

Risen



Christ

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2023 - Year A

The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



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: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciple get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowd away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to

them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Reflection:

In common with Mark and John (but not with Luke), Matthew follows the feeding of the crowd with the story of Jesus' walking on the water. Matthew alone of the four evangelists includes Peter's adventure in this episode. How many of the disciples in the boat were fishermen isn't made clear, but all aboard would have been heirs to the biblical view of sea water as a potent symbol of chaos. Battling a headwind and heavy seas, it's no wonder the appearance of a ghostly figure provoked fear in the disciples.

Jesus' authoritative directive to them not to fear is matched with his profound assertion "It is I," evoking the name "I am" with which God identified himself to Moses on the holy mountain (Ex 3:14). Some might even see in this an allusion to God's all-powerful word bringing order to the primeval stuff of the



universe in the creation story that opens the whole Bible. Matthew's account of Peter's impulsive action and subsequent loss of confidence paves the way for his foolish claims at the Last Supper and the denials that followed. In neither case does Jesus reject him.

Matthew rounds out the story with a resounding confession of faith from the disciples, "Truly, you are the Son of God". There could not be more of a contrast with what Mark has to say: "They were utterly and completely dumbfounded ... their minds were closed" (6:52). Matthew's story serves as an exhortation for the early Church, symbolized by the boat, to remain steadfast in faith.

This is a colourful and eventful story for ministers of the word to proclaim. It calls for strength of conviction and an appropriate degree of drama.

Break Open the Word 2023

*This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.
We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.*



PARISH TEAM & INFORMATION

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Risen Christ Parish Bulletin items:

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RECONCILIATION

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

Collections: 30 July & 6 August 2023

	OLHC	SFX
Thanksgiving		
Cash	\$517.00	\$1,520.00
Electronic	\$	\$
Presbytery		
Cash	\$815.95	\$859.15
Electronic	\$	\$

Stewardship Offering

Month	OLHC	SFX	Total
April	\$6,822.52	\$10,517.00	\$17,339.52
May	\$6,620.26	\$8,507.00	\$15,127.26
June	\$6,512.21	\$11,012.37	\$17,524.58

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 12

12:00pm Baptism: Jack, Lucia, Elijah,
Tullulah, Bailey

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 13

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Quinn

Eltham

Tuesday 15 - The Assumption Feast Day

9:30am Mass & SFX Yr 1 & 5

Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group

Montmorency

11:30am Funeral: Catherine Zanetta

Eltham

2:00pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

Wednesday 16

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

1:00pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

7:30pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

Thursday 17

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

11:00am Funeral: Garry Pollard

Montmorency

Friday 18

9:30am Mass

Eltham

Saturday 19

12:00pm Baptism: Neve, Benjamin, Adele, Aya

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists

Montmorency

Sunday 20

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Mairead, Owen

Eltham

Tuesday 22

9:30am Mass & SFX Yr 2

Montmorency

2:00pm Small Church Community

Montmorency

Wednesday 23

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Thursday 24

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Montmorency

10:30am ASRC Food Collection

Montmorency

Friday 25

9:30am Mass

Eltham

Saturday 26

12:00pm Baptism: Imogen

Montmorency

6:00pm Mass

Montmorency

Sunday 27

8:30am Mass

Montmorency

10:00am Mass

Eltham

12:00pm Baptism: Sienna & Gabriel

Eltham

Tuesday 29

9:30am Mass & SFX Yr 3 & 4

Montmorency

Wednesday 30

6:30am Meditation

Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Eltham

Support
Montmorency
Catholic Community
by giving with CDFpay



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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:

Garry Pollard

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Ingrid Pinghe - 1 year anniversary

*Margaret & Kevin Brody, Thomas Caulfield, Watty Gatt,
Brian Lappin, Alan Radcliffe, Mary Thomasina Said*

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Gay, Gayle, Helen, Maurice, Edwinda Bacani, Perly Bacani,
Rita Bevanda, Kim Brisbane, Feliksa Chwasta, Pat Collins,
Allan Dooley, Debbie Edgley (nee Vanderwert),
Alana Foulds, Bob Fraser, Melanie Lam, Cindy Morrissey,
Andrew Pighin, Aguatha Spina*

Eltham

For the recently deceased:

Phyllis Price

(mother of Graeme Price)

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Iris Huet - 1 year anniversary

Elaine Bunton, Barbara Hermans

For those in need of healing, remembering especially:

*Violetta, Michael Bonicci, Maurice Brosnan,
Shannon Donahoo, Jade McAlear, Fiona Rogers,
Rosemary Scully, James Sutton, Sarah Thompson*

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office

9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.



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

Saturday 12 August 2023

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Elijah Jay Cumberland

Baptism

Tullulah Estelle Cumberland

Baptism

Lucia Jennifer Jacobs

Baptism

Jack Thomas Millar

Baptism

Bailey Nicole Witten

Baptism

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 6:00pm

Zara Louise De Lisen

First Eucharist

Ellie Jo Harvey

First Eucharist

Ellie Nance Tobin

First Eucharist

Abbie Lee Edna Tomkins

First Eucharist

Sunday 13 August 2023

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

Quinn Blair Murton

Baptism

Roster for week ending: 12/13 August

Armstrong, Miranda	H10:00
Azzopardi, Michael	R10:00
Ballenger, Nima	E10:00
Dopheide, Marlis	H10:00
Dunell, Linda	ASE
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Rough Family	PRSE
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Williams, Anne	PRYR
Williams, Peter	PRYR
	ASE
	C10:00
	W6:00
	W6:00
	W8:30

Roster for week ending: 19/20 August

Azzopardi, Michael	E10:00
Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Capuana, Marisa	PRYR
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Donnellan, Denise	E10:00
Haines, Geoff	E10:00
Haines, Jan-Marie	R10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
McAleer, Peter	ASRC
McKinley, Michael	W8:30
Ramsdale, John	W8:30
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Ryan Family	PRSE
Taylor, Colin	H10:00
Taylor, Trish	C10:00
Taylor, Trish	H10:00
	ASE

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

WELCOME TO ELTHAM

invites you to be part of our 2023

HAFLA

a community celebration with
live Arabic music by Nay, belly-dancing
and 3 course Arabic meal
BYO alcohol and soft drinks

Sunday 17 September, 6pm-9.30pm
Eltham Community & Reception Centre

801 Main Rd, Eltham

Adults (16+) = \$45 / Concession = \$20
Children (6-15) = \$15 / 4 and under = free

**Family Concession (2 adults +2
children) = \$60**

Bookings essential

www.trybooking.com/CKOIT



You are invited to the annual Hafla celebration organised by **Welcome to Eltham** to support the present and former refugee residents of St Vincent's Care Eltham. The closure of the Eltham facility has caused people's lives to be upended once again. This year's Hafla will be a chance to focus on the positives. If you would like support the event and join a table contact Marie Wood 0412423164 marie.t.wood@gmail.com

2023 SFX MASTER PLAN... A TIME TO DREAM...

We have now moved to the next stage of our Master Planning exercise at St Francis Xavier School.

Being led by Luke Douglas from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Planning Department, we shortlisted to three architectural companies experienced in delivering high quality projects across the three sectors of Catholic, State and Independent schools.

Having interviewed all three companies, listened to their presentations and spoken to referees we have the pleasure in announcing that the successful company to develop our school Master Plan is **LAW ARCHITECTS**.

The timelines for moving forward are quite tight if we are to make the October 9th 2023 deadline for a submission in the next round of Victorian Government Capital Grants.

An important part of the process of Master Planning is to listen to the “voice” of all stakeholders.

Master Planning involves looking at how the entire property operates from fence line to fence line. This includes the car parks, SFX Church, the Presbytery, the tennis courts, disability access across the property on a geographically challenging site, access to toilet facilities, lighting, security, safety and future provision... everything that has an address of 86 to 90 Mayona Road, Montmorency that will allow us to envisage and dream.

We have a very invested and involved parent community at SFX School with many parents having a long history within the school and Parish. Some parents even coming to SFX as students themselves.

Here is your chance to have your ‘voice’ heard as part of the Master Planning consultation on
Wednesday 16th August from 7pm to 8pm in the PLC at SFX School.

So you are aware of other consultations we are having on the same day:

- Study of external areas & movement of students 1.30 - 2.30pm (lunchtime)
- SFX Student Consultation 2.30pm -3.25pm (S.R.C)
- SFX Staff Consultation 3.45pm-4.45pm
- SFX Parent Community Consultation 6pm to 7pm
- **SFX School Advisory Committee, Parish Priest (Fr Michael) and Parish Community - 7pm to 8pm**

This will be the one and only consultation session with the SFX community.

We look forward to your attendance and input.

Philip Cachia, Principal, SFX

St Francis Xavier Church Cleaning

We are currently looking for more volunteers for the church cleaning roster. If you could find the time to share a cleaning shift once every 6-8 weeks, please let me know. Marie Wood 0429423164 marie.t.wood@gmail.com

Prayers of the Faithful for 13 August 2023 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leader: God’s help is near for those who love him. Let us offer our prayers to God, who welcomes us with outstretched hands.

For our Parish communities: that we may recognize God’s presence in both the extraordinary and ordinary events of our lives o that we may embrace God more fully.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a renewal of our faith: that we may keep Christ a the centre of our lives and never tire of calling out for God’s saving help when challenges arise.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For freedom from fear: that we may hear the voice of Christ calling us “not to be afraid” and learn to turn to God in every circumstance that we know is beyond our control.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For families facing crisis and all who are experiencing the storms of daily life: that we may hear Christ’ invitation to step forward in faith, focusing on Jesus, who strengthens us and calms our chaos, a we take the hand of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Australian Community: we seek guidance and strength as we strive to embrace the Indigenous people in our nation’s journey. Help us see that the Aboriginal story and Aboriginal Spirituality are an integral part of the wider Australian story. Open our hearts to the richness and depth of their wisdom, so that we may walk together on a path of reconciliation and unity.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are sick, especially 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 *Garry Pollard & Phyllis Price*. We also remember *Margaret & Kevin Brody, Elaine Bunton, Thomas Caulfield, Watty Gatt, Barbara Hermans, Iris Huet, Brian Lappin, Ingrid Pinghe, Alan Radcliffe & Mary Thomasina Said*, 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: Accept these prayers we offer today and walk beside us through every storm until we come to rest in you. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

All: **Amen**