
Catholic Community  
by giving with CDFpay





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

### **Montmorency**

For the recently deceased:

*Joan Posar*

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Mario Bevanda, Marie Boyd, Leon Nolan, Giulia Perosin*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Gay, Gayle, Helen, Maurice, Edwinda Bacani, Perly Bacani, Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Feliksa Chwasta, Pat Collins, Allan Dooley, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Ysabelle Fanlo, Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Cindy Morrissey, Andrew Pighin, Garry Pollard, Aquatha Spina*

### **Eltham**

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Charles Doroszlay, Leon Nolan*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Violetta, Michael Bonicci, Maurice Brosnan, Shannon Donahoo, 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](mailto:eltham@cam.org.au).



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

### **Saturday 2 July 2023**

*St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 6:00pm*

James William Adam Carlin

First Eucharist

Mia Grace Hyatt

First Eucharist

Grace Jade Moravski

First Eucharist

Scarlett Grace Cusack Smith

First Eucharist

### **Sunday 3 July 2023**

*St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 8:30am*

Ebony Dee Theologos

First Eucharist

Luke David Theologos

First Eucharist

*Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 10:00am*

Madison Paula Fisher

First Eucharist

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and following my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## **Reflection:**

Jesus' missionary instructions to the Twelve take up the whole of chapter ten in Matthew's gospel. Today we hear the final section of his discourse. It falls into two parts. The first half is directed at the apostles themselves, the second at those to whom they are sent.

Jesus makes no bones about the cost of discipleship. It must take priority over all family ties; it is inescapably a way of the cross (this being the first mention of the cross in Matthew); and it demands abandoning the human instinct of self-preservation. The paradoxical result will be the discovery of true life.

For those who welcome a disciple of Jesus, whether as a prophet or holy one or a little one, there is a corresponding reward. Those who are sent are emissaries of Jesus himself, just as Jesus was sent by God. All this implies a new kind of family, not based on human ties, but on God's embrace of Jesus, the disciples and those who welcome them.

The reading thus consists of a series of sayings strung together like prayer beads. Each one offers food for thought and should be given due weight and time in the proclamation.

**Break Open the Word 2023**

## **R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

An open invitation is extended to people who are not Catholic or as Adults have not received the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation and would like to fully participate in the Mass with the reception of the Eucharist. Please contact us and let's begin our enquiry time together. Eltham and Montmorency Catholic Communities welcome your participation.

What is RCIA? The RCIA, which stands for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, is a process through which non-baptised men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens - and it's a wonderful adult journey of Christian discovery and personal renewal.

If you know of anyone in your family or friendship groups or neighbourhood that might like to begin this "enquiry" time, with no obligation to continue in the process to Easter 2024, then please feel free to ask them. Please let Kate (in the parish office) know by calling (9435 4742) or emailing ([Eltham@cam.org.au](mailto:Eltham@cam.org.au) or [Montmorency@cam.org.au](mailto:Montmorency@cam.org.au)).





We're proud to announce that the **2023 National NAIDOC Week** theme is **For Our Elders**.

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us.

We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.





# Aboriginal Mass at St Francis Church

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

*11 am start*

St Francis Church  
326 Lonsdale Street,  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Followed by light refreshments in  
St Francis Eymard Centre

**All Welcome**

## FIRST DAY OF NAIDOC WEEK TIMELINE

**1920s**

### Aboriginal Rights Groups Boycott Australia Day

Aboriginal rights groups decided not to participate in Australia Day celebrations due to the poor status and treatment that was experienced by Indigenous people.

**January 26, 1928**

### Day of Mourning Commemorated

The Aborigines Progressive Association held a major civil rights gathering that protested the poor treatment of the Indigenous people.

**1955**

### Aborigines Day Incepted

Instead of protests, Aborigines Day began to celebrate the Aboriginal and Islander people of Australia.

**1972**

### Department of Aboriginal Affairs Formed

The group came together to advocate for Australia's native people.

**1990s**

### NAIDOC Week Get its Name

Although the acronyms have changed a couple of times, NAIDOC became the official title of the weeklong celebration in July.

Roster for week ending: 1/2 July	
Agius, Suzanne	M6:00
Armstrong, Miranda	E10:00
Armstrong, Miranda	H10:00
Brown, Teresa	M6:00
Capuana, Marisa	PRYR
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	H10:00
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Edwards, Elisabeth	C10:00
Jones, Marion	W6:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Leahy, Michelle	R10:00
Northrop, Greg	E10:00
O'Dowd, Elisha	M6:00
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Scannell Family	PRSE
Sullivan, Frances	W8:30
Wood, Marie	W8:30
	ASE
	ASRC
	ASRC
Roster for week ending: 8/9 July	
Armstrong, Miranda	C10:00
Ballenger, Nima	E10:00
Bucknell, Dom	R10:00
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Leahy, Colin	H10:00
Leahy, Michelle	H10:00
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Scully, Helen	ASE
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Steward Family	PRSE
Wallace, Kathryn	W6:00

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

## Liturgy of the Word with Communion

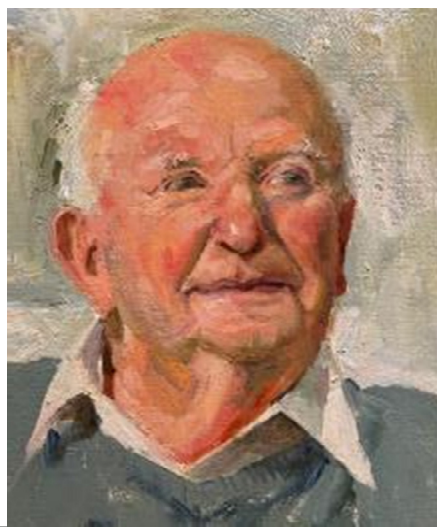
As you are aware Fr Michael is away for the month of July. During this time there will be no weekday Masses. However, you are invited to join in the Liturgy of the Word with Communion which will be held in **SFX Church** at 9.30am on Tue & Thu, and in **OLHC Church** at 9.30am on Wed & Fri.

Why not come along, see this as an opportunity to experience one of the paths our Church Communities may need to take in the future as the number of working priests declines.

By our Baptism we are all called to discipleship, using our gifts in the service of our Community. We are a Pilgrim people; this is our place and time in the history of the Church. Moving forward, let us participate in doing what we can together to bring about the Reign of God in our time.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We welcome back  
*Fr Terry Kean*  
for the month of July and thank him  
for his willing participation in the parish.



## Prayers of the Faithful for 2 July 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Leader:** Knowing that God hears and answers our prayers, we confidently raise our voices and express our needs.

For the Church: that we may hear God's call to discipleship and seek first the reign of God in our lives through personal daily prayer.

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

For all who are making life decisions: that they may be aware of God's invitations, planted deep within their hearts, and courageously choose paths that lead to holiness.

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

For Pope Francis: that God will renew and strengthen him in calling the church to greater service, love & unity.

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

Elisha's generosity in the first reading prompts us to ask ourselves: "What is my response to the stranger? Do I avoid the stranger? Does the encounter with a stranger require me to leave my comfort zone? For the courage to respond to challenges that Jesus calls us to face each day."

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

Lord, we pray in particular for the people of Russia and Ukraine: war does not resolve problems, and the young and old lose their lives. We pray Lord, that you grant both people the clarity of mind and generosity of spirit to work to a peaceful solution.

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

For all those on our sick lists in this bulletin, we pray for your love, comfort and healing touch upon each one.

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

For those who have died, including *Joan Posar*, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time, including *Mario Bevanda, Marie Boyd, Charles Doroszlay, Leon Nolan & Giulia Perosin*. May they rest in the eternal peace and love of our Lord.

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

**Leader:** Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** Amen



## ALLOWING TEENS TO ACCESS EUTHANASIA WOULD SEE STANDARDS 'END UP IN THE GUTTER'



Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has warned a proposal being considered by the ACT Government to allow teens as young as 14 to access voluntary assisted dying

could see euthanasia become available to "anyone that wants it". Source: *The Australian*.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/allowing-teens-to-access-euthanasia-would-see-standards-end-up-in-the-gutter/>

## VICTORIA BACKTRACKS ON PRIVATE SCHOOLS PAYROLL TAX, LIFTING THRESHOLD TO \$15,000



Victoria's highest-fee schools will face new payroll tax rules from next year, but the measure will raise \$100 million less than expected after the Government

backtracked from its original plan following fierce opposition. Source: *The Age*.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/victoria-backtracks-on-private-schools-payroll-tax-lifting-threshold-to-15000/>

## GUIDE AIMS TO ENCOURAGE PRAYER AND CONVERSATION ABOUT THE VOICE



With a vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament due this year, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has prepared a guide to encourage prayer

and discussion about the referendum.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/guide-aims-to-encourage-prayer-and-conversation-about-the-voice/>

## BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE GETS THREE NEW PRIESTS



The Archdiocese of Brisbane yesterday celebrated the Feasts of St Peter and Paul with Archbishop Mark Coleridge ordaining three men to the priesthood.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/brisbane-archdiocese-gets-three-new-priests/>

## SALESIANS APPOINT NEW PROVINCIAL



The Salesians of Don Bosco Australia-Pacific Province will have a new provincial in 2024, with the appointment of Fr Peter Hoang Kim Huy SDB for a six-year term.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/salesians-appoint-new-provincial/>

## NDIS GODFATHER SAYS SCHEME NOW 'EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT WAS INTENDED'



Australians with a disability are pressured to present "the worst version of themselves or their children" to get help through the National

Disability Insurance Scheme

or risk having no support at all, according to an interim report from a review into the scheme.

Source: *SMH*.

<https://cathnews.com/2023/06/30/ndis-godfather-says-scheme-now-exact-opposite-of-what-was-intended/>



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

## Listen and respond

Each of us is called to be attentive to God's voice and to respond in our own way.



In the lead-up to World Social Media Day this Friday, singer and co-host of the popular *Catholic Influencers* podcast Alyssa Agius speaks to us about how we can cut through all the 'noise' on social media and engage in ways that might help us hear and respond to

God's call.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/alyssa-agius-influencing-the-influencers>



Cora Lijnders OAM, the second woman at St Jude the Apostle Scoresby to receive the Medal of the Order of Australia in as many years, has quietly responded to God's call by serving her parish in many selfless and practical ways. We speak to her about the joy it has

given her to be part of her 'parish family'.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/cora-lijnders-oam-part-of-the-parish-family>



As we approach NAIDOC week, we learn about how a couple of parishes have created opportunities to listen to the experiences and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the lead-up to the Voice referendum;

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/st-kevins-templestowe-hosts-sacred-space-of-conversation-to-explore-the-voice-to-parliament>



Parousia Media founder Charbel Raish shares his remarkable story of coming to hear and respond to the call of God;

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/its-not-a-job-its-a-mission-parousia-media-founder-shares-his-story>



and we celebrate the recent launch of the Mary Glowery Circle - a new initiative aimed at strengthening the legacy of a woman whose bold response to God's call continues to inspire.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/lisbon-2023-what-will-our-pilgrims-see-and-experience>



Finally, we hear about the final preparations for World Youth Day - now less than a month away!

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pilgrims-assisting-pilgrims-wyd-leadership-team-gathers-for-final-time>



And since Melbourne's pilgrims will be visiting the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal, we take a look at the remarkable things that happened there in 1917.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/what-everyone-should-know-about-the-incredible-story-of-fatima-for-wyd-2023>

For more information: [www.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.melbournecatholic.org)

# New ways to consider supporting our parish financially as we move forward as Risen Christ Parish

We are very aware that after 3 years of Covid-19 most people now carry little cash in their pockets, and prefer to use their credit cards and mobile phones to pay or purchase items or support people, in a modern Covid-safe way of daily life.

With a new Parish in mind, the Catholic Communities of St Francis Xavier, Montmorency and Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham are grateful for your financial support. We are happy to offer many different ways in which to financially contribute, including credit card and direct debit, thanksgiving envelopes, collections at Mass, QR codes, Tap & Go terminals, and soon we will have payment pathways on the new Risen Christ Parish website (a work in progress!).

Please feel free to call 9435 4742 or email [RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au](mailto:RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au) if you need any assistance or further information regarding any of these options, or indeed any matter.

Naturally, once again I take this opportunity to say "thank you" for your continued support, particularly over the past three years!

Michael



Thank you      Thank you      Thank you