

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.

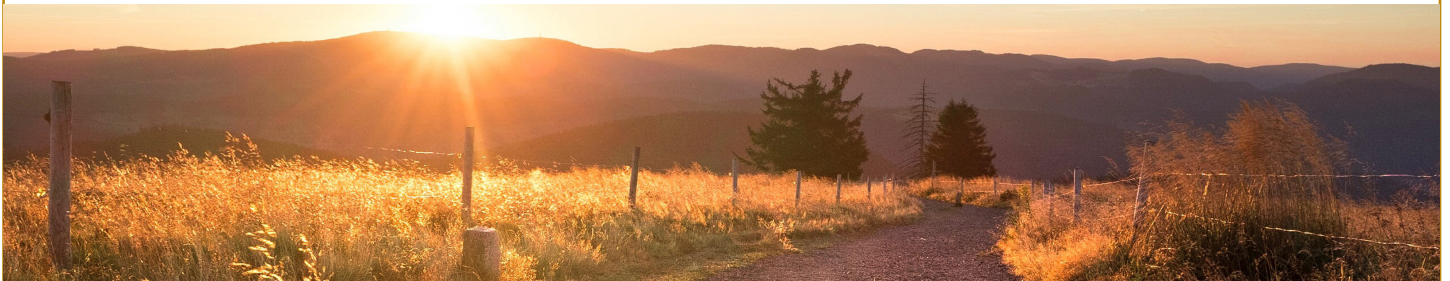
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Reflection:

Much has happened since Jesus' declaration of himself as the good shepherd. He has raised Lazarus, been anointed by Mary, entered Jerusalem on a donkey, washed his disciples' feet and supped with them for the last time. In that intimate setting, as we hear today, he proceeds to share his wisdom with them. A good deal of John's gospel is concerned with the question of who Jesus is and where he has come from. Now it's a matter of where he is going.

Time and again in this gospel, Jesus presents teaching that's not understood at the necessary depth, prompting his listeners to question him. In this case it's Thomas and Philip who are the foil for further explanation. Following the initial revelation that he was going to his "Father's house," Jesus now identifies himself as "the Way, the Truth and the Life". He goes even further by declaring "I am in the Father and the Father is in me". Those who hear his words and see his work are called to believe, and as believers will perform their own works. The necessary condition is that Jesus must go to the Father and establish a new kind of relationship with them.

This text is rich in the wisdom of Jesus. It calls for thoughtful and sensitive proclamation, offering the assembly time to digest its fine fare.

Break Open the Word 2023

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 half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Collections: 23 & 30 April 2023

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving Cash	\$1,357.00	\$1,320.00
Presbytery Cash	\$817.75	\$798.75
Project Compassion	\$1,831.75 to date	\$1,275.20 to date

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
January	\$7,248.10	\$8,760.60	\$16,008.70
February	\$5,345.56	\$8,405.00	\$13,750.56
March	\$5,590.48	\$10,815.00	\$16,405.48

Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

Saturday 6

12:00pm Baptisms: Maia, Mia, Elodie

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

Sunday 7

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Stevie

Eltham

Monday 8

7:00pm First Eucharist Parent Faith Formation Evening

Montmorency

Tuesday 9

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yr 2)

Montmorency

10:30am SVdP Meeting

Montmorency

Wednesday 10

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

7:30pm Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May

Eltham

Thursday 11

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

Friday 12

9:30am Mass

Eltham

Saturday 13

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

Sunday 14

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

Tuesday 16

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yr 1)

Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group

Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Eltham

Wednesday 17

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

7:30pm Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May

Eltham

Thursday 18

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

Friday 19

9:30am Mass

Eltham

Saturday 20

12:00pm Baptisms: Harper

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

Sunday 21

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Oscar & Theodore

Eltham

Tuesday 23

9:30am Mass (& SFX Preps & Yr 6)

Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

Wednesday 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

6:30am Meditation

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:

Arturo Bacani, Anne Pearce

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Betty Frape, Rita Fraser, Gabriele Larosa, Cath Molin, John Swindon

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

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

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

Kevin Shelley (Qld)
(nephew of Beth Morganti)

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

Violetta, Bill Boyce, Shannon Donahoo, Jade McAlear, Beth Morganti, Fiona Rogers, Rosemary Scully, Ian Sturman, James Sutton, Sarah Thompson

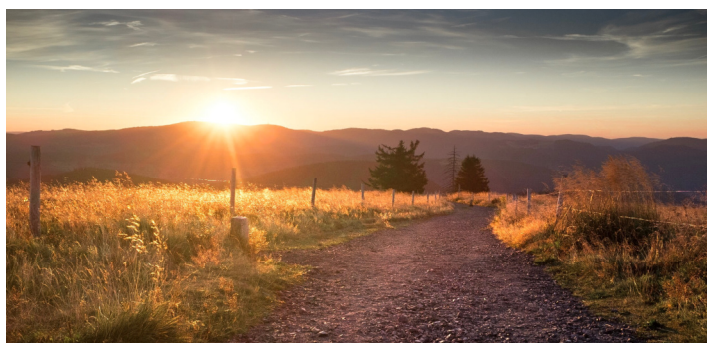
To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office 9435 4742 or eltham@cam.org.au.

Please keep the family of

Lita Lee

in your thoughts and prayers as they gather to surround her due to her declining health.

Our prayers are with Tony & family.



Marion Month of May

Rosary for Our Lady's Month of May will be at

Our Lady Help of Christians at 7:30pm every Wednesday during May.

For further information, please contact Parish Office 9435 4742.



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday 6 May 2023

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Mia Jacinta Deylen Baptism
Elodie Manda Downes Baptism
Maia Rossi Baptism

Saturday 7 May 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Stevie Rose Young Baptism

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 6/7 May

Ballenger, Nika	C10:00
Bylsma, John	H10:00
Bylsma, Zvonka	H10:00
Donnellan, Denice	E10:00
Edwards, Elisabeth	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Hannon, Genni	ASRC
Hannon, Kevin	ASRC
Iliffe, Yvonne	E10:00
	W6:00
	W6:00
Mallia, Anthony	E10:00
Scannell Family	PRSE
Sullivan, Frances	W8:30
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	PRYR
Wood, Marie	W8:30
Zylstra, Diane	R10:00
	ASE

Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 13/14 May

Azzopardi, Michael	E10:00
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Dopheide, Marlis	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	C10:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Leahy, Colin	H10:00
Leahy, Michelle	H10:00
McEwen, Christopher	R10:00
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Scully, Helen	ASE
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Stewart Family	PRSE
Wallace, Kathryn	W6:00

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

CALLED TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD

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Pitching a service like the Coronation of King Charles III in a way that resonates with the public mood is an almost impossible challenge. His mother was more fortunate. The 1953 Coronation coincided with a moment of national pride - a British-led expedition had conquered Everest, a British-led research team unveiled the helical structure of DNA, the war-winning leader Winston Churchill, back as prime minister, was knighted, sweet rationing ended. Looking back, it all seemed happy and glorious.

Seventy years later Britain is in the doldrums: its politics sleazy, its national institutions such as the health service, schools and prisons on their knees, its roads potholed, its shopping baskets half empty. There is a general despondency, a sense that nothing works any more. Any expectation that a coronation service can turn this mood round looks ambitious to the point of delusional. The idea, which seems to have come from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is that the entire nation watching on television should be invited to join in the words of the “pledge of allegiance” to the King and his heirs as they

are spoken by the Abbey congregation. This is a high-risk strategy, tempting fate.

There have been all sorts of objections - that the very idea is tone deaf to the way people watch television; and that the pledge itself is almost meaningless as the obligations of citizenship are already universal and certainly not optional. Oaths of allegiance have a long and dark history in Britain as they were mainly used to exclude Catholics from public life. At least nobody is being asked to deny transubstantiation, though the king to whom the pledge is addressed will have just sworn his own oath to uphold the “Protestant Reformed religion”. Really? There is just a hint of Anglican triumphalism about all this.

Yet King Charles is decent and honourable, and quite religious in his own way, despite his chequered marital history. Maybe that experience, common enough among his subjects, is even a strength. But there is a shift of focus compared with his mother: she was revered for what she was, steady and stoical; he will be judged henceforth by what he does. And he has three attributes that will count in his favour. He was among the first public figures to embrace environmentalism; he has put his weight behind the toleration of diverse religions in modern Britain, reflecting its multi-ethnic mix; and he has promoted what is sometimes called the charitable or voluntary sector, not least through his own successful initiatives, the Prince’s Trust and the Prince’s Foundation.

With its theme, “Called to Serve”, the coronation service retains its mystical and quasi-sacramental character, yet the guest list underlines this very point. Expanding on a tradition he inherited, he has invited a good cross-section of people who serve their local community from an ethic of public service rather than profit. These are the same extraordinary folk who regularly feature in the honours’ lists, and who are invited to receive their badge or medal in

person from the King or another member of the Royal Family.

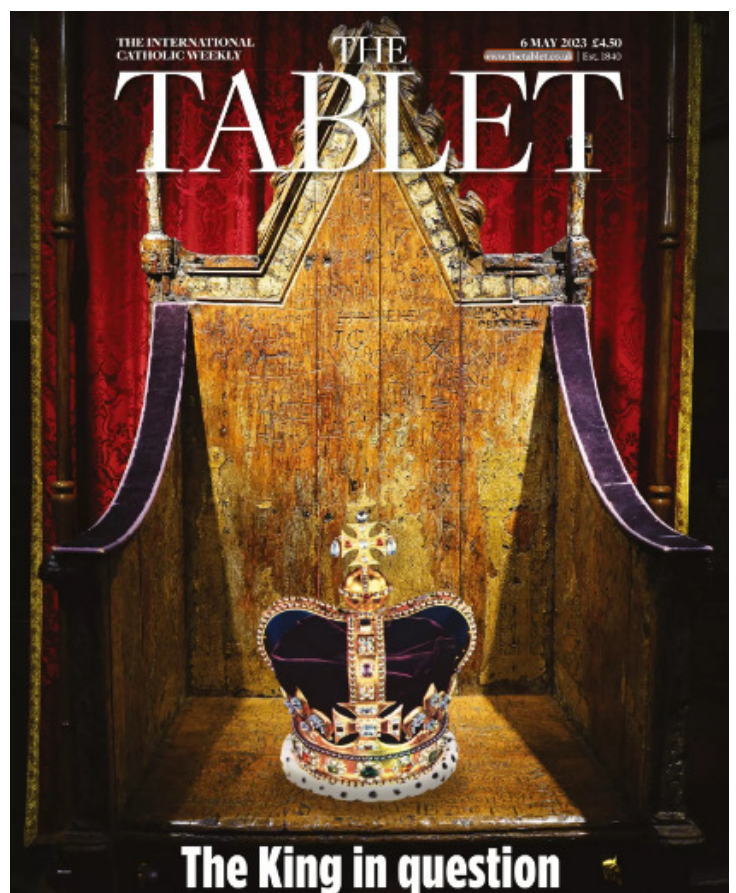
Yet his accession to the throne presents an opportunity for him to give a sharper focus to this vital part of the life of the nation. To call it the “voluntary sector” is to misname it, as it implies a culture of not-quite-serious amateurism. It stands between the public sector, for which the government is answerable, and the private sector, corporations owned by shareholders and run for a profit. Its better name is civil society, and it is where the nation’s social capital is generated and on which the public and private sectors both depend if they are to function healthily. It badly needs a friend in high places, which King Charles is well placed to be.

It also needs a sound theoretical and moral basis, which it can draw from the eighteenth-century Irish conservative philosopher and politician Edmund Burke and his emphasis on the “little platoons” that are “the germ of public affection”; or, better still, from Catholic Social Teaching’s emphasis on subsidiarity (always twinned with solidarity). Subsidiarity also applies to government, but it is particularly relevant to civil society. It warns higher (for instance national) institutions not to do what lower (local) institutions are capable of, not least because those local institutions can be schools of virtue and generators of social capital (Burke’s “public affection”).

British politics has long swung between two poles, the private sector (favoured by Tories) and the public sector (favoured by Labour). This is despite the fact that political organisations, through their local branches and local trade unions, are themselves part of civil society. But economic pressures distort and shrink civil society, which becomes squeezed between the two pincers of the market and the State. Pope Benedict XVI’s 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* declared: “The exclusively binary model of market-plus-state is corrosive of society, while economic forms based on solidarity, which find their natural home in civil society without being restricted to it, build up society.”

Instead of this binary model, Catholic Social Teaching proposes that in a triangle of forces - state, market and civil society - the last should come first. This is the *polis* analysed by Aristotle and Plato and almost every philosopher since. Civil society is the source of something essential to the functioning of the economy: the social capital that is invested in networks of people who trust each other. When trust becomes frayed, neither the public nor the private sector can flourish, and democratic politics itself is in jeopardy. As indeed is monarchy. It can hardly be denied that lack of trust is at the root of the current public dissatisfaction and dismay.

It is in the context of civil society as the servant of the common good that Charles’s claim to be “defender of faith”, alongside his nominal role as Supreme Governor of the Church of England, makes most sense. Faith communities, networks of neighbourliness, nourish and grow social capital, and thus help make society healthy. So do all the groups and agencies he has invited to his coronation. It is by his allegiance to them, rather than by theirs to him, that he can ensure that his reign is a success. Not a fanfare for the Crown, but a fanfare for the common good.



The healing Cross

When the Cross of Wales leads the coronation procession of Charles III through the nave of Westminster Abbey, past the Quire and on to the High Altar, it will mark an historic moment - and it will also symbolise reconciliation: not only between England and Wales, but between the British monarch and the papacy.

THE CROSS was first proposed as a gift from the then Prince of Wales to the Church in Wales to mark its centenary in 2020. In turn it has itself become a gift for the King, as the centre of the cross holds two shards of the True Cross given to him by Pope Francis.

Among the trophies that Edward I of England took from Wales after he subjugated it in 1276 was the Cross of Neith, known to the Welsh as Y Groes Naid, kept in Aberconwy. It contained relics of the True Cross, thought to have been brought back from his pilgrimage to Rome by King Hywel Dda in 928. Images exist of it in St George's Chapel, Windsor, in the fifteenth century, but it was confiscated alongside on the orders of Henry VIII's Protestant son, Edward VI, in 1552 and taken to the Tower of London; like many other relics, it was lost during the years of Protestant iconoclasm.

The gift of relics is a sign of improved ecumenical relations between Rome and Britain, but it is also evidence of a strong connection between Pope Francis and the King. The pair met in 2019

when the then Prince of Wales was in Rome for the canonisation of John Henry Newman. Their meeting went well over the time set by protocol for such conversations. It seems likely that the King and his team shared the story of the cross with the Pope and his advisers, indicating that relics would be warmly accepted to make it a true replica of the



original lost Welsh cross.

Late last year the papal nuncio to Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, indicated to the bishops that the gift of the relics would be made. They arrived in Holy Week and were handed over in a special ceremony in the Chapel Royal in St James's

Palace. Silversmith Michael Lloyd, who had designed and made the Welsh cross from recycled silver bullion provided by the Royal Mint in Llantrisant, South Wales, set the relics into the centre of the cross behind a rose crystal gemstone. It was then blessed by the Archbishop of Wales, Andy John, at Holy Trinity Church in Llandudno. Archbishop Mark O'Toole, the Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, described the cross

as "a beautiful ecumenical gift" which will be used by both the Catholic and the Anglican Church in Wales. "It is the desire of King Charles to bring healing, both from the perspective of English and Welsh history and that of the Reformation", he said. He and Archbishop John will discuss where the cross will visit in its travels around Wales and where it should be based - one church being considered is St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire.

Inscribed on the back of the cross are words from St David's final sermon: Byddwch lawen. Cadwch y ffydd. Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain ("Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things"). **C.P.**



Our desire for happiness goes deep. As humans, we long to be happy, and when we give ourselves to God, we find our true happiness, our true joy.

Having just celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, [we meet Fr Dishan Candappa](#), Melbourne's new Vocations Director, who asks the question, 'What do you want to give God?' Fr Dishan's own journey to the priesthood embodies [Pope Francis' recent message on vocation](#), an experience in which 'God calls us in love and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love.'

To start preparing for Melbourne's largest ever overseas World Youth Day pilgrimage in August, our [pilgrims gathered together yesterday for the first time](#). There was a buzz of excitement as they converged on the Australian Catholic University's Fitzroy campus, where Archbishop Peter A Comensoli greeted them via livestream from Rome, and Dutch priest and author Fr Michel Remery helped them to explore the true meaning of pilgrimage.

This month, [Catholic Theological College's popular Engaging your Faith series](#) of online faith-formation sessions has returned, with 18 different sessions to choose from — a great opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and to deepen your relationship with God.

We also hear about how the [Take the Way of the Gospel journey is continuing in 2023](#) with a series of regional consultation sessions, providing an opportunity for clergy and laity in parish communities to come together, learn from each other and inform the process that will help reorient our communities of grace towards missionary renewal.

The Lao Catholic community in Melbourne is small but faithful, meeting each month to share the Eucharist, friendship and a meal. Recently they gathered at St Martin's Parish in Avondale Heights to [celebrate the Lao New Year](#) at a special Mass, followed by a celebration combining traditional dance, a Lao New Year ritual and, of course, great food.

Finally, this May — the Month of Mary — [we continue the 'Our Lady around the World'](#) series, exploring Marian apparitions, images, stories and devotions from various locations around the globe, starting with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Ecuador.

As we respond to the call of Jesus this week, in our own communities and circumstances, may his joy be in us, and may that joy be complete (John 15.11). www.melbournecatholic.org

[AGED CARE FUNDING TO SAVE HOMES FROM GOING UNDER: CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA](#)

Catholic Health Australia says new aged care funding supporting 15 per cent higher wages for 250,000 care staff was a "game changer" for the sector and would likely keep sinking nursing homes afloat. Source: The Australian.

[CATHOLIC EDUCATION WELCOMES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL UPGRADES AND EQUIPMENT](#)

The National Catholic Education Commission has welcomed the Albanese Government's announcement of funding for school upgrades and new equipment.

[GOVERNMENT REMOVES REDRESS SCHEME RESTRICTIONS](#)

Access to the National Redress Scheme for institutional child sexual abuse will be expanded to prisoners and a wider range of former child migrants. Source: Canberra Times.

[I'LL SEE YOU IN LISBON, POPE TELLS YOUNG PEOPLE](#)

Pope Francis has sent a video message to the teens and young adults preparing to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August. Source: CNA.

[ARCHBISHOP COLERIDGE REINSTATES SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION](#)

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge has written a letter to parishes across the archdiocese reinstating the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from May 28. Source: The Catholic Leader.

[BR DES, 80, EMBRACES NEW MINISTRY FOCUS](#)

In his 60th year as a Marist Brother, Des Howard is proof that it's never too late to find new ways to live out your vocation. Source: The Southern Cross



St Vincent de Paul Information Session

A number of people have expressed interest recently in learning more about our St Vincent de Paul Conference and possibly becoming a member. Joanne Gaskin, who is the Northern Conference Support Officer, is conducting a "Come and See" session on **Tuesday 9th May** in the Parish Office at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend and there is no obligation.

If you are intending to attend or would like more information, please ring John (0410128821) or Mike (04177221245).



Vinnies Eltham have been experiencing a high demand from people with very limited cooking facilities. We are requesting help with provision of the following items:

- ◆ Full Cream Long Life Milk
- ◆ Sugar Sticks
- ◆ Coffee and Tea (small)
- ◆ Cup Noodles
- ◆ Vegetable Soup
- ◆ Porridge in Pouches
- ◆ Small Weetbix
- ◆ Fruit in Plastic Pots
- ◆ Biscuits, Sweet and Savoury
- ◆ Packets of Biscuits & Cheese
- ◆ Tin Fish
- ◆ Toilet Rolls



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thank you

Public Meeting Notes Our Lady Help of Christians 7:30 PM, 1 May 2023

Fr Michael Sierakowski, Moderator, St Francis Xavier Montmorency Parish, opened the proceedings, expressing the desire to surround and support the residents of SV. A little background was given. 'Welcome to Eltham', St Margaret's & Our Lady Help of Christians Church organised this meeting. St Vincent's residents were especially welcomed, having made a considerable effort to come. Philip, the interpreter, was applauded in. Natalie Duffy and Vicki Ward were present. Kate Thwaites and her team were an apology. St Vincent's management was invited but were unable to attend. It was noted that they provide a lot of services in the area.

Vicki Fitzgerald, co-ordinator of Welcome to Eltham, on behalf of the organising committee, wished to thank the large group of people who were in attendance. Thank you for your support for this vulnerable group against the lack of transparency and understanding shown to them. The full minutes of the meeting are found in the link below, and if you would like to know more or be involved, please share your interest with Vicki Fitzgerald (vicki.jane.fitzgerald@gmail.com).

Minutes from the meeting can be found on our websites or via this link: <https://bit.ly/3HEQ1f2>

Prayers of the Faithful for 30 April 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Leader: Lord God, in humble prayer we offer you our needs today; take to yourself our cares and hopes.

For Pope Francis and all who lead the Catholic Church: may they be filled with the Light of Easter and continue to work to bring all people to the knowledge of your truth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all Christian communities: may we open our hearts to see your goodness present in the world and to deepen our faith in unity and love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all mothers: as we honour Mary in the month of May, may we also pay tribute today to mothers throughout the world. May they be blessed and supported in their role as nurturers and first teachers of their children.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are in urgent need of help in our own country and in the wider world: may there be more people who will answer your call to bring hope and support to dispel the darkness of their sorrow or despair.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our two faith communities of St Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians: may we continue to work towards a future that will see Christ's message of love, compassion, hope and forgiveness strengthened by our combined efforts.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill, especially those listed in the bulletin: bring to them your comfort and healing; and strengthen them through the victory of your Cross.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently, especially *Arturo Bacani, Anne Pearce & Kevin Shelley*; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including *Betty Frape, Rita Fraser, Gabriele Larosa, Cath Molin & John Swindon*. May god's perpetual light shine on them and may they rest in peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, your love embraces everyone. In trust and faith we have offered you our prayers. Grant us your mercy, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen