#### **ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 27/28 February

6pm Welcomers: C&D Quick Gifts: Musico Family Readers: R&T Treffry

Ministers: B Gladman, B Kavanagh, E McKinnon, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield Welcomers: J Ryan Family Gifts: C Carroll-Skelton, M Fish Readers: L&M Taggert

Ministers: P Nevill, J O'Grady, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING: Week commencing

21 February D&D

28 February Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

**COUNTING TEAMS:** 

21 February Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

28 February Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 14 February Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDOCH: 28 February: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



**Making Connections:** Spend extra time this week listening to the 'beloved Son'. What is Jesus saying to you?

**Marriage Tip:** Sometimes we can become irritable over small things. Next time this happens with your spouse, try taking a deep breath and responding with a "gentle love."

**Daily Prayer:** Countless are the stars, O God of Abraham, are the faithful whom you have led into the land of promise. Dazzling as the snow, O God of Moses and Elijah, is your glory shining on the face of Jesus, who forever prays on our behalf, the people for whom he accomplished the exodus of the resurrection. It is good for us to be here!

**A Vocation View:** After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours, but not meant to stay in harbours.

**Penola** celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the **Sisters of St. Joseph** with Mass at 10.30am on **Saturday March 19th**. There will be an unveiling of a Mary MacKillop sculpture. Mass on Sunday 20th at 10.30am followed by festivities.

**150th Anniversary** of St. Gregory's Heywood, March 6th, Mass 5pm with Bishop Paul. Dinner to follow RSVP 22nd Feb 5527 1559 Bev.

Lent Calendar visit www.xt3.com/lent

**World Day of Prayer** OLHC will host a Prayer Service for all the Warrnambool Churches on Friday March 4th, 1.30pm. Maureen McDonald and Marita Murphy, our co-ordinators, welcome the presence and help of women. The guest speaker will be from 'MacKillop Family Services'. The theme is 'Receive Children. Receive Me'. A plate is welcome. Bring a friend.

Easter is the name Christians give to the Sunday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection. East is the direction where the sun rises each morning. The word *Easter* means *dawn*, the awakening of a new day. Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' tomb empty at dawn.

God creates a promise of life beyond death and summons us to a future beyond human imagination, to be co-workers of a new life with him.

#### The Face of Mercy

Pope Francis declares that the "mercy of God is not an abstract idea." He describes it as "a concrete reality through which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child." "He secures justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free." (Psalm 146:7-9)

'The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel'.

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



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



# PARISH BULLETIN

# 2nd Sunday in Lent — 21st February 2016

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"I AM THE WAY, Emmanuel College: Peter Morgan - Phone 5560 0888
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE" St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

#### "PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

**Recent Deaths:** Lyndee Patrick, Brian Gorman, Reg Kelleher, Ingegerd Gissle'n (Sweden) **Anniversaries:** Leo Howard, Frank Clancey, Peter Tobin, Margaret Kelson, Michael Finn, Agnes O'Keefe

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St. Pius

Tuesday 10.00am

Wednesday 9.30am (Frank Clancey RIP)

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am (Ingegerd Gissle'n RIP)

Saturday 10.00am at St. Pius

THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday Sunday

6.00pm 9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Gn 15: 5-12. 17-18, Rom 10: 8-13, Lk 4: 1-13

Next Week: Ex 3: 1-8.13-15. 1 Cor 10: 1-6.10-12. Jn 13: 1-9

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation Friday 10.am. Saturday at St. Pius 10.30am



"Mercy listens—really listens, with interest and concern—then smiles, and reaches out her hand."

- J M DeMarreis, Mercy (1993)

# "Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy Harlee Rowbottom who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### Symbols of Lent

In the Jewish scriptures, **ashes** often suggest humility and human insignificance, as in the familiar "ashes to ashes, dust to dust". **Ashes** were also used as a purification offering to ritually cleanse the unclean and also to express mourning and sorrow. We continue the Jewish understanding of **ashes** as a symbol of humility.

We continue the Jewish understanding of **ashes** as a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow when we are marked with ashes on the first day of Lent as a sign of our willingness to cleanse our heart through prayer, fasting and self-denial.

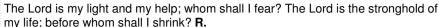
- Elizabeth Harrington

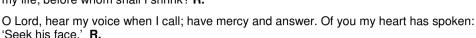
"The ashes mean I'm a sinner. The shape of the cross means I have a saviour."

> – Fr. Mike Schmitz

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

### The Lord is my light and my salvation.





It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.** 

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. **R.** 

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus; Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shinig cloud the Father's voice is heard this is my beloved son, hear him.

#### HYMNS:

Entrance 71 Gather Your People Gifts Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy

Communion 133 Only a Shadow

126 I Have Loved You

Recessional 57 City of God

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us

**Mystery Of Faith** 

# **Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy**

A hymn for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Ezekiel 36:24-28 Michael Herry

 I will take you from the nations, and gather you from the world;
 I will bring you into your own land and you shall be my people and I will be your God, And in mercy, my love will hold the world.

#### REFRAIN

Give us new hearts, O Lord Give us new hearts O Lord Give us hearts of flesh; remove our hearts of stone.

Through your Spirit deep within us,
 we become your loving face,
 And our grasping hands will open in compassion
 and our frowning eyes will widen to see and know again
 All the beauty in ev'ry human heart.

#### REFRAIN

 Heart of Jesus, heart of mercy, loving face of God revealed.
 You proclaimed the word, 'not sacrifice but mercy' for in you we see the Father who longs for our return, Ever faithful, His covenant of love.

#### **REFRAIN**

# Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

Universal: Care for Creation That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia That opportu-

nities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

# "Education is an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true." Pope Francis

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Downs Syndrome. However, Hum Noy now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas.

For our community: That we may show the same gracious hospitality to our sisters and brothers that Jesus offered to the woman at the well. We pray to the Lord.

# An appeal for Financial Support to Our Parish this New Year

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Loose money on the plate pays the Priest's Allowance and the running of the Presbytery. Putting money into a <u>Parish Envelope</u> or into <u>Direct Debit</u> covers Church needs—breads, wine, candles, cleaning, bulletins, activity sheets, electricity, rates, Diocesan taxes, donations to the missions, postage, maintenance, office wages & equipment, help to develop the Parish School.		
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Are happy to contribute by:	Envelope Direct Debit	
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Please place on the collection plate or post to: OLHC, Box 97, Warrnambool, 3280		
THANKS		

#### **PARISH LIFE**

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes.

**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 February with the Saints** "Let us faithfully transmit to **those** who come **after** us the example of virtue we have received from **those** who have come **before** us." Peter Damian (21st February)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am, Stations of The Cross.

The Parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation for children in Grade 2 and Grade 6. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Friday March 18th at 5.00pm (Grade 6) and 7.15pm (Grade 2).

Cards at St. Joseph's 1pm Tuesdays in February.

Special Liturgy of the Word for children next Saturday 6pm.

Finance and Maintenance Meeting Tuesday 7.30pm.

The new Liturgy, Church cleaning, Counting, Lawn mowing and Communion to Lyndoch <u>Rosters</u> are available in the Church foyer. Thanks to all those who serve God and God's people here.

**Film Night** at Capitol Theatre on 10 March at 6.30pm. "**The lady in the van**". In aid of South Sudan residents displaced by war. Tickets \$15 from Jim Hanrahan 5562 4869 or Kay Riordon 5562 7024.

#### Initiation For Children:

First Reconciliation—March 18 Confirmation—May 14/15 First Communion—August 13/14

