



Our Lady Help of Christians Parish



Join us for

MASS ONLINE

Wednesday - Sunday

9:30am

Adoration - Saturday

10.00am - 11.00 am

For emergency sick calls only, please ring the presbytery on 9704 7946. For all other matters, including funerals, please contact the office - 9704 7935

WELCOME TO OUR CHILD SAFE PARISH OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, where we are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk. We take our moral and legal obligations seriously and commit to a zero tolerance of all forms of abuse. For any concerns, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer; Suzie Schumacher on 97047935 or ps0.narrewarren@cdsale.org.au

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest - **Fr Brendan Hogan**
Assistant Priest - **Fr Isuru Weliwatte**
Pastoral Associate - **Emily D'Sylva**
Secretary/Safeguarding Officer - **Suzie Schumacher**
Admin Assistant - **Cimolina Nigli**
Sacrament Coordinator - **Vimi Pinto**
Youth Ministers -
Gloria Aupito Iuliano
Hanson Wilson
Business Manager -
Nicole Newport-Ryan

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Douglas Rodrigues, Ian Gozmao,
Cecile Wheare, Kathleen Dauguet,
Alston Soff, Clyde Netto, Dean
Everard, John Lourens, Max Bennett

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 13 September 2020

Catholic Season of Creation 6 September - 27 September 2020

First Reading : Sir 27:30 - 28:7 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new
commandment:
love one another as I
have loved you.
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus calls us to forgive as we ourselves are forgiven. Conscious of this, let us place our prayers before our God who is kind and merciful, and rich in compassion.

1. For Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop elect Greg Bennett, Leaders of Religious Congregations, lay leaders of Church organisations and all entrusted with ministry and pastoral care in the Church: that they will continue to help build stronger faith communities that will promote the safety of children and adults at risk.... we pray to the Lord.
2. For children in our parishes: that we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child and foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish... we pray to the Lord.
3. For families: that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments... we pray to the Lord.
4. For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: that they may find the courage to share their story and to find lasting peace and healing.... we pray to the Lord.
5. That our Church recognise the witness of climate scientists and be open to their findings and publicly oppose those who sow doubt in people's minds ... we pray to the Lord.
6. That we care for oceans and forests as habitat for God given plant and animal communities and campaign to cancel the debt of nations lured into unsustainable development that turns their people into environmental refugees ... We pray to the Lord.
7. That as a nation of migrants, we replace fear and ridicule of migrants with outreach and listening ... we pray to the Lord.
8. That all will take care to avoid the risks of spreading the coronavirus... we pray to the Lord.
9. That those who have gone before us including those listed in our parish bulletin will be granted eternal rest.... We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and healing, your Son taught us to forgive each other without limit, just as you forgave us. We implore you to hear the prayers we offer and in your mercy help us to be channels of your love and peace. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass Intentions for the week 6 Sept - 12 Sept 2020

SUNDAY 13/09 9:30AM	Rita Schumacher (RIP) Remembrance Daphne Walles (RIP) Remembrance Claudette Bigaignon (RIP) Birthday Remembrance Thanksgiving Mass for Deb D'Souza & family Thanksgiving for Seneka De Silva on her birthday Thanksgiving Mass for Cruz Thomas on his 1st Birthday
WEDNESDAY 16/09 9:30AM	Anthony Martins (RIP) Death Anniversary Ange Yencana (RIP) Death Anniversary Marie Josee Leguette (RIP) Remembrance Thanksgiving Mass for Earl James
THURSDAY 17/09 9:30AM	Oswald Andrade (RIP) Death Anniversary Donald & Phyllis Corneille (RIP) Birthday Remembrance Neville & Dolly Moses (RIP) Birthday Remembrance M.C. Dominic (RIP) Death Anniversary
FRIDAY 18/09 9:30AM	Phillip D'Rozario (RIP) Birthday Remembrance Stephanie Fernando (RIP) Death Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass for Beverly De Souza on her birthday Thanksgiving Mass for Amanda Gregory on her birthday
SATURDAY 19/09 9:30AM	Norman Quintal (RIP) Death Anniversary Rhonda Hopman (RIP) Birthday Remembrance Terrance Peters (RIP) Death Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass for Blaise Watts on his birthday

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Kristy Reincastle-Agostinelli, Clifford Bourne Mullen., Paul Grech, Yvonne Corrie, Tony De Silva, Ange Yencana, Oswald Andrade, M.C. Dominic, Stephanie Fernanado, Norman Quintal, Terrance Peters.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Courtney Mizzi, Georges & Desire Curé, Kathy Allard, Elizabeth VanWel, Fernando Molina, Irangani, Joe & Bebe DeGroot, Rosa Maria Santos, Vitalina Iuliano, Constante Landoy, John M Doherty, Patricia Sullivan, Alistaire D'Rosario, Vida Windsor, Anton Perera, Lorenzo Morales, Terry Sims, Zinnia Noeh Godden, Cheryl Gear, Merced Starry, Irma Shelton, Natalie, Monique Casse, Rosa Zonno, Erlinda McPherson, Linda Sherwood, Nick Pilakis, Sandra Logan, Samantha Watson, Efren Moldez, Reese Armitage, Nicky Stockes, Virag Zoltan, Jacqueline Sloothaak, Grant Dockary, Aydah Colman, Rodney Ross-guilder, Rudolf Pahor, Elisabeth Frieling, Una Denis, Tuia Siaoisi, Anthony Andrew, Sylvia McAndrew, Aileen Rosales, Christian Coles, Ann Jean-Pierre, Lisa Uti, Misa Ierome, Ian Le Nepveu, Willoughby Newport.

Help is Always on Hand

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - CRANBOURNE CALL CENTRE - 5995 0211 - PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE
CATHOLIC CARE GIPPSLAND COUNSELLING SERVICES - 1 ROGERS ST, PAKENHAM - 5941 4100
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LINE - 1800 RESPECT - 1800 737 732
SAFE STEPS FAMILY RESPONSE CENTRE - 1800 015 188 - 9322 3555

Sale diocese Clergy in-service Tuesday 22 September - Wednesday 23 September - There will be no morning mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 as our priests will be in attending an online retreat. Instead we will have a Liturgy service conducted by the Pastoral team of the parish.

Parish Office Hours

Parish staff continue to work remotely yet remain available to support our parish community where possible. Our current office hours are 10am-2pm Monday – Friday; these times will be reviewed later in the year when we will be hoping to extend hours back to our usual times.

Bible Study

After studying "The Book of Genesis" Lesson 1 to 15 in Term 1 & 2, the Bible Study Group have re-commenced online from the 13th July to continue with Lesson 16 to 30 for Term 3 & 4. This will continue online on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. We encourage all of you to join us and share in this fantastic opportunity to study the Bible for yourself, discuss what you have learned with people in your group, listen as a trained leader gives a talk from the lesson, and grow in fellowship with each other. For those interested please contact us on olhcbiblestudy@gmail.com or call Ian - 0421429812 or Vea - 0422681456.

Friday Prayer Meeting

ALL WELCOME TO DIAL IN - Until further notice, the Friday Prayer Meeting continues to meet every Friday from 7-9pm via FREE CONFERENCE CALL = Dial - 03 86720160 = And when prompted, Enter Access Code - 917258# PRAYER MEETING PROGRAM: = Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena = Praise & Worship = Bible Reflection = Intercession = Scheduled Teachings & Sharings = Healing Prayers

Groups and Activities at OLHC

As we count down the days to the end of Stage 4, we are looking forward to the return of our many groups that make OLHC the vibrant parish that it is. We will be featuring these groups in the bulletin over the coming weeks - watch this space

How are you doing?

A message from Fr Brendan and Fr Isuru - "2020 has brought upon our parish a unique set of circumstances that has presented many among us with pressures never known before. As people's circumstances change, we would like you all to know that there is practical help available from our Parish Pastoral Council. Many people, for the first time in their lives, may be finding themselves in a position of requiring practical support; please remember we are just a phone call away. We believe there are also opportunities in the pandemic; opportunities to spend quiet time in reflection and prayer and coming closer to God. In this we will continue our best in providing masses online to support your spiritual journey".

Live Streaming of Masses

The link to the live streaming of our masses is on our website - www.olhc.org.au - click on the 'live streaming' tab at the top. Online masses are on Wednesday - Sunday at 9:30am. A big thanks to Clyde for all of his efforts in making our online masses so successful. Stage 4 restrictions determine that only staff are able to be readers at our masses, however we are looking forward to having our parishioners back in the role after Stage 4.

Parish Sacrament Program

In keeping with the recent restrictions set by the state government with regards to the Covid-19 pandemic, the parish is in talks with the schools to get some clarity on the sacrament preparation program. If you have any further questions, please contact the sacrament coordinator on sacraments@olhc.org.au

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020 - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

Faith through Giving

Thank you to all those parishioners who have moved to online giving, the generosity that accompanies your contributions is greatly appreciated. Due to current circumstances, we are unable to receive your cash contributions through envelopes and request that you please consider to moving to online means. We have always received a wonderful response to our **Parish Stewardship** program and if you are giving under this program please ensure you have contacted the parish office prior to changing over to online giving so we can set you up with the most convenient way for you to donate and keep our records updated. For those not needing a record of their donations, our bank details are:

OLHC Narre Warren * BSB 083-879 *** Account No. 488 925 436**



Thank you!

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr Peter Slater is happy to announce the Episcopal Ordination and installation of Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet as Tenth Bishop of Sale will be held on Tuesday 20th October in St Mary's Cathedral Sale commencing at 11am. Mindful of the seriousness of the current COVID pandemic, all arrangements will be planned with due respect of restrictions concerning public safety. Further information such as the live streaming details will be made available in due course.

A SPECIAL STAMP TO COMMEMORATE OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a Parish community, we are delighted to inform you that we have designed a special stamp, through Australia Post to commemorate the year. If you would like to place an order, please email emily@olhc.org.au. It will cost \$10 for 5 stamps. It will certainly be part of our "Memorabilia" as a parish community and will be a "keep sake" to treasure. A special thanks to Caroline Hartanto for helping us design the stamp. The design concept of the stamp - Concentric circles - is an Aboriginal symbol of a meeting place : Our church is our meeting place, so that's in the middle of the stamp with our Parish Logo. - The coloured lines are a continuation of the waves - Aboriginal symbol of water (representing Living Waters) - The 3 blue dots symbolise - Represent The Trinity.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

FREE Introduction to Spiritual Direction - The Emmaus Team is offering a free 45- minute Zoom session to anyone who wishes to know more about Spiritual Direction and the Emmaus programs. This is an opportunity to meet with a team member and gain a greater understanding of what Spiritual Direction is about. Phone 0477 474 848 to arrange a suitable time or email salespirituality1@gmail.com

EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT

SUN 21 - SUN 28 MARCH 2021. Cost: \$1,500.00. Registration by 4th January 2021. 10% Early Bird Discount by 14th December 2020. Guided by: Emmaus Ministry Team, Maximum number 10 Walkers Enquiries and Registration: Email: salespirituality1@gmail.com

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.3m to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Contributions to this collection can be made by contacting the Parish Office to make a credit card donation or through CDFPay - <https://olhc.cdfpay.org.au>. If you choose to contribute through CDFPay, please identify your payment as HOLY LAND COLLECTION.

YOUNG ADULTS - There will be the monthly Young Adults catch happening this Sunday at 6pm, over zoom. If you don't have the zoom link please email the youth ministers at youthministers@olhc.org.au Hope to see you all there!

Primary School Enrolment for 2020 now Open

Don Bosco Catholic Primary, Mary MacKillop Primary and Trinity Catholic Primary welcome new enrolments for the 2021 school year. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions please call the school offices for further information and school tours.

Don Bosco Catholic Primary School - 9704 7255
MaryMacKillop Primary -8794 5777
Trinity Catholic Primary on 9704 1970.

YOUTH!

Youth ages 12-17 Meetings:
Fridays 7:30-9pm on zoom!

Young Adults meetings:
2nd Sunday 6pm &
3rd Saturday 3pm
over zoom!

Contact Hanson & Gloria:
youthministers@olhc.org.au

The deadline for contributions to the OLHC bulletin - 12 midday Thursdays

Engaging Your Catholic Faith – The Catholic Theological College is offering a series of short sessions which will be a good opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion and many more... All topics will be presented online by lecturers of Catholic Theological College via zoom. The cost will be \$20 per session and will be presented from 14th September to 31st October 2020.

The complete list of topics and the dates and times are outlined below. You can choose one, choose all or choose what interests you. If you wish to enrol for any of these sessions, please send an email to emily@olhc.org.au and an enrolment form will be emailed to you.

ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH					
SEMESTER 2, 2020 SESSIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/>	TICK	DAY & DATE	TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
<input type="checkbox"/>		Monday 14 September	7.00 pm 90 mins	Women in the Early Church: Insights for Today	Dr Rosemary Canavan
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tuesday 15 September	2.00 pm 90 mins	Can a Scientist believe in God? <i>An introduction to the relationship between science and Christian faith</i>	Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wednesday 16 September	7.00 pm 90 mins	Meditation for Daily Life with the Mystics <i>This session will explore how the mystics provide us with very practical ways to deepen our relationship with God. It will include time for meditation.</i>	Dr Christopher Morris
<input type="checkbox"/>		Thursday 17 September	10.00 am 90 mins	Why read the great Christian Classics?	Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM
<input type="checkbox"/>		Saturday 19 September	2.00 pm 2 hours	Lectio Divina <i>How do I access the riches of the Word of God spoken to me? How can I dwell in silent and peaceful contemplation? This short course will provide pointers.</i>	Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wednesday 23 September	2.00 pm 90 mins	Can a Scientist believe in God? <i>An introduction to the relationship between science and Christian faith</i>	Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tuesday 6 October	7.00 pm 2 hours	Meditation and Psychology	Rev. Dr Jake Mudge
<input type="checkbox"/>		Thursday 8 October	2.00 pm 2 hours	God of Violence (Old Testament) and God of Love (New Testament) True or False?	Rev. Assoc. Prof. Mark O'Brien OP
<input type="checkbox"/>		Saturday 10 October	2.00 pm 2 hours	"Spirituality: Experiencing the Limits of Meaning" <i>Exploring approaches to spirituality, religion and human flourishing.</i>	Dr Rina Madden
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tuesday 13 October	7.00 pm 90 mins	Catholics and the Eucharist What's happened to Transubstantiation?	Very Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan
<input type="checkbox"/>		Wednesday 21 October	7.00 pm 90 mins	How Jewish was Jesus?	Rev. Trevor Tibbertsma
<input type="checkbox"/>		Saturday 24 October	2.00 pm 2 hours	Interfaith Relations – enhancing our connection with other faiths <i>How do we discover what is true and holy in other religions? How can we all work together to bring peace and reconciliation to a troubled world? This short course will show some possibilities.</i>	Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche

Note: The above sessions may be subject to change or cancellation due to any unforeseen circumstances. Participants will be notified as soon as possible.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Don Bosco Catholic Primary School

496 Princes Hwy
Narre Warren
9704 7255

Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School

Cnrs Ernst Wanke Rd &
Narre Warren Nth Rd
Narre Warren North
8794 5777

Trinity Catholic Primary School

Oakgrove Drive
Narre Warren South
9704 1970

St Francis Xavier College

Cnrs Beaconsfield Ave
& Princes Hwy
Beaconsfield
9707 3111

St Francis Xavier College

75 Ridgemont Drive
Berwick
9702 6588

St Francis Xavier College

21 Majestic Drive
Officer
5943 3600