

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.

The Feast of Christ the King - a Big Weekend

This weekend is very significant in the life of the Church universal, and in the life of our two parishes.

The feast of Christ the King heralds the end of the church's year, the Gospel of Luke and leaves us with the powerful image of Jesus on the cross. The suffering Jesus is clear and important to hear in our times! The terrible local flooding of so many country towns in NSW & Victoria, the shocking ongoing war in Ukraine, the awful reality of this Covid-19 pandemic and the ramifications on living in our society with significant mental health issues - the Cross's we carry in our times, just to name a few!

This weekend is also significant for the catholic communities of Eltham and Montmorency as we conclude our '2 phase' process of discussion and discernment, through public meetings and regular reflections as the Transition Leadership Community towards amalgamation of St. Francis Xavier & Our Lady Help of Christians. Thus, it is with much pride and support the TLC offer these parish communities their 'Statements of Identity' to all people to read and cherish. These powerful statements reflect the essence and difference of each community while holding onto their unique character and charism.

What's next, you may ask? Well, Advent starts next week, a new liturgical year, a new Gospel and the journey to Christmas for us and our wider Catholic Church, plus the possibility of a new parish identity. Locally for OLHC Eltham and SFX Montmorency 'phase 3' begins with a visit to the Archbishop to ratify our discernment process so far, with the aim of proclaiming the Catholic Parishes as one legal & canonical identity - TRINITY parish: the Catholic communities of SFX Montmorency and OLHC Eltham with its existing 3 primary schools. Then, continuing under the guidance of our supervisor Christopher Pearson the TLC move into their final ministry to an agreed 'Vision & Mission Statement' and the establishment of a new 'Parish Pastoral Team' to move on the parish future agenda. All systems go... welcome to this special weekend.

The **St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria** would like to acknowledge and recognise with service badges the following members of the [Eltham Conference](#) for their dedicated work over a number of years in assisting people in need, asylum seeks and refugees:

John Fanning 35 years; Terry Cardwell 35 years; Vin McHugh 35 years
Peter Rigg 35 years; Terry Johnson 30 years; John Stevens 20 years

Lord Jesus, in service you washed the feet of your disciples, offering us a model of humility, love, and respect. Open our hearts to your presence in those we assist. That we may offer them the same spirit of dedicated service, compassion and love you showed. May we, through our actions of service and generosity, lighten their burdens by providing for their immediate necessities and offering them hope, peace and justice. AMEN.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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.



PARISH TEAM & INFORMATION

OUR PEOPLE & OUR CONTACT DETAILS



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RECONCILIATION

available upon request

please call the Parish Office 9435 4742

Collections: 6 & 13 November 2022

| | OLHC | SFX |
|--------------|----------|------------|
| Thanksgiving | \$337.00 | \$1,115.00 |
| Presbytery | \$912.45 | \$686.20 |

Stewardship Offering

| Month | OLHC | SFX | Total |
|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| August | \$6,835.24 | \$9,642.00 | \$16,477.24 |
| September | \$6,357.04 | \$10,827.00 | \$17,184.04 |
| October | \$5,833.35 | \$10,554.50 | \$16,387.85 |

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 19 - Youth Sunday

12:00pm Baptisms: Audrey, Levi, Miguel, Zak, Amelia & Edie Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 20 - Youth Sunday

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharist Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Ruby, Harrison, Henry, Frankie, Esmé & Luna Eltham

Tuesday 22

9:30am Mass Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 23

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

Thursday 24

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

11:30am Funeral: Mary Perry Montmorency

Friday 25

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 26

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 27

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Phoebe, William, Juliet Eltham

Tuesday 29

9:30am Mass (SFX Yr 2 Class) Montmorency

Wednesday 30

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

Thursday 1 December

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

6:00pm Mass Montmorency

Sunday 4

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Mikayla, Jack & Isabella Montmorency

Tuesday 6

9:30am Mass 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

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Support Eltham Parish by giving with CDFpay

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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 (CAM).

The Safeguarding Essentials online training is a 20-minute training module that is compulsory and 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.

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

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: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules>

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**.



STATEMENT OF IDENTITY

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ELTHAM



*Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham,
is a faith-filled, Christ-centered, Catholic community,
which
is robust and resilient in their expression of faith;
endeavours to be a welcoming, open and inclusive community;
is a wounded people, carrying the pain of our history,
and acknowledging the damage done to our children and families;
is a community seeking healing and forgiveness
in our journey with Jesus and all people of good will;
is a hope-filled, spiritual people who care and live our love of,
and service to, the wider world in need;
is a gifted, outward-looking, Christian community,
especially through our social justice initiatives;
desires to engage in the ecumenical world,
and embraces the modern challenges with our young people.*

STATEMENT OF IDENTITY

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, MONTMORENCY



*St Francis Xavier, Montmorency,
is a faith-full Catholic community,
which
is welcoming, inclusive and generous;
is outward looking and engaged in, and valuing, social justice initiatives;
is tolerant and respectful of diverse views and attitudes;
cares for and supports each other in times of need;
is blessed with, and appreciative of, our pastoral experience and leadership;
has inspiring and varied liturgical experiences;
values our volunteers and our on-going connection with our schools;
is keen to connect with our youth in their journey of life and faith;
supports our many diverse parish groups;
and grapples with the modern world and change,
but adaptive, positive and working towards a hope-filled future.*

| Roster for THIS WEEKEND: 19/20 Nov 2022 | |
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| Armstrong, Miranda | E10:00 |
| Capuana, Marisa | PRYR |
| Cotter, Anne | W8:30 |
| Davidson, John | W8:30 |
| Frediani, Gabriella | ASE |
| Goss, Marian | E10:00 |
| Haines, Geoff | R10:00 |
| McAlear, Peter | ASRC |
| Reardon, Kathy | E10:00 |
| Reardon, Kathy | H10:00 |
| Reardon, Peter | E10:00 |
| Reardon, Peter | H10:00 |
| Scannell Family | PRSE |
| Scully, Greg | C10:00 |
| Scully, Helen | E10:00 |
| Wallace, Kathryn | W6:00 |
| Williams, Peter | W6:00 |

| Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 26/27 Nov 2022 | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Armstrong, Miranda | C10:00 |
| Bacani, Brian | W6:00 |
| Capuana, Marisa | W6:00 |
| Dopheide, Marlis | E10:00 |
| Dunell, Linda | E10:00 |
| French, Jossie | W8:30 |
| Haines, Geoff | E10:00 |
| Haines, Jan-Marie | E10:00 |
| Illiffe, Yvonne | E10:00 |
| Love, Philip | W8:30 |
| Ramsdale, John | PRYR |
| Ramsdale, John & Sue | ASRC |
| Reardon, Kathy | ASE |
| Scully, Helen | ASE |
| Stewart Family | PRSE |
| Taylor, Trish | R10:00 |
| Turnbull, Mark | H10:00 |
| Turnbull, Pauline | H10:00 |

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



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday 19 November

St Francis Xavier, 12:00pm

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| Levi Matthew Knight | Baptism |
| Amelia Kate Spragg | Baptism |
| Edie Mae Spragg | Baptism |
| Zak Ty Thomas-Salter | Baptism |
| Miguel Nicolas Vega | Baptism |
| Audrey Mae Kathleen Woolcock | Baptism |

St Francis Xavier, 6:00pm

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| Max Dominic McGregor | First Eucharist |
| Sebastian Paul Sequenzia-Netto | First Eucharist |
| Mason Peter Taranto | First Eucharist |

Sunday 20 November

Our Lady Help of Christians, 10:00am

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| Olivia Gale | First Eucharist |
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Our Lady Help of Christians, 12:00pm

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| Henry Ferella | Baptism |
| Harrison Lawrence Nutt | Baptism |
| Ruby Elizabeth Nutt | Baptism |
| Esmé Sardi | Baptism |
| Luna Sardi | Baptism |
| Frankie Rose Smyth | Baptism |



NAPLAN 2022 SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 3 & 5 STUDENTS ON OUTPERFORMING THE VICTORIAN AVERAGE IN ALL 10 NAPLAN AREAS IN 2022.

GREAT TEACHING + GREAT PROGRAMS + GREAT STUDENTS
= EXEMPLARY EDUCATION

WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST. ✨





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

Montmorency

For the recently deceased:

Leo Maynes
brother/in-law of Phil & Kathie Maynes

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Ellen Bentley, Cliff Bredle, Kelvin Kenny,
Norma Georgina Mannix, Eileen & Albert Nioa,
Gwen Radcliffe*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Tony Belfiore, Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane,
Alana Foulds, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert),
Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Lita Lee, Frances McDonald,
John McPartlin, Cindy Morrissey, Andrew Pighin,
Aguatha Spina, Melina Tenaglia*

Eltham

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Neil Patrick Donahoo, Ildiko Kruth,
Rebecca Weston*

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.

November Remembrances...



Andrzejewski Family; Baranowski Family; Baryla Family;
Dominic & Maria Belfiore; Peter Carbone;
Ryszard, Teresa & Zbigniew Cichacki;
Anthony & Elizabeth Corera;
Margaret Dalton (Shelley);
Neil Patrick Donahoo
Richard Klepacz; Denis Morganti;
Jack & Flo Morganti; Neil O’Keeffe;
Maria, Vladyslav & Janina Rygala;
John Shelley; Kevin Shelley;
Martin & Irene Shelley;
Snopkowski Family;
Janina Wrzeszcz;

OLHC Piety Stall:

2023 Columban Calendars (\$10) now
available after Mass on Sundays at OLHC
Piety Shop Eltham. Christmas cards **are now**
available, \$3 per pack.



Prayers of the Faithful for 20 November 2022
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Leader: Lord, as we bring these prayers before you, fill us with wonder each time we hear your name.

For our Church: That Pope Francis and all leaders of the Christian community may be both prayerful and effective leaders, being wise shepherds of God’s people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parish community: As we continue to consider the future direction of our parishes, that God will drive disabling fear from our hearts and help us face the future with confidence. That we trust that God is always with us and will guide us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a transformation of our hearts: that through the Cross of Christ, our understandings of power, success, and glory may be changed and that we may place ourselves more fully in the service of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who struggle with life’s demands, particularly the poor, the homebound, and those with mental illness: that God will sustain them and touch the hearts of many to be compassionate and supportive friends.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the KADASIG team including Emely, Marwen and Eusebio, our visitors from the Philippines: that God will bless and support them in their work and enable them to continue to enhance the lives of the poor and needy in the Philippines.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are experiencing an “end of their world”: that those who have become ill, lost employment, been divorced, or are grieving the death of a loved one may know God’s comforting presence this day and be strengthened by God’s Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick and those who are listed in our bulletin: may they experience the healing touch of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, remembering especially *Leo Maynes*. We also remember *Ellen Bentley, Cliff Bredle, Neil Patrick Donahoo, Kelvin Kenny, Ildiko Kruth, Norma Georgina Mannix, Eileen & Albert Nioa, Gwen Radcliffe & Rebecca Weston*, whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

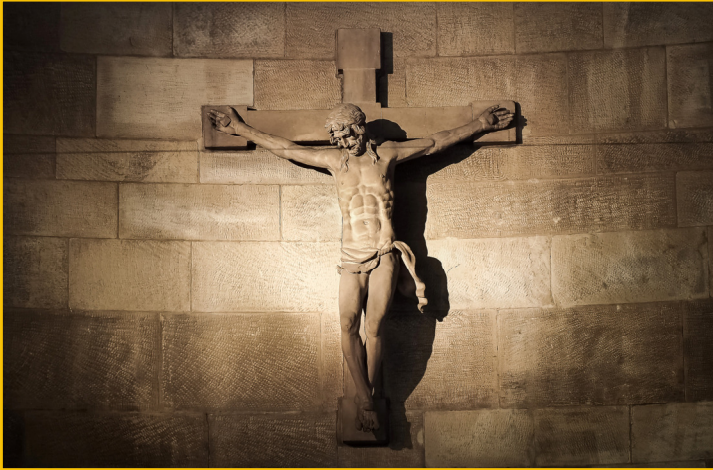
Leader: God of life, hear the prayers we have spoken and those held deep within our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews'.

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise'.



Reflection:

If the title of today's feast - "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe" - could be heard by some as grandiose, the gospel gives the lie to their misapprehension. The leaders and soldiers may unwittingly utter the truth, that Jesus is indeed "the Christ of God" and "King of the Jews", but his is so as the crucified one, not as messianic hero. It is Jesus' companion, a self-confessed criminal, who grasps this truth, however dimly. Speaking with simple sincerity, he acknowledges Jesus as both innocent victim and king.

Luke's characteristic focus on the mercy of God is maintained up to Jesus' dying breath. The "today" of Jesus' promise of paradise is also typical of Luke (see 2:11, 30 and 4:21), in spite of his overall emphasis on the "not yet", the indefinite interval between Pentecost and Parousia. Jesus' words to his crucified neighbour echo what we heard him say to Zacchaeus two Sundays ago:

"Today salvation has come to his house ... for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost" (19:9-10).

The drama of Jesus' mission comes to its climax on Calvary just as it began in the wilderness, with the temptation for Jesus to save himself. Satan's taunts then are matched now by those of the leaders and soldiers, as Luke foreshadowed: "... the devil left him, to return at the appointed time" (4:13).

It hardly needs to be said that this reading should be proclaimed with an appropriate degree of pathos.

Break Open the Word 2022



CALLING ALL BAKERS

The St Francis Xavier Parents Association are calling for donations of all things yummy for our Cake Stall at the Christmas Market, to be held Sunday 4th December.

Be as creative as you like! It doesn't need to be a cake, maybe your specialty is cookies, cupcakes, banana bread, chocolate crackles, slices or Christmas puddings.

Please attach a list of ingredients to your contribution.

Delivery Of Items can be made on the day of the fair between 8am and 9am.

If you have any questions please email janefraser22@icloud.com or phone 0428 184 896

Thank you for your support.

This weekend, 20 & 21 November, there will be a display of quilts at SFX. These have been donated by Val & Greg Hayes.

You have an opportunity to purchase one or more from the display. Funds will be given to **Kadasig** for the Philippines.

The quilts are generally designed for use as a display on chair or a knee quilt for cooler evenings.

The quilts are priced well below the retail cost, so you can grab a bargain.



Advent and Christmas Pamphlets

We have seen the shops stocking their shelves with Christmas gifts and food, even advent calendars in many different forms, heralding that Christmas is just around the corner.

The Montmorency Conference of SVdP have some booklets that may be of interest to parishioners that will assist us in celebrating and preparing for Advent and Christmas. Pamphlets are in the front foyer near the entrance doors. Some of the pamphlets include:

- Advent Ponderings of the Heart
- Advent and Me
- Advent with the Saints for Kids
- These Four Weeks of Advent
- The Symbols and Traditions of Advent
- Prayers around the Advent Wreath
- Expecting Jesus - A Daily Advent Devotional



We hope that you enjoy the selection. Please feel free to browse all the pamphlets. A gold coin donation in the poor boxes located at the front and side entrances will help defray costs.