

# 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.



*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](http://pol.org.au/eltham) or [pol.org.au/montmorency](http://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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St Francis Xavier Primary School

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## Monty & Eltham Calendar of Events

### **Saturday 27**

12:00pm Baptisms: Georgia

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

### **Sunday 28**

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

### **Tuesday 30**

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yr 5)

Montmorency

### **Wednesday 31**

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

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

Eltham

### **Thursday 1 June**

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 - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

12:00pm Baptisms: Ilara

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

### **Sunday 4 - Holy Trinity Feast Day**

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Alba

Eltham

### **Monday 5**

11:30am Mass : Holy Trinity Feast Day

Holy Trinity

### **Tuesday 6**

9:30am Mass (& SFX Yrs 3 & 4)

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

### **Thursday 8**

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

### **Friday 9**

9:30am Mass

Eltham

### **Saturday 10**

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

### **Sunday 11**

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

### **Tuesday 13**

9:30am Mass

Montmorency

2:30pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

### **Wednesday 14**

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

### **Thursday 15**

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

### **Friday 16**

9:30am Mass

Eltham

### **Saturday 17**

12:00pm Baptisms: Chloe, Luka & Lana

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

### **Sunday 18**

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Ariana & Saskia

Eltham

### **Tuesday 20**

9:30am Mass

Montmorency

## RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before  
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

### Collections: 21 May 2023

|                   | OLHC     | SFX      |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Thanksgiving Cash | \$121.00 | \$503.00 |
| Presbytery Cash   | \$263.45 | \$387.95 |

### Stewardship Offering

| Month    | OLHC       | SFX         | Total       |
|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| February | \$5,345.56 | \$8,405.00  | \$13,750.56 |
| March    | \$5,590.48 | \$10,815.00 | \$16,405.48 |
| April    | \$6,822.52 | \$10,517.00 | \$17,339.52 |



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

**Montmorency**

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

*Tom Barnsley Snr, John Carmody, Sebastiano Cartisano, Kate Lagerewskij, Jack Moylan, Cath Ramsdale*

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, Allan Dooley, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert), Ysabelle Fanlo, Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Cindy Morrissey, Andrew Pighin, Aquatha Spina*

**Eltham**

For the recently deceased:

*David Campbell*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Violetta, Michael Bonicci, Bill Boyce, Shannon Donahoo, Sandra Edwards, Peter Gaffney, 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](mailto:eltham@cam.org.au).



**Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:**

**Saturday 27 May 2023**

*St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm*  
Georgia May Petrotta

Baptism

**Sunday 28 May 2023**

*Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm*  
Cayden Zarb

Baptism



**Book launch – The School That Hope Built**

Over 21 years, The School of St Jude, in Arusha, Tanzania, has grown from three students to three schools, over 300 scholars supported in tertiary studies, 370 alumni who have graduated from tertiary studies, and 350 staff.

We're so excited! The founder - Gemma, author - Maddie and Enock – past student, are coming to Eltham to share the wonderful story of the School of St Jude in Tanzania. We'd love to share the opportunity with anyone who is interested. Come along to be inspired, enjoy some afternoon tea, and hear about their new book - **The School That Hope Built**.

Sunday 4 June, 3:00pm - 4:30pm  
Living & Learning Nillumbik, 739 Main Rd, Eltham  
No cost. Limited places.

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CIGVO>



**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT**

St. Francis Xavier Parish has six active Passionist Family Groups.

The Passionist Family Group Movement is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023, with combined Parishes of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians acknowledging this important milestone at both Parish Masses on the weekend of June 3 and 4.

**WHAT IS A FAMILY GROUP?**

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.**

Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. There is a giving & receiving by all members of the group to each other. Everyone is welcome to join.

The Passionist Family Group Movement was established in 1972 by Fr Peter McGrath cp at St Anthony in the Fields Catholic Church, Terry Hills in the northern suburbs of Sydney, Australia. From humble beginnings the movement has now spread to New Zealand, USA, UK and Ireland.



**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.



## Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

### Reflection:

Today's gospel is the first part of the lengthy passage we hear every year on the Second Sunday of Easter. As was observed then, no two gospels recount Jesus' post-resurrection appearances in the same way, but all four agree on one thing. Women are the first witnesses and none of them are believed. In John, it's Mary of Magdala who fulfils her commission to tell the disciples of her encounter with the risen Lord (20:18) in vain. In spite of her testimony, as the very next verse of the gospel records, the disciples meet in fear behind closed doors.

Jesus appears among them and blesses them with peace. Peace is but one of the gifts which Jesus had spoken about with his disciples in the farewell discourse. Other blessings brought to realization in this episode include the Spirit (14:16-17), friendship (15:14), joy (16:24), faith (17:8) and mission (17:18).

Just as God breathed life into the first human being (Gen 2:7), the Risen One breathes new life into the disciples. Born again in the Spirit, they are sent to share with the world the forgiveness they have just experienced for themselves. Word-wise, the great ninety days of Lent and Easter come to a close on a note of peace, joy and mercy. This is the uplifting spirit in which this text should be delivered.



**Break Open the Word 2023**

## Prayers of the Faithful for 28 May 2023 - Pentecost Sunday

**Leader:** Lord, Spirit of Love, as we bring these prayers before you, breathe your life into our hearts and souls.

For our Church: that we may faithfully confess Jesus as Lord and be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Christ in our time. That God will pour out the Spirit in a new and abundant way to renew humanity and all of creation. A new Pentecost.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our parish Community: that God will help us recognise and put into practice all the gifts we have been given, so that the Body of Christ may be strong in serving God.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a Spirit of Wisdom: we pray that our political, religious and community leaders act in the interests of all the people in this land. That they walk the talk of reconciliation, and in so doing develop policies that promote the common good and inclusion of all in Australian society.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a Spirit of Grace to Forgive: that God will break the bonds of fear, anger, and resentment that freeze our hearts, and free us to forgive all who have injured us. Just as God has forgiven us.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a Spirit of Reconciliation: that our hearts are opened so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised. A world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a Spirit of Hope: that the Spirit of God will help us experience the depth of God's love for us and renew our trust in God's faithfulness, as we face our daily challenges.

*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 in their lives.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, including *David Campbell*. We also remember *Tom Barnsley Snr, John Carmody, Sebastiano Cartisano, Kate Lagerewskij, Jack Moylan and Cath Ramsdale* 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:** Lord as we walk with you towards true reconciliation with our First Nation People, open our hearts to all in society. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen



## **SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS GROUP TRAINING**

### **TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 — 3:00PM AT OLHC ELTHAM**

In 2022 the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne launched the mandatory Safeguarding Essentials online training module, for all volunteers and employees, as part of the Child Safeguarding Requirements.

The purpose of this training is to provide:

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

In Dec 2022 we successfully offered two group training Sessions, as an alternative to completing the training online.

Now due to popular demand we are running a further, face to face, group training session at:  
**Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Eltham on Tuesday 6 June at 3:00 pm.**

Whilst this training session is designed for volunteers within both parishes, we encourage all interested parishioners to attend.

***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.***

OLHC and SFX Safeguarding Team



# **BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS**

**National Reconciliation Week**  
**27 May to 3 June 2023**

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

Our research shows large community support for the next steps in Australia's reconciliation journey, including the Voice to Parliament, treaty making and truth-telling.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, **Be a Voice for Generations**, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

### **What is National Reconciliation Week?**

The dates of NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful **1967 referendum**, and the **High Court Mabo decision** respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

### **27 May 1967**

On this day, Australia's most successful referendum saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the census.

### **3 June 1992**

On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

### **A Brief History**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities.

In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week.

In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week - and subsequently across bridges in cities and towns - to show their support for reconciliation.

Today, National Reconciliation Week is celebrated in workplaces, schools and early learning services, community organisations and groups, and by individuals Australia-wide.



## THANK YOU FROM KADASIG

Sincere thanks to all who attended our fundraising **Grazing Table** lunch last Sunday & those who gave donations, it was a great success!

A massive thanks to Fr Michael & parishioners for the \$2000 to top off the money raised – over \$6000. This money will go towards the salaries of our staff who are vital for the running of our organisation caring for children.

On another note, parishioners will remember *Charity Graff* of Gentle Hands Children's Home in the Philippines who visited our parish some years ago attending our photographic exhibition. Sadly the welfare department have removed over 130 children from Gentle Hands for breaking some rules – no discussion. They were taken away by bus & placed in government Homes. The children are all extremely traumatised & re-traumatised. One child was removed having chemotherapy. Please keep the children, carers & Charity in your prayers.

Contact Glenys Gayfer for further information: [papel-imports@bigpond.com](mailto:papel-imports@bigpond.com), 0411 196 395.

| Roster for This WEEKEND: 27/28 May |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Armstrong, Miranda                 | E10:00 |
| Bacani, Brian                      | W6:00  |
| Bowyer, Darrell                    | ASRC   |
| Bowyer, Rosemary                   | ASRC   |
| Capuana, Marisa                    | W6:00  |
| Castellanos, Rodrigo               | E10:00 |
| Croft, Mike                        | H10:00 |
| Croft, Pat                         | H10:00 |
| Dhanasen Family                    | PRSE   |
| Dopheide, Marlis                   | E10:00 |
| Hall, Vali                         | ASE    |
| Heyhoe, Margaret                   | R10:00 |
| Iliffe, Yvonne                     | E10:00 |
| Mallia, Anthony                    | C10:00 |
| McKinley, Michael                  | W8:30  |
| Ramsdale, John                     | W8:30  |
| Reardon, Peter                     | E10:00 |
| Williams, Anne                     | PRYR   |
| Williams, Peter                    | PRYR   |
| Roster for NEXT WEEKEND: 3/4 June  |        |
| Armstrong, Miranda                 | R10:00 |
| Ballenger, Nima                    | E10:00 |
| Boyd, Mary                         | PRYR   |
| Edwards, Elisabeth                 | E10:00 |
| Haines, Geoff                      | C10:00 |
| Jones, Marion                      | W6:00  |
| Kenny, Michael                     | W6:00  |
| Leahy Family                       | PRSE   |
| Mallia, Anthony                    | E10:00 |
| Scully, Greg                       | E10:00 |
| Scully, Helen                      | E10:00 |
| Sullivan, Frances                  | W8:30  |
| Taylor, Colin                      | H10:00 |
| Taylor, Trish                      | H10:00 |
| Wood, Marie                        | W8:30  |
|                                    | ASE    |

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



### Beanies! Scarves! Socks!

Dear Parish Friends

Once again your generosity has been overwhelming!

So many warm woolen scarves and socks, of many colours and sizes, many of them brand new, have filled the boot of my car.

The warmth of your garments and love is now wrapped around some of these desperate, lonely and homeless people making them feel remembered and cared for.

We all belong to the one body in Christ.

We have had some contributions from families who attend our Primary Schools, & as far as Our Lady's College in Heidelberg!

As the saying goes '*from little things, big things grow*'.

I am sure they are grateful for your kindness and so are we. It may seem a small gesture but every little bit makes a difference.

Thank you all very much.

**'whenever you did it to one of these, you did it to me'**

Patsy Skipper: 0429 439 675, & Mary O'Connor





## [NATSICC EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR VOICE TO PARLIAMENT](#)

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council says a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament would “serve as the bedrock for the journey towards reconciliation”.



## [DON'T FEAR SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: POPE](#)

Ahead of the June release of the working document for the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis says the “great enemy” of this synodal process is “fear”.



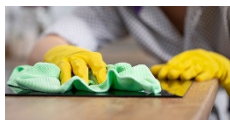
## [FR CHRIS DE SOUZA NAMED GENERAL SECRETARY OF BISHOPS CONFERENCE](#)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has appointed Fr Chris de Souza, currently serving as one of two vicars general in the Diocese of Parramatta, as its new general secretary.



## [MODERN SLAVERY ACT FAILS TO CREATE 'MEANINGFUL CHANGE'](#)

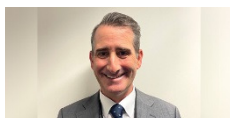
The Modern Slavery Act has failed to create “meaningful change” three years after its introduction and is not strong enough to combat the scourge of modern slavery, according to a report tabled in federal Parliament yesterday.



Source: The Australian.

## [FORMER STUDENT'S RETURN TO EDMUND RICE MARKS BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA](#)

Edmund Rice Education Australia has appointed Liam Smith as its national executive director, bolstering the organisation’s ability to deliver best practice Catholic education to its more than 40,000 students across the country.



## [OFFERING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TO TEACHERS COULD TRANSFORM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS](#)

Catholic schools have become a more diverse workforce, prompting many learning communities to introduce meaningful formation opportunities that enable all teachers to participate in enhancing the mission of the Catholic school.



Source: The Australian.

## [CENTRELINK PAYMENT BOOST ONE STEP CLOSER FOR MILLIONS OF AUSTRALIANS](#)

New laws boosting the rate of JobSeeker, along with other Centrelink payments such as Youth Allowance and disability support pensions, were introduced to the federal Parliament yesterday.



Source: Yahoo News.

## [POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR CREATION: 'GOD WANTS JUSTICE TO REIGN'](#)

Pope Francis has emphasised the importance of the virtue of justice in a message for this year’s World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.



## [DAVE BATTLES BANKING GOLIATHS IN CLASS WAR](#)

*Bank of Dave* tells the story of a self-made millionaire who fought to set up his own bank in a small English town.



Source: Australian Catholics.

We all need help - help to overcome the challenges we might face in life, help to make sense of the world, help to find our true purpose. Accepting our need for help and being willing to receive it are signs of true wisdom and humility. But where do we look for the help we need?



Wednesday 24 May was the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians, and this Saturday (27 May) Catholics around the country are invited to join in a Nationwide Rosary, an

initiative that was launched last year by two women who are passionate about promoting the power of the Rosary. One of them, Yvette Kaminski, talks with us about the crucial help that praying the Rosary can provide.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/our-lady-around-the-world-part-8-help-of-christians>



<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/fruits-of-the-rosary-essential-for-our-times-says-founder-of-nationwide-rosary>

This week is also National Palliative Care Week. VMCH share with us the moving story of Liz and Ian Tantau, and of Ian’s last weeks at O’Neill House, where the sensitive and specialized palliative care he received was as much about helping him to live his ‘best life possible’ as it was about helping him to die well.



<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/palliative-care-living-and-dying-well>



This year the partnership parishes of Northcote and Thornbury, in Melbourne’s inner north, mark 100 years since the foundation of St Mary’s Thornbury. As well as bringing parishioners together in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving, a year-long series of celebrations has been providing opportunities to reach out to the broader community with the joy of the Gospel.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/st-marys-thornbury-parish-celebrates-100-years>

As we approach the feast of Pentecost this Sunday, may we be helped and guided by the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of God’s love in us and renews the face of the earth.



### The Loving God

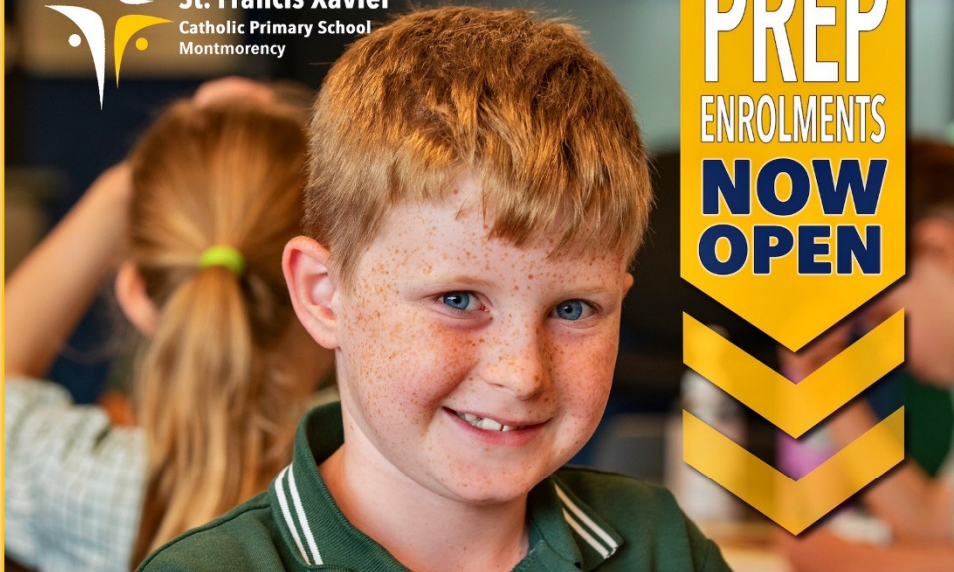
God is a burst of light  
He's such a delight.  
God is the earth  
where we all belong  
God helped Jesus carry the cross  
He's so strong  
God belongs to those who believe  
as well as those who grieve



**JOBE, ELI Rhy AND Majella**



**St. Francis Xavier**  
Catholic Primary School  
Montmorency



**PREP**  
ENROLMENTS  
**NOW OPEN**

### God is ...

God is my friend each and everyday.  
God will always show everyone the right way.  
God is the sun that is glowing very bright.  
God is a light shining in the night.

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God is my life standing in my sight  
God is my torch giving me light  
God is my teacher, telling me if I'm right.  
God is my father, hugging me tight

By **Camden Isabelle Roja**



God is our light shining in the night. God is  
our flame washing away our shame.  
God is our spirit who shows us the way.  
God is a candle who helps us pray every day  
God is our thunder that takes us away. God  
is the plane that makes are day.  
God is the flower that gives us power God is  
the river that makes us shiver.

CHARLOTTE SIENNA KAINEN

### What is God



God is the light  
that always shines bright  
God is the sky  
that helps us fly high



God is a tree  
that always smiles at me  
God is the ocean  
who shares his emotions



God is the Earth  
who created birth  
God shows us direction  
and gives us protection



God is the sunshine  
That gives us the right time  
God is Forever  
Because he brings us together

By Archie, Poppyk, Madeleine



God is his name  
God is like a flame  
God leads us into the light  
when it is a stormy night

God is a footpath  
Showing us the way  
God is the sun  
Brightening up our day



God is love  
Coming from up above  
God is the Holy Spirit  
Shown as a dove



God is rain  
Beshing against the window pain  
God is everywhere  
He makes everything fair

Emmanuelle, Lily, Kavya

by Mason, Ava and Olivia

God is a light making the world bright  
God is a river spreading love and joy  
God is strong and tall like a tree  
God is as free as can be  
God is our saviour who gave us His Son  
In my life, He is the special one.

### GOD is

GOD is the light keeping the world so bright.  
GOD is a tree standing over me.  
GOD is the sun giving us fun.  
GOD is a path showing the way,  
leading us through the darkness and pain.  
GOD loves us, GOD cares  
GOD is a dove showing his love.  
GOD is a shelter protecting us from sin.  
GOD is our cheerleader cheering on our win.



By Owen, Poppy B &  
Jonathan