#### **ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY** for 2/3 November

6pm Welcomers: Emmanuel College Gifts: Emmanuel College Readers: Emmanuel College

Ministers: Emmanuel College, J O'Sullivan, M Crichton, L Flaherty, D Friebe

**am** Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: M Fish Family Readers: S O'Brien, J O'Brien

Ministers: A Jubb, L&T Kenny

**CHURCH CLEANING:** 

Week commencing

27 October Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

3 November Group 2: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

**COUNTING TEAMS:** 

27 October Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

3 November Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDOCH: 3 November: Robert McLaren.

New Rosters are now Available





# Reflection on the Gospel-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 18: 9-14)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector's prayer, "God be merciful (hilasthēti) to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We can learn from the tax collector.



THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"

"I AM THE WAY.

JN 14.18.

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



### PARISH BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27th October 2019

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

**Recent Deaths:** Vera Dwyer, David Thomson, Sister Stephanie Christian RSM, Danny Vogels, Bill Kermond, Brian Fry

**Anniversaries:** Francis Gleeson, Joan Gleeson, Mary Watt, Bridget Gleeson, Victor Drake, Max Beaudnette, Mark Primmer, Sister Jean Neagle, Monsignors Frank McKenzie, Nolan & Gleeson, Noel Green, Leo McNamra, John & Leila Morrissey, June Farrell, Eleanor Rea

Mass Times Monday 7.30am at St Pius

Tuesday 10.00am (Celebrant Fr van De Camp)

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am (Halloween) (Leo & John McNamara)

Friday 9.30am ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday 10.00am at St Pius ALL SOULS DAY

10.30am (In the Cemetery Rotunda)

THE LORD'S

DAY

Saturday
Sunday
Allansford

6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am

**Green** is the colour of hope and growth

The Word of God:

This Week: Sir 35: 12-14.16-18/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8.16-18/ Lk 18: 9-14 Next Week: Wis 11: 22—12: 2/ 2 Thes 1: 11—2: 2/ Lk 19: 1-10 <u>Sacraments</u>: *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

## Poppy Keane

who is being <u>baptised</u> 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)

## The Lord hears the cry of the poor.



I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.** 

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in their distress. **R.** 

The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.** 

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Speak, O Lord, your servant listens, yours the Word of life eternal.

#### **HYMNS:**

Entrance 48 Seek Ye First
Gifts 31 Come As You Are
Communion 64 We Have Been Told

55 Blest Are They

Recessional 57 City of God

#### **Mystery Of Faith**

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

#### **Pope's Prayer Intentions for October**

#### A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Marriage Tip: Do something small to surprise your spouse today – prepare lunch for them to take to work, greet them at home with flowers or a treat, or leave a sweet note somewhere for them to find.



#### **Plenary Council**

Our Plenary Council **Question** for October is:

Plenary Council 2020

How is God calling us to be a Christ
-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

"That we listen openly to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern ways to be a Christ –centred church that is humble, healing and merciful" Loving God, hear out prayer.

**All are invited** to a Night of Reflection at St Joseph's on **Tuesday October 29th**, 7.30pm.

# Prayer for the Extraordinary Month of Mission

Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to 'go and make disciples of all nations'
and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### 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 & \$T. 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.** "Jesus is happy to come with us—as life is to be lived, as light is to be lit, as love is to be loved, as peace is to be spread." St Francis of Assisi (4 October)

Holv Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

Some copies of the **2019 Social Justice Statement** on "The Digital World" are still available.

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.

On Sunday 17th November at 2pm OLHC, for the Plenary Council, will host a reflection. "Listen to what the Spirit is saying'. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?

"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



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 Planned Giving via bank transfer:

BSB: 06 3533 Acc. No: 0090 3353 Ref: Planned Giving

All donations are greatly

appreciated.

# "Enjoy your week with God"



catholic mission Reach out. Give life. Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Eden Garden Children's Home to provide the practical and spiritual support the children need to follow their dreams.

Right across the world, Catholic communities during the Extraordinary Mission Month will join together in a range of actions that witness to an extraordinary work of mission in the world—thank you for being part of this mission through your generous support.

To date we have received \$1,174.40. Thankyou

