

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.

- St Francis Xavier Parish - your time to shine -

The Transition Leadership Community request your presence at this parish meeting - MONTMORENCY will be held this Sunday October 30th, starting on time at 1pm in the Parish/School Hall. This is the 'second' and most important part of our planning as two parishes consider their future. It is a wonderful opportunity to share and tell the 'story' of the Montmorency Catholic Community over the past few decades, and come to terms with the unique nature of this special parish. Chris Pearson will lead us in this amazing process.

- Wet conditions - heavy rain - to last 6 months! -

If it wasn't the three years of the worldwide Pandemic or Putin putting pressure on the rest of the civilised globe and in particular the people of Ukraine, the weather conditions in Australia for the past 6 months, especially hitting the eastern states, has been truly alarming. Apparently these rains are set to continue on for some months too! Three Plagues ... I'm not happy, Jan!!

This month of October 2022 in our state of Victoria has brought these storms to us.

Volunteers have been helping local people in soaked, water-affected suburbs in Melbourne and on a major scale in country Victoria. These strangers in their thousands have been lending a hand to transport goods and with sandbags on river fronts - truly Angels in time of need! The generosity of these volunteers in difficult times is heart-warming and a blessing of the real human spirit, alive and well.

- As the month of OCTOBER comes to a close -

I wanted to share with you the amazing Sacramental Statistics for the past 10 months from the catholic communities of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians. Below are the numbers from January to this weekend.

Many of you will know that I have made myself available for Baptisms every Saturday & Sunday at 12 noon and you have read in the Bulletin each week the First Eucharist and Confirmations. Well, the response from the Parish families has been truly overwhelming and wonderful to experience! This catholic community is still responding very well as we now journey beyond lockdowns and living within a Covidsafe society. Last Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral - with well over 1,500 in attendance - 103 students celebrated the sacrament of confirmation. It was the icing on the cake for me, after a big year, with such a wonderful and meaningful time for all concerned. Obviously, a huge thank you to the principals and staff (REL's and Grade 6 teachers), Families and especially the stars, the students in grade 6, 2022.



Confirmations 182
SFX: 145; OLHC: 37

First Holy Communions 162
SFX: 95; OLHC: 67

Baptisms 176
SFX: 106; OLHC: 70



Just maybe, this year is our 'catch-up' time from Covid-19, but whatever the reason, these sacraments celebrated in such large numbers show that the catholic communities of Eltham and Montmorency are very much alive and active and welcoming.

Ten months of great news in 2022.

Michael

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: 9 & 16 October 2022

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving	\$382.00	\$976.00
Presbytery	\$865.35	\$826.00

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
July	\$6,285.38	\$10,092.00	\$16,377.38
August	\$6,835.24	\$9,642.00	\$16,477.24
September	\$6,357.04	\$10,827	\$17,184.04

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 29

12:00pm Baptisms: Oscar Montmorency
6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 30

8:30am Mass Montmorency
10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham
1:00pm TLC Parish Meeting: Montmorency Montmorency

Tuesday 1 November - All Saints Day

9:30am All Saints Day Mass Montmorency
10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

Wednesday 2 - All Souls' Day

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 3

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Friday 4

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 5

6:00pm Mass & Eucharist Montmorency

Sunday 6

8:30am Mass & Eucharist Montmorency
10:00am Mass & Eucharist Eltham
12:00pm Baptism: Dottie Eltham

Tuesday 8

9:30am Mass (SFX Yr 6 Class) Montmorency
7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 9

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

Thursday 10

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency
2:30pm Mass Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views

Friday 11

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 12

12:00pm Baptisms: Scarlett, Jack Montmorency
6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 13

8:30am Mass Montmorency
10:00am Mass & First Eucharist Eltham

Tuesday 15

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

Wednesday 16

6:30am Meditation Montmorency
9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham
10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency
7:00pm Regional St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Montmorency
7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

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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:

Candida Carvalho
(mother/in-law of Lavita & Rob Mossop)

Jennie Jupp (UK)
(mother/in-law of Richard & Marilyn)

John Nolan
(brother/in-law of Mike & Kathleen Nolan)

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Carlo Bergamo, Kevern Billings, Antonio Chincarini (jnr), Bernard Edmond, David Engebretson, Philip Ferrarotto, Bill Gayfer, Petronella (Nelly) Kandelaars, Betty Lord, Valeria Perosin, Frank Salmic Snr, Bill Tapley

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Alana Foulds, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Frances McDonald, Cindy Morrissey, Andrew Pighin, Agnatha Spina, Melina Tenaglia

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

John Nolan
(brother/in-law of Mike & Kathleen Nolan)

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, 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:

Saturday 29 October

St Francis Xavier, 12:00 pm

Oscar Rex Seacombe

Baptism

St Francis Xavier, 6:00pm

Logan Jean McNamee

First Eucharist

Selina Isis Stronge

First Eucharist

Sunday 30 October

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am

Elizabeth Yvonne Steel

First Eucharist

Elizabeth Rose Donoghue

First Eucharist

Violet Glynn

First Eucharist

OLHC Piety Stall:

2023 Columban Calendars (\$10) now available after Mass on Sundays at OLHC Piety Shop Eltham
Christmas cards not yet available.



**Prayers of the Faithful for 30 October 2022
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leader: We come together before you Lord, in hope and prayer.

The Lord's love is vast, timeless and constant. We pray that this love may grown in our world, bringing harmony and empathy between nations, and a respect for our common humanity. We remember and pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We rejoice and give thanks for the gift of our natural world. May we cherish and care for our lands and seas and protect their fragility. We remember all those affected by recent flooding in NSW and Victoria.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. May we show respect, understanding and kindness in our interactions with others. For all those who are feeling stress, estrangement or misjudgment. May the Lord bring gentleness and understanding. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For trust in the Lord. May we take the time to feel the stillness of the Lord, a constant in our lives. We pray for all who are sick, their families and carers. May they feel the comfort of the Lord's presence.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Zacchaeus had the courage to be humble and open to Jesus' message. We pray for open minds and willing hearts that we may listen and act upon Jesus' message in our lives. We pray for all those receiving sacraments this weekend. May Jesus' message bring inspiration and courage.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all students entering the end of year exam period. May the Lord guide, inspire and bring calm.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died recently, including *Candida Carvalho, Jennie Jupp & John Nolan*, or whose anniversaries are around this time, remembering especially *Carlo Bergamo, Kevern Billings, Antonio Chincarini (jnr), Bernard Edmond, David Engebretson, Philip Ferrarotto, Bill Gayfer, Nelly Kandelaars, Betty Lord, Valeria Perosin, Frank Salmic Snr & Bill Tapley*. May they rest in the peace and love of the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: May the Lord protect, guide and inspire us all in the week ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Amid the meadows of Elysium

A poet reflects on an idyllic childhood spent with his late brother on an island off Ireland's Atlantic coast: now separated by death, yet the distance between them sometimes dissolves / by **John F. Deane**

I would speak to you, dear brother, not only in the deep stillness of my consciousness, but in the gloaming of this world, as there are moments when I sense that there is little more than light dividing us. Where I stand, everything holds neat in these meadows of Elysium, sunlight spreading radiance like a presence, with a glad-sad ruction of bright grave-flowers, bronze pots and gaudy rainbow-painted windmills, while extensive peace dreams down from the low mountains, shaded sunset rose. Those of us who have lived with demons stalking us close as consciousness, who have fought them helplessly, need companion ghosts: like those that spirited our Badlands, beneath Slievemore, back on the island, those heather roughlands, those sun-kissed cuttings, where no bell rings and where skylarks soar.

Remember when we startled a flock of pee-wits that burst into the air and a sparrowhawk, like a flash of fire, slewed away with a sharp disappointed cry? That was an unruly world but it was ours, my brother, and beautiful, where we leapt from tump to hummock and never dreamed diminishment, its wash, its purifying power. Whisper to me know, as the delicate flowers of bog asphodel are hushed under the breeze, breathe to me as softly as the wind that eases down from the slopes of Mount Diablo, as it stirs here, across your resting place. For this is a thin place, and you rest beyond the light, and that is scarcely something to be called distance.

Nor do I hold my needs and hurt after your loss as foolish or impossible; against all hesitancy I will to envision you back again amongst us, and back then, before the alcohol and the addiction, before that scorpion had nestled in your throat. In spirit I am with you

PHOTO: ALAMY, GABRIELA INSURATELU



The summer shoreline at Keem Bay on Achill Island, Co. Mayo, the largest of the Irish isles

again, the two of us together on the shore, scrambling over rocks at the island's edge where soon - remember? - the mackerel will fling themselves upon our hooks... but ah, moments I doubt you are yet present to me, to this flesh, this dark, this hungering.

Brother, I know that in the beginning there was nothing, nothing orthodox, nothing unorthodox. Only the pure point of utterness out of which are all things disposed. And that was light, I believe as you believed, and light gives life to the world. Still - from the mountain top, you and I could see the Everything: south - the island villages, the fields and wildscapes, teeming life; east - the mainland, its confusing folds and fallows, its humped horizons. To the west - the Ocean, stunning in its wilderness and bounty, the ruck of islands vanishing in haze; and north - Atlantic boundlessness, beyond and beyond, the mesmerising dance of distances and the harmony of things that are not.

We were children, exulting in the light, on the mountain high. If you stood, carefully, holding your balance and looking up, you could see the clouds, the heavens and cosmos, possibility of worlds past worlds, beyond thinking.

We, brothers and young conquerors already, were relishing breezes about our ears and the high whistle of a kestrel in blues that were shading towards silver. We stretched our arms wide encompassing the island, our care and holding, and then set off, down and down, air-inebriated, the leaps, the falls, the laughter; you and I, fresh-water and blood-grouped, never to be separated, we immortals, and how wonderful it would be, to soar out, sustained on the broad arms of utterness, together, in the light above the waves, to be filled full, to be made whole.

Your death has left a darkness in me, urging me to petition the light that contains you now. For we had stories still to tell, stories that now can have no ending, like our gleeful jumping into puddles as we, free as eagles, relished the splish-splash dance of the senses, the two of us together bound to the earth in peacock-coloured squeaking wellingtons, innocent yet of the need for bridges or the suggestions of fingerboards; we, children, flowing as water flows, two hand-holding ego-hoops of joy, once-upon-a-time word-tasters, truths to be sourced and sounded, to be blooded forever between us. That day, for instance, you spoke to me of Christ, that you felt a calling to come follow where he would lead, for in him was light, you said, and the light was the life of the world.

We were together, in our sleaky, home-made boat, out on the lake, and we both fell silent, the oars lifted and dripping water on the surface, soft, softly, something

incomprehensible hold us, fragrance breathing from the heathers, the low hills embracing, and lake water tapping gently against the timber bones of the craft. There was a strange, suffused luminescence spreading from the lake shore where the high reeds sheltered those small birds, the buntings, the warblers, and we drifted, a long sustaining moment in unannounced communion, as childhood drew nearer to the rough-rock shores of adolescence and our leaning bodies grew firmer towards the tasks ahead. And then we rowed again, oars raking against the rowlocks, silence persisting deep within us, swelling to a froth of prayer.

But now, shadows drift towards me. So I pray to you that you call to me, brother, from within that light that flickers somewhere near

the heart, but not as a dream will flicker, go out and be forgotten. Call to me from beyond the light where silence is so intense it burs and leaves a stubborn certainty that will translate, over my remaining years, towards the end of longing. It has been too easy to yield to the appealing distractions of heart sores past and the restless chewing on present grief, the way the too-sweet seeds of raspberries will glut between the teeth. I sense within me the approach of my own diminishment, as if the light of this earth has dimmed and its loveliness withered. I will not dwell on the comforts that skulk in the depths of sorrow, old certainties and guilt; I know that the love that was between us will be forever indestructible.

Here, in the meadows of Elysium, the name of Christ leaps forth from

plaque and monument, the name of the one that you spoke of as light and life. So now, look! - in the sunlit cemetery - what a profusion of startling orchids; and there - by the neglected canal footpath, see! A grandstand of high and silken grassheads, whispering. Truly the spirit wanders, ghostly, bewildering always - halts by the sacred places, thin-partitioned, earth brushing against the heavens, against the netherworld gate - while we - we take ourselves in hand, silent and watchful, going round and round, listening.

The poet, short-story writer and publisher **John F. Deane** was born in Castlebar, Co. Mayo, and was raised on Achill Island. His older brother Declan, a Jesuit priest, died in 2010.

Synod document ‘genuine voice of People of God’

Published: 27 October 2022

Australian Synod on Synodality advisor Susan Pascoe has told a meeting of Asian bishops that Pope Francis has been personally involved in the preparation work for the next stage of the Synod process. Source: Vatican News.

Ms Pascoe, who is an adjunct professor at the University of Western Australia, yesterday addressed the Federation of Asian Bishops Conferences general conference in Bangkok, Thailand

She updated FABC delegates on the Synod process, summing up the continental meeting that took place in Frascati, Italy, from September 21 to October 2. Ms Pascoe was one of the approximately 50 people who participated in writing the draft of the *Document for the Continental Stage*.

She told the FABC that Pope Francis was so involved in the Synod process that he wanted to see the first draft of the document drawn up by the commission that met in Frascati.

This was a “great comfort for those of us in Frascati that we weren’t going down the wrong path”, Ms Pascoe said.

Further feedback came from others involved in the local Synod process not present in Frascati who met over Zoom. “What an honest, authentic, rigorous, prayerful process this was,” she said of the process so far.

Ms Pascoe said the content in the *Document for the Continental Stage* originated at the parish level. “It is genuinely the voice of the People of God.”

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45691-synod-document-genuine-voice-of-people-of-god>

Synod text calls for ‘Church capable of radical inclusion’

Published: 28 October 2022

The Holy Spirit is at work in the latest document of the Synod on Synodality, presenters said at a press conference at the Vatican yesterday on the guiding text for the next stage of the Synod’s discussions. Source: CNA.

The document, or “synthesis of the syntheses,” Synod relator general Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich SJ, said, “is therefore not a writing emerging out of theological writings. It is the fruit of the lived synodality, the lived theology, a dimension of the life in the Church.”

“And what is very beautiful, we were able to notice that the Holy Spirit is at work,” he said at the presentation of the 44-page working document that will guide the next stage of Synod discussions: the Continental Assemblies to be held between January and March 2023.

The working document, titled *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent* and known as the Document for the Continental Stage, summarises the reports shared with the Vatican by bishops’ conferences, religious congregations, departments of the Roman Curia, lay movements, and other groups and individuals.

The document notes diverse challenges the Church faces worldwide, such as increased secularisation, forced conversion and religious persecution, lack of structures for people with disabilities, and clericalism.

The document covers issues across a broad spectrum, from the clergy sexual abuse crisis to Christian unity. The text calls for “a Church capable of radical inclusion” and says that many Synod reports raised questions about the inclusion and role of women, young people, the poor, people identifying as LGBTQ, and the divorced and remarried.

It also identifies the celebration of the Mass, whether according to the pre-Vatican II missal or the post-Vatican II liturgy, and access to the Eucharist as “knots of conflict” in the Church and cites a great “diversity of opinion” on the subject of priestly ordination for women, which some reports called for and others considered “a closed issue”.

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/45706-synod-text-calls-for-church-capable-of-radical-inclusion>

Roster for THIS WEEKEND: 29/30 Oct 2022

Armstrong, Miranda	R10:00
Boyd, mary	PRYR
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Emslie, Maureen	W6:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	H10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	H10:00
Jones, Marion	W6:00
Kotz, Sharron	E10:00
Love, Philip	W8:30
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Ramsdale, John	ASRC
Ramsdale, Sue	ASRC
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Rigg Family	PRSE
Scully, Helen	ASE
Taylor, Trish	C10:00

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 5/6 Nov 2022

Beckford, Peter	C10:00
Davidson, John	PRYR
Dunell, Linda	ASE
Foxley, David	R10:00
Goss, Marion	E10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Kotz, Sharron	E10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Leahy, Colin	H10:00
Leahy, Michelle	H10:00
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Rough Family	PRSE
Saltalamacchia, Carmel	ASE
Sullivan, Frances	W8:30

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham; C10:00 = Commentator @ 10am Mass
E10:00 = Euch. Minister @ 10am Mass; H10:00 = Hospitality 10am Mass
PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;
W8:30 = Minister of the Word @ 8:30am Mass;
W6:00 = Minister of the Word @ 6pm Mass;
R10:00 = Reader @ 10am Mass

Reflection:

The journey on which Jesus set out ten chapters ago (9:51) is almost complete. Soon Jesus will make the climb up from Jericho to Jerusalem, reversing the path traversed by the travelers in the parable of the good Samaritan. First, however, he engages with a person who would have been regarded with even more antipathy than the Samaritan of that story. Zacchaeus the tax collector would have been reviled as a treacherous accomplice of the Roman authorities. Perhaps he was so inured to the hostile attitudes that he was unconcerned about risking ridicule by climbing up a tree to see Jesus.

It's possible to interpret Zacchaeus' reply to Jesus to mean that almsgiving and just dealing were his habitual practice. If that's the case, he was being true to the meaning of his name in Hebrew: "innocent" or "righteous". That's not how the crowd saw it. As far as they were concerned, he was a sinner. Perhaps, therefore, it's the onlookers rather than Zacchaeus who are being called to conversion, to let go of their condemnation of him, just as those who heard the parable of the good Samaritan were challenged to reassess their prejudice against Samaritans.

It's notable that Jesus expresses approval for Zacchaeus as a "son of Abraham". That phrase would seem more in keeping with the Jewish focus of Matthew's gospel (eg 10:6) than Luke's more universal perspective. Nonetheless, Jesus' words on the "today" of salvation and his mission to "seek out and save what was lost" are typical of Luke. The story of Zacchaeus, with its interplay of action and dialogue, is vividly told and deserves lively proclamation.

Break Open the Word 2022





SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING AND MEETING OF PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has launched the *Safeguarding Essentials online training module* for all volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The *Safeguarding Essentials online training* is a 20min training module that is compulsory & must be completed each year by all volunteers.

The purpose of this training is to provide our volunteers with:

- foundational knowledge that will help them to perform their roles, and
- a clear understanding of their duty of care and of expectations with regards to safeguarding children, young people and adults from all forms of abuse and harm.

To introduce this new Safeguarding Essentials online training to our parishes our Safeguarding Committee is suggesting there are two ways in which you can complete this training.

1. Attend one of two group training sessions

Two group training sessions will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Eltham on:

Thursday 8 December – 7:00 to 8:00 pm, or Saturday 10 December – 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

These training sessions will also be an opportunity to undertake refresher training for a number of roles within the parish, e.g., Readers/Commentators, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, etc.

Tea and coffee would be available. Please bring a plate.

OR

2. For those who cannot attend one of our parish training Sessions, then the Training module can be completed on line.

To complete Online this is how you get started

To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

To login, each volunteer will need:

- their unique Working with Children Check ID
- an email address.

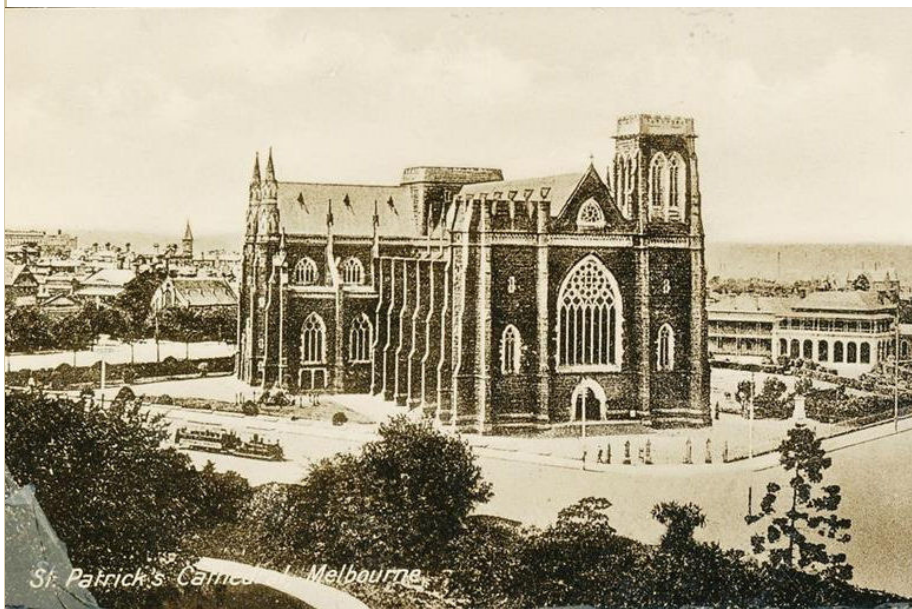
To register, volunteers will need to select their parish from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service. Each registered user will receive:

- a certificate via email, once the training has been successfully completed.
- an annual reminder to complete the course.

You will need to complete this training option by **19 December 2022**.



Looking up at St Pat's: the origins of the cathedral on the hill



This week St Patrick's Cathedral marks the 125th anniversary of its consecration in 1897 – a high point in the life of the Church in Melbourne.

After half a century of struggle and sacrifice, Melbourne's Catholics had a Gothic cathedral as grand as any outside Europe.

The story of St Pat's is one of bold vision, disheartening setbacks, passionate convictions, & remarkable self-sacrifice and resilience.

Continue reading: [Looking up at St Pat's: the origins of the cathedral on the hill](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/looking-up-at-st-pats-the-cathedral-on-the-hill-celebrates-125-years)

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Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord. 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Fathers,

The Archbishop has asked that I commend to you and your parish communities the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

A poster and related publicity is being prepared and should be available early next week.

I would encourage you to include the above in your Parish newsletter.

I ask also for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Caddy". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL