



The Partnered Parishes of
Our Lady of Lourdes & **St Peter's**
Armadale **Toorak**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th April 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest

Father Brendan Hayes

Parish Secretary

Madeline Dimasi

Assistant Secretary

Carmel Negline

Pastoral Associate

Delisa Gonsalves

Business Manager

Frank Glynn

St Peter's Organist & Director of Music:

Conrad Helfrich

Organist: Danuta Southern

Our Lady of Lourdes Organist:

Phillip Byrnes

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Kristian Gregory

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armadaletoorak.org.au

Instagram

www.instagram.com/armadale_toorakpartneredparish/

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
Principal

Mr Adrian McAlister

Tel: 9510 6688

www.ololprimary.com.au/

St Peter's Early Learning Centre

Director: Mrs Kathleen Brohier

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www.stpeterselc.vic.edu.au/

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As many of you might be aware, I returned recently from visiting my family in Sri Lanka. It had been 17 years since I last saw my aunties, cousins and family friends, face to face.

Facetiming and Whatsapping doesn't compete to real human contact and connection in the warmth of a hug, seeing the facial expressions and emotions on someone's face, the exchanging of family recipes that have been handed down from generation to generation, and the excitement of listening to someone else's journey and realizing just how similar we are in our vocation to the Church through our Pastoral work: Liturgical setup, Sunday School and Hospitality.

What surprised me the most is the growing need for Priests. Like Australia, Sri Lanka is in a decline of men wanting to join the Priesthood. At the moment, our Parishes are lucky to have one priest to two parishes, however, the churches my family and I visited in Sri Lanka, were one priest to four parishes, and add to that every Church needed to have a Sinhala Mass and/or English or Tamil Mass. So a priest was expected to celebrate at least six Masses a weekend. Because of this, I am renewed in my commitment to pray for priests, for those who are already priests and for those to hear their calling.

Sometimes it can be quite difficult to be a Christian, even more so being a Catholic in the age of constantly updated technology. Growing up, the only way you found out what was happening in the world came through newspapers and the nightly news broadcasts on television and radio. Nowadays, as soon as something happens, it is posted on every platform of social media and 'breaking news' interruptions on free-to-air broadcasts. If it is so easy for spreading news, why is it so hard to spread the good news of God. The Church has access to the same technologies everyone else has access to, yet when we post a message to the world, the world doubts the amazement of God's wonders just as much as Thomas doubted. We all have the power to like, comment or ignore a post, by continuing to scroll through our feed. It is easier to ignore what is going on in the world around you with just the swipe of your finger. It seems that the only way to show people just how much God loves us all is by loving them 'warts and all.' "We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult." (1 John 5:2-4)

Delisa Gonsalves, Pastoral Associate

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Peters

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

St Peter's

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday 11.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Peter's Saturdays 5.15pm
OLOL Tuesdays before Mass

BAPTISMS – MARRIAGES – FUNERALS

Please ring the Parish Secretaries to make arrangements

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Jane Mooney Bongiorno (in USA), Patricia Webb, Margaret Daniels, Marianne Parisi, John Gibb, Gary Woodruff, Dymphna Brady, Brendan O'Donnell, Mohan Paul, Ranjan Gregory, Anna Rallistan, Julie Mahony

If you would like to add names to the list, please ring Delisa at the parish office.

P.N. The privacy legislation requires us to have permission from an authorized person before any sick person's name can be included in this section.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Julianna Woi, Bernadette Berry, Antonio Zanca, Norma, Lady Trescowthick, Carmel Nelson, Noela Wallace-Gibb, Arthur Adams

ANNIVERSARIES

Archbishop T. F. Little (1996) and Joan Antonie

ROSTERS

ST PETER'S 13th & 14th April 2024

Lectors: 6.00pm – Alvin Nunes
9.30am - John Ralph

Special Ministers:
6.00pm Sandra Ficarra
9.30am Nevla Krizman

OLOL 7th April 2024

Lector: 11.15am Thomas Willis
Special Minister: Manique Corteling

READINGS – 7th April 2024

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19
Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Thanksgiving	St Peter's	OLOL
2 nd Collection	Env. \$1,840	\$249
31 st March	Cash \$ 730	\$135

Presbytery (for Clergy)

1st Collection

31 st March	\$2,804	\$399
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Project Compassion	\$1,223.90	\$ 18.45
Good Friday		\$1,193.00

Easter Sunday

Mass Count	391	150
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SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

Next Friday 11am. All welcome

WEDDING AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **Zoe Fazio and Daniel Nardella.**

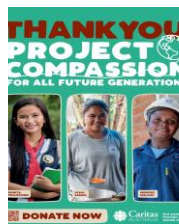
BAPTISM WELCOME AT OLOL

Congratulations to **Leonardo Perri** and to his parents.

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

For all Volunteers, please note:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is currently updating their Safeguarding Framework. As and when this happens, we will endeavour to update our Parish website with the changes and all Volunteers will receive an email with the new documents.



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations*

Donations can still be made by visiting:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES (Easter Dues)

Are in the pews, for the support of your parish priest. A percentage of this Offering also supports some priests of the Archdiocese whose own parishes cannot fully support them.

I thank you for your customary generosity and thoughtfulness.

Fr Hayes

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

Sunday 7th April – Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass in the Parish Centre (located next door to St Peter's Church)

Saturday 20th April – Pizza Night after 6:00pm Mass in the Parish Centre (Located next door to St Peter's Church)



Wednesday 24th April – Prayers for Christian Unity at 10:00am at St Peter's Church (581 Toorak Road, Toorak) Light refreshments provided afterwards in the Parish Centre.

These Parish Activities/Events are open to everyone from both Parishes.



EXERCISE CLASSES

A chair-based exercise class is held **Every Thursday** at 10.30am in St Peter's Parish Centre. \$5 per person, payable on the day.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES FOR 2024.

Final call, for parents who would like to enrol their child/children to the Parish's Sacramental Program for this year.

Please contact **Delisa** on (03) 9068 8602 or delisa.gonsalves@cam.org.au

For more information and the Program Schedule.



WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Sacred Heart PRIMARY School
Address: 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh
Date: Monday 22nd April 2024
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

02 9560 5333
palms@palms.org.au

KINROSS ARTS CENTRE (PART OF TOORAK UNITING CHURCH)

You are invited to a concert of sacred vocal music by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Rossini and many others, in support of Uniting AgeWell's Music for David program.

2.00pm Sunday 21st April 2024
Toorak Uniting Church
603 Toorak Road, Toorak
Admission \$35/ \$30 concession
Includes refreshments

Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMGA>
Enquiries: 0429 907 908 or 0437 569 718
Tickets also available at the door.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Executive Support Coordinator-Proclaim, East Melbourne
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Manager, Thornbury

Catholic Development Fund

- Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen
- Parish Business Manager, St Gregory the Great (Doncaster) and St Kevin's (Templestowe)
- Parish Secretary, St John Vianney's Parish, Springvale North

FIRST READING

[Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1](#)

Response

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

SECOND READING [1 John 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of
God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

HYMNS THIS WEEK AT BOTH CHURCHES

366 That Easter day with joy was bright

162 Godhead here in hiding - v. 1, 2 & 4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[John 20:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen
me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still
believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [John 20:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the
Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When
the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he
answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made
in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they
made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I
refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were
in the house again and Thomas was with them. The
doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here
are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my
side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and
the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing this you may have life through his name.

