

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.

Australia Day Honours



Hayden's Helping Hands was honoured to be awarded an Australia Day Award for Community Group of the Year. As Hayden said in his acceptance speech he was proud to accept this on behalf of the whole HHH community and our volunteers, and sent a shout out of thanks to our sponsors Espresso3094 and Hotondo Homes South Morang. This award belongs to all in this community.

#TogetherWeAreMakingADifference



Miranda and Marlis (affectionately known as 'M&M') are a formidable duo that doesn't shy away from a challenge or hesitate to help those in need. Over the years, the pair has assisted refugees by providing them housing, welcoming them to the community, and supporting them to start a new life.

Miranda's Acceptance Speech:

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung as Traditional Owners of this country and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, in this region.

We thank all residents of Nillumbik Shire, particularly residents of Eltham, and our faith community at Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, for opening your hearts and being so welcoming to refugees and asylum seekers who have come to be our neighbours, and for us, our family.



Marlis and I make no bones about our deep faith, and so it will not be a surprise to know that Pope Francis is to us a modern day prophet. In 2018 he wrote a message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. He said:

The welcome of strangers must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience - from departure, through journey, to arrival.

I want to emphasise the importance of offering migrants and refugees adequate and dignified initial accommodation. More widespread programs of welcome, already initiated in different places, seem to favour a personal encounter and allow for greater quality of service and increased guarantees of success.

Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate.

These words from the Pope are our beacon.

Thank you to all of you here in Nillumbik Shire for what you have done, and continue to do, to welcome newcomers. We encourage you to actively seek opportunities to take strangers into your homes. It is a wonderful way of extending your family, without the hassle of childbirth.

Marlis's Acceptance Speech:

I also would like to thank Nillumbik Shire for this award.

I am just as enthusiastic about living here as I was 60 years ago. And a BIG thank you to my immediate and extended family who have encouraged and supported our involvement with refugees over the past 15 years.

Along the road we have met so many wonderful people who make us proud to be Australian.

And of course, none of it would have happened but for the refugees who have given us so much love, appreciation and wisdom.

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.





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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Jim Enright, Herbert Kandelaars

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Annie Gatt, John Longton, Joan Stanhope (2020)

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane,

Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert),

Kate Lagerewskij, Andrew Pighin, Agatha Spina

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

Rachael Byrnes, Luke Hawthorne-Smith

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Gavan O'Connell

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

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

Rosters - 5&6 February 2022

Eltham

Armstrong, Miranda	Reader
Dunell, Linda	Eucharistic Minister
Haines, Geoff	Eucharistic Minister
Hall, Vali	Altar Society
Milwain, Gianna	Altar Society
Ryan Family	Pilgrim Rosary Statue
Taylor, Trish	Commentator

Montmorency

Hannon, Kevin & Genni	ASRC
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Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 29th

12:00pm Baptism - Bailey Eltham

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 30th

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & Baptism - Piper; & First Eucharist Eltham

12:00pm Baptism - Oliver Montmorency

Tuesday 1st February

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

Wednesday 2nd

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

11:00am Small Church Community Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 3rd

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:30am Mass - St Vincent's Care Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Friday 4th

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 5th

12:00pm Baptism - Patrick Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharist Montmorency

Sunday 6th

8:30am Mass & First Eucharist Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharist Eltham

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday 29 January

Our Lady Help of Christians, 12pm

Bailey Paige Clarkson

Baptism

Sunday 30 January

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10am

Jacob Sam Duczmal

Piper Lee O'Brien

First Eucharist

Baptism

St Francis Xavier, 12pm

Oliver Patrick Cusumano

Baptism