ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 15/16 February

6<u>6</u>*pm* Welcomers: D Bartlett, S Byron Gifts: Jenkins Family Readers: G McMeel, F O'Connor Ministers: M Mills, F Moloney, J O'Sullivan, M Page, S Reimert, J Tankard

<u>9am</u> Welcomers: J Zanos, J Bouwman Gifts:D Duynhoven, A Vielhabor Readers: T Kenny, Z Lukies Ministers: A Jubb, J Moorfield, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

 Week commencing

 9 February
 Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

 16 February
 Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

 COUNTING TEAMS:
 9 February

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 Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces



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Reflection on the Gospel-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 5: 13-16)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light. One of the difficulties for us is that Jesus told these parables in early first century Palestine with its particular symbol system, while we hear them through the multiple layers of our own twenty -first century contexts and symbol systems. "Salt" and "light" have slightly different resonances in different contexts, as do "earth" and "world". Exploring those resonances or nuances can bring us to a deeper appreciation of the text.

This short reflection allows for a focus only on "the salt of the earth" parable or metaphor. For Jesus' Palestinian audience, salt was used to preserve and to season food. It also functioned as a cleansing or purifying agent. It could only lose its savour if contaminated by additives. We can resonate with all of that. For some of the Jewish rabbis, salt signified wisdom: a "salted" disciple was a "wise" disciple. In some parts of the ancient world, as in Pakistan today, salt was used in dyeing processes as a way of intensifying as well as preserving the colour of fabrics. Many Westerners are not aware of this practice. These days we are rightly concerned about high levels of salinity in overworked soil. That was certainly not so for first-century Palestinians.

When we declare someone to be "the salt of the earth", we are generally referring to the sheer goodness of the person in question, her/his down to earth reliability, lack of pretentiousness and practical wisdom. To be salt of the earth is to season the earth community, to intensify its beauty, to be wise in one's judgments, to be just and compassionate in all of one's dealings. This parable, with its multi-layered symbolism, certainly teases the mind.

In the original Greek, the emphasis is on the first word in the sentence. Jesus is telling his hearers, disciples and crowds, that they are the salt of the earth. They do not have to become the salt of the earth; they are the salt of the earth. In short, he is affirming their worth. In its literary context, that assertion contrasts Jesus' followers with those who might persecute them. It affirms their capacity to stand strong in the face of opposition, "for the sake of justice". If they allow themselves to be overwhelmed or allow their commitment to be shaken, then the "salt" will be contaminated and the "earth" cannot be seasoned. As we reflect on the diverse metaphorical applications of salt and earth, we might take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of the material realities that underlie these powerful metaphors.

Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool is a Child Safe Parish



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

PARISH BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 9th February 2020

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

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Emmanuel College: Peter Morgan - Phone 5560 0888 " St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford Child Safety Officer—Dion Bartlett 0458 778 935 "PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Kevin Hyland, Les Gardiner, Allan Noone, Maureen Caruso, April Farfan, Fay Uren, Augustine Mathew

Anniversaries: Ruth McKee, John Fowler, Ellen Greene, Veronica O'Keeffe, Eugene Greene, Kevin Fogarty, Father O'Farrell, Sister Josephine O'Bree, Adele Henderson, Greg McKew, Mary Goggin, Bridget Lane

lass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (Sacrament of the Sick) (Our Lady of Lourdes)
	Wednesday	9.30am (Jack Douglas, John & Ginge Moore RIP)
	Thursday	9.30am (Maureen Schramm RIP)
	Friday	9.30am (Blessing for the New School Year & for new shaded courtyard)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius <i>Green is the colour of</i>
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THE LORD'S Saturday 6. DAY Sunday 9. Allansford 10 The Word of God:

6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am

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hope and growth

This Week: Is 58: 7-10/ 1 Cor 2: 1-5/ Mt 5: 13-16 Next Week: Sir 15: 15-20/ 1 Cor 2: 6-10/ Mt 5: 17-37 Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation – Friday 10am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

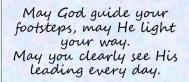


8 February—World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis designated 8 February, the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. Josephine Bakhita was born in

Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine Bakhita dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High" Today we welcome with great joy *Lennie Ruff* who is being <u>baptised</u> into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Praver)

A LIGHT RISES IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT.



He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver; he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news: with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the kingdoms mystery.

HYMNS:

Entrance 71 Gifts 28 Communion 125 40 Recessional 57

Gather Your People Praise to You Eat This Bread Will You Love Me?

City of God



As we move into the second stage of the Plenary Council Journey, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holv **Spirit.** We are invited to

reflect on Scripture. Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to this question: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community? The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia—to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia—particularly for refugees and asylum-seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries.

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." (Mark Twain)

Mystery Of Faith

Save us. Saviour of the world, for

by your Cross and Resurrection

vou have set us free.

11 February—World Day of the Sick World Day of the Sick is an observation that was started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Ladv of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the suffering of the sick on this day. Faith organisations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance. Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

"With you O Lord is the Fountain of Life and in Your Light we see Light"

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land-the Gunditimara 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. "Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things but to do the ordinary well." (St Gabriel Possenti-27 Feb)

Holv Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

Worth Watching "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1. View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.



"Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool" New Rosters are available.

Plenary Council Preparation OLHC will host a discernment 7pm Thursday 27th February on the Church being a joyful, hope-filled and servant community. "Without Christ life is as the twilight with dark night ahead; With Christ life is

the dawn of morning with the light and warmth of full day ahead." (Philip Schaff)

Allansford Parishioners Present and Past are invited to the 130th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church of St Carthage with Mass at 10.30am on March 29th. Please invite "Old Friends". The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place for Year 2 and Year 6 children on March 18th and 19th. Parent Information and Enrolment will take place in the Church fover on February 12th. All welcome. A Cloud of Witness The Story of Christianity. The first 1000 years of the Christian Faith. Thursdays for 8 weeks commencing Feb 6th, 7.30-9pm at the Presbyterian Church, Spence St.

"A Candle loses nothing of it's light by lighting another candle." -(Fr James Keller)

Morning Tea after 9am Mass. All welcome. Hosts are the Glynn and Hanlon Family Groups. Our Parish Donation for the suffering from the Fires to date is \$2014.20. Further contributions are welcome in an envelopes marked Fire Appeal. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday is 26th February. Masses 10am & 7pm.

Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum Chapel and Gift Shop, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne. Monday—Friday 10am-4pm.

Cards Tuesday 1pm in Church fover. All welcome.

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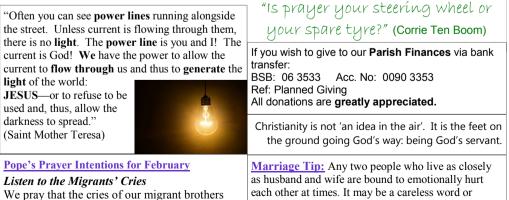
(Saint Mother Teresa)

JESUS—or to refuse to be

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be heard and considered.

Envelopes and Receipts for Financial Giving to our Parish are available. (If you can now help please collect an invitation)



each other at times. It may be a careless word or wanting your way. Don't be too proud to repent. "I'm sorry" is the first step; making amends is the next.