This week has seen more devastating fires in NSW. The Diocese of Parramatta has launched an emergency appeal, which is being co-ordinated by CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta. Donations will be used to provide much needed material support and counseling for those impacted by the fires and can be made through www.ccss.org.au

Please keep the victims and their loved ones, those fighting the fires and caring for the victims, and all the affected communities in your thoughts and prayers.

So little do we realise
the many things they do
Or how much they affect our lives
As each day we go through

Because each time disaster strikes
On them we can depend
To demonstrate their expertise
As helping hands they lend.

So graciously do they do their jobs
With all the help they give
And often risk their own lives
That someone else might live.

When something tragic happens
You'll always find them there
This special group in uniform
With which none can compare.

The tragedies they cover
Are too numerous to tell,
Like fires, floods, and storms
And small children in a well.

In daylight or in darkness,
Clear weather or a fire storm
You'll find these Guardian Angels
In a Fireman's Uniform.

‘Scott Morrison and the power of negative branding’
Excerpts from a Eureka St article by Andy Hamilton

What's in a word? Quite a lot if you ask Immigration Minister Scott Morrison. He instructed department heads and agencies to refer to people who come by boat to Australia seeking protection from persecution as illegal maritime arrivals, not as irregular arrivals. People detained after seeking protection are to be called detainees, not clients...

...If we are seeking a more accurate language we might speak of asylum seekers as persons. And if we wish to describe their relationship to Australia more precisely, we might refer to them as ‘persons who came to Australia seeking protection from persecution’.

Full copies are available at the back of church

WELCOME to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us today, to the church communities across our parish and a special welcome to any who may be visiting our parish.

Welcome to Maya baptised last weekend at St Columba and to Zoe baptised this weekend at St Columba's. We pray blessings for them as they grow in faith and the love of their family.

Our Parish supports the endeavours of the Royal Commission to bring healing to and justice for the victims of abuse.

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old. May we acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri tribes of the Kulin Nations, who are the traditional custodians of our parish land, whose cultures and customs have nurtured, and continue to nurture, this land since men and women awoke from the great dream. We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose irrepressible spirituality flow through all creation.
WHAT’S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR PARISH

Comming up at Mass
- Parish Remembrance Masses - Sat 2nd / Sun 3rd November at all masses
- RSL Remembrance Mass - Sun 10th November, 9am Mass at St Columba
- All Sacraments Mass - Sat 16th November, 6pm at St Columba

Coffee & Cards with Phoenix Trading:
We are holding this fundraiser for the Parish - with the added bonus of being able to see and order some wonderful products for Advent and Christmas in plenty of time!! These are very reasonably priced, lovely cards, calendars, boxes, friezes etc. Please do consider coming along - to enjoy the company of others and to assist the parish as well! I have some catalogues that you can look at beforehand if you’d like, both for Christmas as well as all through the year (Birthdays, baby, other occasions). And you can view the range on www.phoenix-trading.com.au Please do speak to Maria if you'd like any more information, and RSVP on 95316120. Hope to see you there!!! This Monday 28th October, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Parish Information

Congratulations! to Elizabeth Martinov, one of our Parishioners, who has just completed her Catechist Diploma through the Catholic Education Office. Elizabeth will be a welcome addition to the Catechetic team working with children from government and independent schools in sacramental preparation. Elizabeth will formally graduate with a mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral with Archbishop Hart in November. The Lord calls us in many different ways, and so he called Elizabeth and she responded to come and accompany the little children on their journey of faith. We are all blessed by her response.

The Parish Music Team (comprising leaders of each of the Parish Music groups) has met several times to look at introducing a new Mass Setting across all the Masses. There will be a couple of rehearsals to learn this new setting, and all present singers and musicians are asked to attend. Thank you to everyone who attended last Tuesday’s rehearsal. The next date is Tuesday November 12th, 7.15pm, at St. Columba’s Church, Elwood. All parishioners are invited to come to - we want YOU to learn the new Mass setting too! And if there are any particularly interested in joining with any of the choirs as they lead the singing at Mass, we need you too. Just come along!

Parish Community Weekend 22nd-24th November:
We have emailed / posted a letter & booking slip to all those who expressed an interest in attending the weekend away. If you didn’t receive a letter or if you would like to attend the weekend feel free to contact the office or fill out the sign up sheet.

Small Christian Community: A small group of parishioners regularly meets to share and reflect on the meaning of the Gospel in their lives and the life of the Parish and wider community. Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the last Monday of each month at the Parish House, 2 Normandy Road Elwood – next meeting THIS MONDAY 28th October. Anyone is welcome to come along to a gathering, and can contact Helen Freris on 0409701076, or Maria George on 95316120 if you would like to join us.

We will shortly be placing an order for the 2014 Break Open the Word. If any parishioners would like a copy please let us know. We ask for $15 to cover costs.

Elwood St Kilda West Parish website: www.elwoodstkildawestparish.org
St Vincent de Paul Update: Over the past 30 days, our Conference members visited 77 adults and 20 children. A total of $3,240.00 was issued in food vouchers. Twenty-six emergency grocery hampers were distributed. Eighteen clothing vouchers were provided to our Vinnies store. We are most grateful to all parishioners who continue to support our Conference through donations of food, clothing, and money (through the SVPD collection boxes at the Church). Without your support, we could simply not meet people’s needs.

We email the newsletter to a number of people within and outside of our Parish. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email and/or if you know of someone who can’t get to mass regularly but who would like to see the newsletter just let Jane at the office know.

The latest edition of Kairos is available at the back of church ($2).

The Christmas edition of Australian Catholics is available free at the back of church. It explores what it means when Jesus asks us to ‘love our neighbour’. It is easy to see how this applies to those who are already close to us, but it’s a different matter for us to find a place in our hearts for those we don’t know well, those who have different beliefs, language or skin colour.

Many of you would have children or family members/friends finishing Year 12 this week. We wish them all the very best as they graduate from school and approach their exams. It is a special time in their lives and we hope and pray that they feel the love & support of their school communities, families and friends.

Copies of some recent articles from The Tablet & Eureka Street are available at the back of the church – ‘Silent grace of forgetting’ by Daniel O’Leary on caring for people in the last stages of dementia and ‘Theology that hears the poor’ by Tina Beattie.

Sacred Heart Mission

If you are interested in volunteering at Sacred Heart Mission – a range of opportunities and times are available – please visit www.sacredheartmission.org or contact Kate Jarrett on 9537 1166.

Wider Community

Celtic Music Session: The Celtic Music Session is on again. Date and Time: Last Sunday of the Month, 4-7pm Venue: Chelsea Yacht Club.

Parish Calendar

Coming Up This Week

- Sun 27th Oct - Baptisms, 12.30pm St Columba
- Mon 28th Oct - Small Christian Community, 7.30pm Parish House
- Mon 28th Oct - Parish fundraiser, Coffee & Cards with Phoenix Trading, 7.30pm Parish Centre
- Mon 28th Oct - Finance mtg, 7.30pm Parish House
- Sat 2nd / Sun 3rd Nov - Remembrance masses
- Thurs 7th Nov - PLDT mtg, 7.15pm Parish House
- Sun 10th Nov - RSL Remembrance Service, 9am Mass St Columba
- Tues 12th Nov - Mass Setting Rehearsals, 7.15pm St Columba’s Church
- Sat 16th Nov - All Sacraments Mass, 6pm St Columba
OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 9.00am COMMUNION SERVICE at St Columba
TUESDAY 9.00am COMMUNION SERVICE at St Columba
2.30pm MASS All welcome
WEDNESDAY 9.00am COMMUNION SERVICE at St Columba
THURSDAY 9.00am COMMUNION SERVICE at St Columba
11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
FRIDAY 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church

2nd / 3rd November - 31st Sunday of the Year

SATURDAY 6.00pm REMEMBRANCE MASS
SUNDAY 9.00am REMEMBRANCE MASS
11.00am REMEMBRANCE MASS

COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

☐ Thanksgiving Collection
  Thanksgiving Envelopes $ 584.50
  Loose cash $ 385.05
  Total $ 969.55
  Total after 42 weeks $ 42353.55
  Average $ 1008.42

☐ Presbytery Collection
  Thanksgiving Envelopes $ 580.70
  Total after 42 weeks $ 27614.62
  Average $ 657.49

Please pray for... those who have died recently:
1st anniversaries; Neville Munday 2.10, Darryl O’Meara 15.12, Aivars Endzins 19.10, Kevin Charlton 23.10; 40th anniversary; Cora Deegan 3.10.73 and those whose anniversaries are at this time; Giovanna Stragis, Adrian Houben 24.10.11, Robert Rosewarne 24.10.11, Joseph Lashbrook 18.10.11, Peter Peters 30.10.11, Sylvia Stamper 8.10.10, Nunziata Panettieri 13.10.10, Giuseppina Barnao 12.10.10, Eileen Sage, Joan Eifermann 31.10.10, Michelina De Giorgio 7.10.94, Emmanuel De Giorgio 29.10.83, Eddy Rumengan 13.10.08

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Ongoing prayerful support is asked for;
Therese Mitchell, Majorie Doran, Adele Howard, Mairead Feeney, Patricia Cooper, Di McEwan, Loretta McCormick, Joyce, Vicki Howard, Maureen Duggan (Ireland), Colin King, Barry Quinn, Royce Hagen, Seamus Doherty, Ailbh Connolly, Janice Mottram, Josh Milosovic, Pat Herkess, John Gomez

If you would like a family member/ friend included please call Jane on 9531 6120 or eskw@eskwparish.org

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Sirach 35: 12-14. 16-19
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
SECOND READING: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8. 16-18
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
GOD WAS IN CHRIST, TO RECONCILE THE WORLD TO HIMSELF;
AND THE GOOD NEWS OF RECONCILIATION HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.
Alleluia!
GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 18: 9-14

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 2nd / 3rd November 31st Sunday of the Year

Elwood Welcomes:
6.00pm M: Bernadette Cassar, Michael Murray, John Doyle
  C: Joan Davies
  L: Noreen Rodgers
  Set Up: Legion of Mary
9.00am M: Sujatha de Zilva, Leonard de Zilva, Leonie Hinton
  C: Helen Richards
  L: Leonard de Zilva
Kids Church: 3rd Sunday of the Month, 9am Mass St Columba’s
Altar and Cleaning November: Emily Martin

St Kilda Welcomes:
11.00am M: Norreen Dempsey, Stephen Strommer, Lynne Haines
  C: Cynthia Joseph
  L: Alan Gruner
  Set Up: Norreen Dempsey
Bus Driver: Marcus L’Estrange
Prayers of the Faithful: Owen & Christine Murphy

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