



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

PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th April 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus Christ "is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, But the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.....when anyone does obey what {God} has said, God's love comes to perfection in him/her."

1st Letter of John 2:2-3, 5a. Second reading of today's Mass

The sentences of St. John's letter flow easily enough in the stream of our consciousness without drowning us. It's easy to agree that Jesus' sacrifice takes sins away, to know God keep the commandments, obey God's words and God's love will be in you.

But how do I know that and "feel", (that terrible word) God's love in me? What do I have to do in my own life, how do I have to act if I am to be convinced of God's presence in its essence and in me and in others? One way to appreciate the presence of God in my life is to look at the lives of the Saints: some have immediate appeal, others have to be probed, others may not appeal to me at all, others are favourites.

Next Tuesday 16th April is the feast of St Bernadette of Lourdes and I think of her as an 'interesting' saint. The eldest child of an improvident father with a wife eighteen years younger than himself, she knew hunger and ill-health from an early age. With little formal education how reliable could such a girl be an instrument of God's mercy, mystery and love. At the time of the first vision of Our Lady to her, Bernadette was just 14 years old and had not even made her First Communion.

But it was the common sense, sincerity and lack of self-interest in relaying her message/story that eventually convinced the sceptical and anti-clerical civic authorities, the villagers who "knew her family" and also, and importantly, the Parish Priest, that there was more to this girl than met the eye. Public and ecclesiastical opinion turned her way and Lourdes became, and remains, a centre of prayer, pilgrimage and yes, healing.

Of her own free will Bernadette became a Sister of Charity of Notre Dame at Nevers, at the age of 22 years, and never left that Convent until her death in 1879. (She was 45). In a homely way she said that Our Lady used her like a broom to do some cleaning and that she, Bernadette, had been placed in her corner. She remains an "interesting" Saint who did know how to keep God's commandments and God's love did come to perfection in her. I should like to have met her, would you?

Fr Hayes

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, Dympna 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

Norma Lady Trescowthick, Carmel Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Wilson (1st), Valerie Gillman, Patricia Pahlow, Don Willis and Pauline Treganowan

ROSTERS

ST PETER'S 20th & 21st April 2024

Lectors: 6.00pm – Mary Andamon
9.30am - Barbara Ralph

Special Ministers:
6.00pm Clare Pettigrew
9.30am James Lally

OLOL 14th April 2024

Lector: 11.15am Lenny Korniad
Special Minister: Lissa Thomas

READINGS –20th & 21st April 2024

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v.22
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Thanksgiving	<u>St Peter's</u>	<u>OLOL</u>
2 nd Collection	Env. \$1,605	\$ 80
7 th April	Cash \$ 436	\$150

Presbytery (for Clergy)

1 st Collection		
7 th April	\$1,260	\$263

Mass Count	177	58
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TUESDAY 16th APRIL

The feast of St Bernadette of Lourdes.
Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church – 9.30am

SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

Next Friday 11am. All welcome

WEDDINGS AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **Pansa Sohchoke and Kurt Cometa** and to **My Ha and Julian Djung**.

BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **James Nguyen-Condon** and to his family.

BAPTISM WELCOMES AT OLOL

Congratulations to **Christian Wijeratne** and to **Frankie Grace Kennett** and to their families.

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.

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

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 Positions available

- Parish Secretary, St John Vianney's Parish, Springvale North

ZOO: DRAWINGS BY EMILY DOBER (WITH MARK DOBER)

Grand Opening: Wednesday 17 April 2024
4:30-6pm at St Francis Contemporary Art Space - 326 Lonsdale, Melbourne
Exhibition 16 April to 19 May 2024
Mon – Fri 10am to 4pm
Sunday 10am to 2pm

For more information contact: bwremmen@bigpond.net.au
Or call (03) 9663 2495



FIRST READING

[Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9, R, v.7](#)

Response

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING [1 John 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL [Luke 24:35-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

MUSIC FOR ST PETER'S

Offertory O sing unto the Lord text is Psalm 149
music Noel Rawsthorne 1929-2019

He was a liturgical and concert organist and composer. He composed for his own instrument as well as choral music

Communion Christ the Lord is risen again - Richard Shepherd. Born in Gloucester 1949, died February 2021. He was a British composer educator and director of development and was acclaimed as one of the most significant composers of church music of his time

Recessional Te Deum -Marc Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) composed 6 Te Deums but only 4 have survived. Largely because of the popularity of its Prelude the best known is the Te Deum in D, originally scored for trumpet and orchestra.

HYMNS THIS WEEK AT BOTH CHURCHES

- No. 354: Christ the Lord is ris'n again
- No. 350: Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord
- No. 346: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise