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## Our Lady Help of Christians

EAST VICTORIA PARK

### 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C 27 Apr 2025

Items in the Parish bulletin must reach the Parish Office **before 11am Thursdays**

#### Mass Times

Tuesday - Saturday – 9:00am

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm Sunday – 7:30am & 9:30am

**Confessions:** Tue – Sat (before or after 9am Mass (or by appointment)

**Healing Mass** – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 12 noon

#### Rosters

		Proclaimers	Music
26 Apr Sat	18:00	Evangeline Nweke & Bianca Casalengo	One Voice
27 Apr Sun	7:30	Mary-Ellen Spadanuda & John Faulkner	Early Risers
27 Apr Sun	9:30	Mark D'Souza & Elizabeth Jose	930 Choir
03 May Sat	18:00	Jaya Dantas & Irene Moraa	One Voice
04 May Sun	7:30	Roberta Chapman & Elvie Nicdao	Early Risers
04 May Sun	9:30	Smitha George & Lauren Italiano	930 Choir

	Children's liturgy		Altar Society	Altar Linen
27 Apr Sun	S/Holidays	26 Apr Sat	L.Ferrante	Phung Nguyen
04 May Sun	Smitha George	03 May Sat	M. Granaghan	Maria Nicolosi

### St Charles Seminary Open Day (Sunday, 18 May 2025 at 9:30am)

The **Open Day** is a special opportunity for young men discerning a call to the priesthood to visit the seminary, meet the seminarians, and ask questions in a prayerful and welcoming environment. It has been a grace-filled event in recent years, and we hope many will respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation again this year.

For those who are interested, registrations are open via:

🔗 [www.trybooking.com/CRRBE](http://www.trybooking.com/CRRBE)

Thank you for your kind support in promoting vocations in our Archdiocese.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything further.

*We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Owners of their land. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Honouring the Life and Legacy of Pope Francis

We join the Church in mourning the passing of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, on Easter Monday. This is a season filled with the promise of the Resurrection and new life!

We now entrust Pope Francis to the loving arms of the Father, and we pray for the Catholic Church in this season of prayerful discernment.

### Easter Raffle

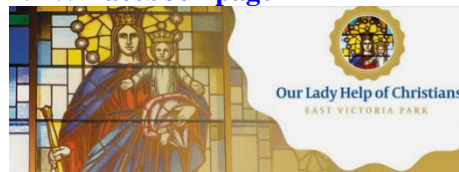
The Liturgy Committee would like to express their gratitude in the generosity of our parishioners purchasing the tickets for the Easter Raffle. Monies raised go towards purchasing flowers, water bottles, gifts for the hampers and much more. Thanking all who contributed in another successful fundraising.

### Containers for Change Collection Bin



We now have a dedicated Containers for Change bin where we can collect recyclable containers for a refund that will go straight into our parish bank account. Please use this bin for eligible containers and feel free to bring your containers from home to support our parish fundraising.

### NEW Facebook page



Please "like" and "follow" our new Facebook page. This is a great way to connect with and find information on events happening in our parish.



Scan this code to take you to our new page:

### Mass Intentions

22 Apr Tue	9:00am	Guidance of holy spirit in Christelle's work and family
23 Apr Wed	9:00am	Prayer for the soul of Margaret Needham
26 Apr Sat	6:00pm	Prayer for the soul of Natalina Silvestri

*Let us continue praying for all our Departed Loved Ones and All Souls in Purgatory.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

(Or)

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 117)

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

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

(Or) **Alleluia!**

**LECTOR:** Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end." **R.**

**LECTOR:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**LECTOR:** O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

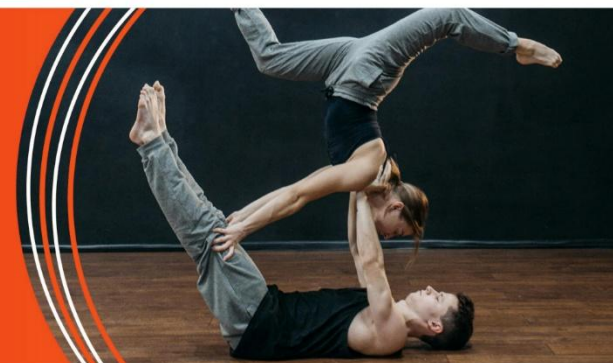
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

**NEXT WEEK** (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C) Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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## Trusting Jesus to catch us



Fear can be such a paralysing emotion. With its familiar twin, anxiety, it keeps us from acting or thinking constructively and clouds our awareness of grace. In this week's gospel reading, the disciples are gathered in fear behind closed doors. They are terrified about what may happen next.

Suddenly, they find Jesus standing in their midst. He offers them his peace, showing them his hands and side. They are overjoyed and their fear is dispelled. This is no fleeting reassurance. He repeats his blessing of peace and exhorts them to go forth in courage. He breathes on them and confers on each of them, the gift of his spirit.

It is a sacred moment, preparing them for a time when he would no longer be physically present with them. Yet, his spirit would remain with them always. This would be no passive presence but a dynamic, enlivening, divine presence which would animate them. They would be his witnesses to his love and redemption throughout the world.

Jesus's words of mission also foreshadow his words at his ascension: I am with you always (Matthew 28:20). It also foreshadows the coming of the Holy Spirit in the mighty wind of Pentecost.

The calling to a life of mission is not without risk. In his book, *Flying, Falling and Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom*, Dutch priest, theologian and psychologist Henri Nouwen described a life changing encounter with a travelling trapeze troupe, the Flying Rodleighs.

He was amazed at how they flew through the

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air. He befriended the troupe and even travelled for a short time with them.

Nouwen once asked Rodleigh, the troupe's leader, the secret of a successful trapeze act. Rodleigh explained that, as a flyer, he had to have complete trust in his catcher. The secret was for the flyer to do nothing and trust the catcher to do everything, to catch him as he flew through the air and pull him safely onto the platform. In fact, the worst thing the flyer could do is to try and catch the catcher. If he tried to grab the catcher's wrists, it could end disastrously for them both. Nouwen suggested this as a sublime metaphor for our invitation to let go of fear and trust God utterly in all the circumstances of our life and beyond.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once described faith, not as belief in certainty, but as the courage to live with uncertainty. The figure of Thomas in today's gospel, wanting certainty, expresses the parts of our being which are still held back by fear and anxiety. We fear stepping forward into the unknown and allow our fears to sideline God's promise of his abiding presence.

Nevertheless, Jesus invites us to trust him completely. Like the catcher in Nouwen's story, he promises to catch us as we fly through the air to him. He lovingly and unconditionally embraces all our fears, our frailty and our vulnerability. His peace enlivens our mission to go forth in courage and proclaim the good news. He is risen and, indeed, he will be with us always.

**Sophie Clements**

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## Praying with The Majellan

### Prayer is Life

Prayer is Life is aimed at giving people a better understanding about prayer. The podcasts are led by Redemptorist priest David Hore CSsR. For details and to listen go to: <https://majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/>

