

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.

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2021

Who are the great men and women of our time? Perhaps we think of superstars in our favourite sports. Perhaps we think of a person like Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany, soon to retire after what has been a significant term of office in leadership. Her welcome of refugees to her country will stand as a legacy of her personal courage and generosity.

Perhaps we think of firefighters who every year risk their lives to save the lives of others. Perhaps we think of doctors and nurses and so many others in the health industry working such long hours to care for people with Covid-19.

There are many great men and women and children in our world today. We hold this thought as we listen to the Gospel today and Jesus instructing his twelve apostles, saying to them: "Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave."

Why was Jesus saying this? There had been an argument in the group of twelve. James and John wanted a favour. They wanted a special place in the unfolding story of Jesus, one at his right hand, the other at his left hand. They probably had no idea of what they were requesting but they wanted to get in early, ahead of the others. They wanted authority and prestige and greatness. Jesus asked them the question, "Can you drink the cup that I must drink and be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They of course said 'yes', not knowing what on earth this would mean, but expecting the favour to be granted. And Jesus accepted their promise of drinking the cup and of baptism with him, but he did not grant their request.

Then the argument with the other apostles followed. That's the context for Jesus saying "Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant."

Back to our question then: 'Who are the great men and women of our time?' Let me share a few thoughts about Steve, a man I met many years ago at Sacred Heart Parish, St Kilda.

Steve was the volunteer sacristan for weekday Masses at St Kilda Parish. He opened the Church, set up all the books and vessels before Mass and put everything away after Mass. He would be at Church long before Mass started. He was totally reliable and never missed being there.

He lived alone in very basic accommodation, on a pension. He had mental illness but he kept to his medication and managed his life well. He walked everywhere and from my memory had not been in a car or on public transport for over 20 years. If he is still living, that could be 40 years by now.

He never complained. He has a beautiful nature and is such a gentle man. He has lived so simply, but his treat every pension day, for as long as I can remember, was to buy a bottle of grandfather port and sip a small glass each day to last the fortnight. In my time at St Kilda, he attended Sunday Mass down the road at Our Lady of Dolores Church. I happened one Sunday to notice him putting \$20 in the collection and I know that he did this every week.

Now in my view Steve is a great man. He is a wonderful example of someone who is a servant, someone who even puts himself last of all. He lives with such simplicity. He drinks the cup, the cup of suffering in his illness and he has no desire for authority or prestige. He would be astounded to hear himself named as a great man.

And that's today's Gospel. "Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Does Jesus mean, 'the great men and women of our time have no desire to be great and they only want to be for others. That's what makes them great.'

Yes, Steve is a great man. Maybe you and I are great but if so, we will never know it.

Terry

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: 10 October 2021—LOCKDOWN

Community	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
OLHC		
SFX		



Please help our parish continue our important pastoral activities.

You can give an offering online today with CDFpay.

Find our parish by visiting:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayEltham> or <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMontmorency>



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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Paola Centorrino (mother/in-law of Tony & Nella)

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Sylvia Bergamo, Kevin Boyd, Peppino Costanzo, Barrie Edwards, Joe McKinley, Madge Warrillow

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Damian Brasier (son of Gavin)
Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert),
Terry Flannery (father of Elisha O'Dowd)
Kate Lagerewskij*

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

Dorothy Luke, Stephanie Peck

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Violetta, Ryan Bennett, Barbara Bibby, Lucy Bibby,
Denice Donnellan, Tom Nolan, Paul O'Dell,
Les Robertson, Christine Scott, Rosemary Scully,
Barbara Snopkowski, Ibyszek Wojciechowski,
Sylvek Zyleviczcz*

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

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 16

6:00pm Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Sunday 17

8:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

10:00am Mass - CANCELLED

Eltham

10:00am Mass - LIVE STREAM ONLY

(<https://bit.ly/2ZNZxaE>)

Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Tuesday 19

9:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Wednesday 20

6:30am Meditation - CANCELLED

Montmorency

9:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Eltham

Thursday 21

9:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

10:30am ASRC - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Friday 22

9:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Eltham

Saturday 23

6:00pm Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Sunday 24

8:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

10:00am Mass - CANCELLED

Eltham

10:00am Mass - LIVE STREAM ONLY

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Montmorency

12:00pm Baptisms - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Tuesday 26

9:30am Mass - CANCELLED

Montmorency

Wednesday 27

6:30am Meditation - CANCELLED

Montmorency

‘IN THE VOICES OF OUR GROUP TODAY, WE HEARD THE SPIRIT SAYING THAT BEING INDIGENOUS AND BEING CATHOLIC ARE NOT TWO SEPARATE WAYS OF BEING: THEY ARE TWO ELEMENTS OF SPIRITUALITY THAT EXIST SIDE-BY-SIDE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE WITHIN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.’

This was the opening sentence shared on Wednesday 6 October by the Plenary Council small group called to deeply discern, deliberate and share its reflections on one of the Council's 16 agenda questions: *How might the Church in Australia open in new ways to Indigenous ways of being Christian in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship? How might we learn from the First Nations peoples?*

The 26-strong group, which includes Fr Kevin Lenehan, Master of Catholic Theological College and Father Steele Hartman OCSO of Tarrawarra Abbey, as well as members from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission, John Lochowiak, Sally FitzGerald and Shirley Quaresimin, share each morning in a public livestream how the Spirit is moving them with regard to this question.

‘We heard the Spirit calling our Church to further consideration of ways that we can listen more deeply, sit with and come to understand that the Living God and Aboriginal spirituality arise from the same source,’ said Carol Teodori-Blahut from Diocese of Parramatta, speaking on behalf of the group this morning.

There is an authentic point of connection for us all in the life of Jesus, in the experience of suffering, in our vulnerability, in the call to see the Spirit in each other and in the desire to be at home in our Church.

‘We also heard the Spirit calling us to name and respond to the darker side of our Church and society where racism, exclusion and injustice have caused trauma, woundedness and suffering. Truth-telling around this part of our story is really important.’

Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. ... Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost. ... You have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day and during all this time, the Spirit of God has been with.

Pope John Paul II, Alice Springs, 29 November 1986

The group shared that although they hadn’t ‘identified any concrete actions yet’, two strong themes were emerging from their discernment, which appears to be drawing them to action. ‘The first is a yearning for a Church that celebrates and brings into respectful dialogue Indigenous people and others. This would enrich our understanding and way of being Church together. It would also prioritise resources to enable Indigenous people to minister to each other pastorally and spirituality and in a culturally appropriate manner.

‘The second is something that we see as being more urgent and more challenging for us as a Church.’

We are called to use our privilege and our voice to influence society. This might be a posture or disposition of the Church to be more pastoral, but also to change the structures that lead to injustice, trauma and suffering. With our collective influence and privilege, we should be able to do that work together bravely.’

Plenary Member Toni Janke, an Indigenous woman joining the assembly from Turrbal land (Brisbane) in Queensland is also part of this small group discerning how we might learn from First Nations peoples. In a recent online interview with journalist and broadcaster Genevieve Jacobs, Toni shared, ‘There is a big push for really redefining and working out who we are as a Church and what is the future of Australia for the Catholic Church.’

‘For me, that is all about asking what our identity is as Catholic, today? It’s completely changed over the years, certainly since I’ve been to school. ... We’ve come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. There are still issues around social justice, and our working with people who are largely Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, who are vulnerable and particularly in need of support through not just our Church, but our agencies and our services and our schools.

‘These are ongoing issues. They’re not issues that we’re just going to talk about this week at the plenary. They’re at the heart of this nation and at the heart of our faith. I do believe, there has been a lot of work done in some dioceses and some archdioceses but there is still a lot to do in parishes and in agencies.

Toni works for a Catholic agency, CentaCare Brisbane, where she works closely with people who are struggling with family and domestic violence and child protection issues. ‘We continue to see high incarceration rates of our people,’ she said.

‘So, there are all those issues, but I think at the heart of it, it is about our mission and what is different about us in Australia, as opposed to the broader global issues that other Catholics face around the world. And we as Indigenous People, as First Nations People have a lot to contribute to that dialogue in a very meaningful and significant way.

There’s been a lot of talking about listening and discernment and while that has an incredible place in this whole process and is very important, of course we want to see a call to action and that requires the commitment and the good-will and the willingness of people.

‘I’d like to see that we do have some specific direction and support. Because it’s not really Aboriginal people or First Nations people always leading the charge. It is about everybody being responsible and having a voice, and wanting to share in, walk together and share together in the history of this country and to heal that history and to move forward not just in terms of reconciliation, but in truth telling and justice for all.

‘This is a long journey of healing, and not just recognition, or the odd acknowledgement but really working deeply and thinking deeply about these issues and who we as a whole faith community can move forward, with Christ at the centre.’



ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI'S VISION - PART 3

PARISH TIMELINE + CHECKLIST

START
HERE

Take
THE
Way
OF THE
Gospel



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

1. INVITE THE PARISH TO PRAY

Resources available on the Mission webpage:
www.melbournecatholic.org/mission

2. PREPARE

Choose your Parish Coordinators. With the Priests, Parish Coordinators will assist in leadership of the parish discernment process and represent the parish at cross-parish meetings. They will be a point of contact between the parish and the Archdiocese.

Priests and Parish Coordinators meet to plan. Now that you've your planning group in place, get together and plan a consultation process for your parish.

- What did you hear at the regional meeting?
- Review supplied resources for parish meetings. Using the resources:
 - Inform key stakeholders such as your Pastoral Council, parish staff, finance committee and key ministry leads
 - Plan a number of targeted consultations for groups of parishioners.

"Beginning the Journey" Workshop. This is a prayerful reading of the "Take the Way of the Gospel" letter. It outlines our 'why' and is a great way to prepare parishioners for your series of parish meetings. Slides, a facilitator guide and a participant sheet are available **online**.

Online networking/support sessions. Online networking and support sessions for Priests and Parish Coordinators will be available in each region, in the weeks following your regional

Read more about Take the Way of the Gospel:
www.melbournecatholic.org/mission

3. CONSULT & DISCERN: PHASE 1

Facilitate Parish meetings. Offer a series of parish information sessions. Beginning with prayer, these sessions offer information on the Missions process and seek initial feedback from parishioners. (See *Hosting a Parish Discernment Meeting* document)

Further in-Parish discernment meetings. After the initial round of meetings, the planning group discern:

- What are the initial themes from the consultations we have had with our people? What have we heard?
- What are the emerging opportunities/roadblocks?
- What are we called to reflect on here in the context of the neighbouring parishes we have been asked to dialogue with?

SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK (ANY TIME!)

bit.ly/TWGFeedbackLoop

Use the above link to let us know what your parish is thinking and doing, and outline resources or help you need.

Receive support. Every parish is in a unique situation. Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal has a list of facilitators, workshops and resources available. To learn more, contact your regional Animation Consultant.

FEBRUARY - JUNE 2022

4. CONSULT & DISCERN: PHASE 2

Meet with the other parishes in your illustrative Mission grouping. A series of meetings which begin to scope the potential, possibilities and roadblocks for your illustrative Mission. Resources and facilitators will be available.

MARCH 2022

5. CHECK-IN

Regional check-ins. An ongoing quarterly opportunity for regional illustrative Missions to meet and share their progress, learnings and questions with each other and the Archdiocese.

- How are you going? What do you want others to hear?
- What have you learnt? What are you doing that you can share?
- Is your illustrative Mission territory about right? Why? Why not?
- What do you need to move towards a decision to become a Mission in your area?

Consultation and discernment may result in groups of parishes proposing Mission groupings that are quite different to the ones initially suggested. Groups of parishes are encouraged to develop innovative and creative ideas as they work together to plan how they might share their gifts and resources for mission.

This process may take several years.

ILLUSTRATIVE MISSION NETWORK

	Greensborough - Diamond Creek - Eltham						Northern Mission* Ave.	Melbourne Ave.
	Diamond Creek	Eltham	Greensb.	Greensb. Nth	Montmor.	Total		
2016 Pop.	23,793	23,491	18,281	13,857	23,065	102,487	71,608	73,839
2016 Catholic pop.	5,402	5,477	5,344	4,449	6,289	26,961	19,695	17,150
Mass attendance 2019	367	260	796	344	380	2,147	1,912	1,832
Contributors	0	185	411	155	312	1,063	713	733
Workload	78	139	243	121	302	883	668	581
Catholic Schools	1	2	2	1	2	8	6	6
• Primary	1	1	1	1	2	6	5	4
• Secondary	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
• Combined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Enrolments	147	958	1,870	387	717	4,079	2,847	2,467
• Primary	147	180	538	387	717	1,969	1,547	1,303
• Secondary	0	778	1,332	0	0	2,110	1,214	1,027
• Combined	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	178
• Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Hospitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Aged Care Places	2	1	3	3	1	10	7	8
Aged Care Beds	183	127	278	291	90	969	561	674
Thanksgiving+ Other Income	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	861,768	694,194	703,175
Pop Growth 2020-36 (%)	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	1.7%
Ave. HH Income	123,338	130,522	96,383	126,024	114,771	117,949	97,699	100,764
Ave. HH Size	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6
Ave. Age	38.2	39.0	39.6	39.3	39.7	39.1	37.8	38.0
Overseas Born (%)	12.4%	15.7%	19.3%	18.4%	14.3%	15.6%	29.7%	33.3%
Coup W dep't children	53.7%	54.8%	45.7%	53.0%	48.9%	51.4%	46.2%	46.5%
% Catholic	22.7%	23.3%	29.2%	32.1%	27.3%	28.5%	30.2%	26.1%



MELBOURNE PARISH REVIEW

Live Streaming Mass Continues

Join us again **this Sunday at 10am** at Our Lady Help of Christians and let us keep hope alive in our hearts.

Thanks to Frs Terry & Michael for giving us this opportunity to celebrate and pray.

You will find us by clicking this link

<https://bit.ly/2ZNZxaE>,

or search for OLHC SFX Youtube on

www.google.com.

Should you have any queries you may contact Patsy on 0429 439 675 or patsy_skipper@hotmail.com.



The Book is Waiting for your Wishes!

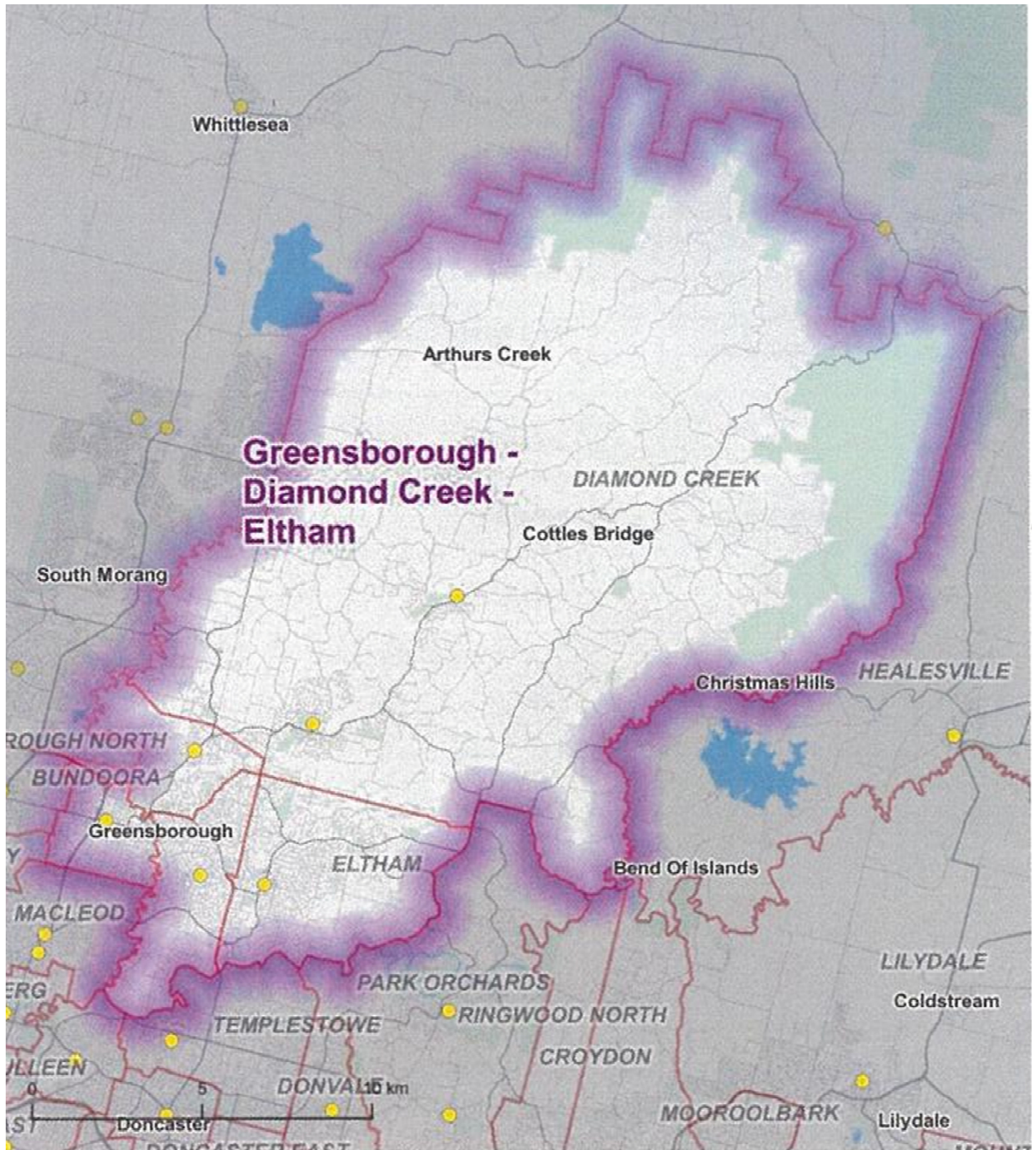
As we get closer to more freedoms our time will evaporate. We are not likely to have more time than we have right now. Your contribution matters. There is no one whose life has not been enriched by Fr Terry, let us take the time to tell him so. Thank you to those who have sent beautiful cards, poems, stories and wishes, they are all handled with care and placed in the Book.

- Place your contribution in the Parish Letter Box, 86 Mayona Road, Montmorency (marked Fr Terry's book) or
- Email kate.kogler@cam.org.au or patsy_skipper@hotmail.com we will place them in the book for you.

Due to lockdown, we are not able to connect with Fr Terry as we would like, let that not hinder us in our efforts to convey in a real way our gratitude for his time with us. You will not wish to be left out, so don't put off til tomorrow what you can do today! Bless all...



Proposed Parish Mission Boundary



Existing Parish Boundaries Churches Illustrative Mission

MAP FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

This information is provided as a starting point for parishes to begin discerning a way forward.

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Prayers of the Faithful for 17 Oct 2021 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leader: We come before you today with humble hearts; knowing our need and trusting in your willingness to heal and make us whole.

Let us make time to pray for the future direction of the church in our Archdiocese of Melbourne, including our own Communities of Eltham and Montmorency. Let us listen with the ear of our heart to where the Spirit is calling us.

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

Let us earnestly pray for those who are working in the health services; tirelessly giving care and healing to the sick, particularly those patients suffering from Coronavirus. Their effort in comforting and walking with patients fighting for their lives, in the absence of family is unparalleled. We thank them.

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

As we all continue to walk this difficult pandemic journey, let us work at solidarity, among scientists, politicians and ourselves, accepting the differences of opinion and choices of others without ridicule or judgement. Let us use kind words that unite rather than divide. We belong to each other.

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

We pray that leaders of rich nations will act with justice and generosity, in providing vaccine to those poorer countries whose supply is inadequate. Let us work together for the wellbeing of every life.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us not to look for the places of honour and entitlement, but rather, Jesus invites us to follow him in the way of service to all, especially those in greatest need.

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

We pray for the world leaders who are soon to gather in Glasgow to discuss Climate change. May their shared wisdom and commitment be generous and true, in their care for the planet. This is our home and the home of our children. It is up to all of us to live sustainably.

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

We remember in our prayer today, those in our communities who are sick, those tormented in mind or body. Touch them with your healing and love, through the presence of their carers, family and friends.

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

For those who have died recently, including Paola Centorrino (mother of Tony), Dorothy Luke & Stephanie Peck, may they now live in the peace and light of our Risen Lord. We remember also those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Sylvia Bergamo, Kevin Boyd, Peppino Costanzo, Barrie Edwards, Joe McKinley & Madge Warrillow.

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

Leader: Oh God, we are held in your loving hands and the hands of each other as we make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen