

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 9/10 November

**6pm** Welcomers: Conheady Family Gifts: S Hargreaves, N McLaren Readers: G&M McDonald

Ministers: M&T Harney, L&S Jenkins, K&M McKenzie

**9am** Welcomers: J Bouwman, C Cooper Gifts: Vielhabor Readers: G&P Nevill

Ministers: H Goddard, K O'Leary, A Sanderson

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

3 November Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

10 November Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

### COUNTING TEAMS:

3 November Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

10 November Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKCH:** 10 November: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn

*New Rosters are now Available*



## Reflection on the Gospel-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 19: 1-10)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In 2015, a little book came my way and proceeded to turn my world upside down. The author of that book was German forester Peter Wohlleben, its title *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World*. I have long mourned the destruction of trees, local and global, including the threatened trees of the Amazon. I grew up loving, valuing and sometimes climbing the trees of the Macedon Ranges. I now live among the trees on the outskirts of Ballarat. Wohlleben's book brought home to me how much I had still to learn about these precious gifts of life and love.

Luke's story of the toll-collector Zacchaeus provides me with yet another opportunity to give thanks for the wonder of trees, their intrinsic beauty and the life they sustain. A sycamore tree is at the heart of this story. Once I would have thought of this tree simply as one of the props in the human story that unfolds, providing as it does the platform for a height challenged would-be disciple of Jesus to "see". The human encounter with the holy is foregrounded in this story and is in no way to be discounted. But let us not relegate the tree to the status of prop. As I write this reflection, the Synod on the Amazon is underway in Rome and the tropical forests of northern Australia are threatened by fire. The planet cannot breathe without its trees. We might keep this in mind as we turn to the human elements in the story of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus is a wealthy man, a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. He wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the sycamore tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus offers hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

"All those who see" complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner, no doubt considering themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet. There are clues in the text that Zacchaeus has already changed his ways, however. The future tense in translations ('I will pay') obscures this important element. He gives half his property to the destitute and, if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. Jesus looks at Zacchaeus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then acts to restore honour to Zacchaeus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Zacchaeus is affirmed as a true descendant of his forbears in faith. Salvation for our house, our "common home", will only come with comparable attention to what we have despoiled.



*Our Lady Help of Christians Parish  
East Warrnambool - Allansford  
'A Star in the East'*



## PARISH BULLETIN

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd November 2019**

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**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

*"I AM THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"  
JN 14, 18.*

**Recent Deaths:** John Young, Peter Bridgeman, John Snaauw, Stan Murfitt, Denise Williams  
**Anniversaries:** May Morrissey, Kevin Bowman, Georgia Spetch, Fr Frank Crowe, Sister Mary Alphonsus, Raelene Whitehead, Joseph Pye Phyllis George & Annie Coffey, William & Elizabeth Lawlor, All our family and friends who have died over the past year, Nell O'Neill, Peter McInerney, Roslyn Earl, Bill Brittain

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (Fr Van De Camp—Celebrant) 10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel
	Friday	9.30am (Mons H Nolan RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

### The Word of God:

This Week: Wis 11: 22—12: 2/ 2 Thes 1: 11—2: 2/ Lk 19: 1-10

Next Week: 2 Mc 7: 1-2.9-14/ 2 Thes 2: 16—3: 5/ Lk 20: 27-38

**Sacraments:** **Baptisms and Marriages** by Appointment Please  
phone 5561 1533

**Reconciliation** —Friday 10am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

### Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, Vision Statement 2019 (Draft)

*We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist to follow the example of Jesus' humble service, so that all may find welcome, hope and joy.*

*"Let everyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." (Revelation 22:17)*

*"Life in a Whole new Light and  
Clothed with Power from on  
High"*

*Today we welcome with great joy  
Billy & Austin Farley and  
Tommy McDowall  
who is being baptised into the  
family of God, who is Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.*



**You are Invited** to A Morning Coffee Party for  
The Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in  
Australia, The Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste

*"In all things may God be glorified"*

WHERE: St Brigid's Hall, Crossley WHEN: Monday 4th November at 10.00am

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



**I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

**Mystery Of Faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the word of truth and life.**

Tree of Life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	182	Though the Mountains May Fall
Communion	6	Lord to Whom Shall we Go?
	133	Only a Shadow
Recessional	90	Here I Am Lord

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for November**

**Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East**

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

**A Parish VCE Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our VCE students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer for Rain**

God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on **our drought stricken land**, our starving animals and our failing produce. **Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought.** In your loving providence, send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives life to all living things.



**Plenary Council**



As we move into this second phase of the Plenary Council journey we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation to discern what it is that God is asking of us.

During the month of November our parish will be praying and reflecting about the National Theme for Discernment: **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?** This is one of the six National Themes for Listening and Discernment that is preparing the Australian Church for the Plenary Council.

**A community Listening and Discernment experience will be held on Sunday November 17th at 2pm at OLHC. All are invited.**

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes. We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community upon whose land our parish resides.**

**WELCOME TO OLHC & ST. CARTHAGE** In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

**Our Parish Vision** *"Bringing People together in an atmosphere that is welcoming, nurturing and challenges all to share in the Mystery of God's Love."*

**Spend everyday with the saints.** "See the face of God in everyone." (St Catherine Labore) 28th Nov.

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am

**Worth Watching** "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

Our **Parish Rose Show and Flower Festival** will be over November 21st-24th.

**Zone Leaders** Please collect 'Links'. This edition contains information about our Rose Show and Flower Festival. The theme is 'Celebrations of Life'.

**Sister Mary Bennett** has been appointed as Regional Leader for the Sisters of Mercy in Canberra and Regional NSW. Her new placement will begin in November. We will be ever grateful for her enriching our Parish Family and congratulate her on her new mission.



*"Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool"*

*"May every sunrise bring you hope, may every sunset bring you peace"* (Irish Blessing)

**"Healing and Health in Our Community"** Counselling, Art, Meditation, Labyrinth, Expo. Saturday

23rd November 10am-2pm, Emmanuel Centre. All welcome.

Facebook: Moving —OPEN SPACE

**Cards** Euchre & Solo in the Church foyer on Tuesday 1pm. Melbourne Cup Day.

**Finance/Maintenance Meeting** on Tuesday 7.30pm.

**Parish Co ordinating Team** meets Wednesday 7.30pm.

**Next Saturday** is the 44th Anniversary of the Opening of Our Parish Church. "For all that has been thanks be to God. For all that will be YES."

Children who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist are invited with their families and sponsors to Masses next weekend.

**Morning Tea** after Mass next Sunday hosted by Parish Family Groups. A plate please.

**Second Hand Novels** and Young Adult Fiction are being collected by the St John of God Auxiliary for a fundraiser in January.

**Marriage Tip:** What is something you've always dreamed of doing? Make a bucket list with your spouse and talk about how you can fulfil those "someday" dreams.

*Grief never ends...  
but it changes.  
It's a passage,  
not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign  
of weakness,  
nor a lack of faith...  
It is the price of  
Love.*



There is a welcome touch of Spring in the air. It's a good time for a deep breath or two, a gentle stroll, some quiet—enough perhaps to attend to the silence. Silence is an opportunity for God to cross our threshold. - Andrew Bullen SJ

If you wish to give to our Parish Finances via bank transfer:  
BSB: 06 3533  
Acc. No: 0090 3353  
Ref: Planned Giving  
All donations are greatly appreciated.

*"Enjoy your week with God"*