

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 14/15 September

6pm Welcomers: P&J Frusher Gifts: Bouchier Family Readers: M Bugge, C Carvalho

Ministers: K&M McKenzie, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, S Reimert

9am Welcomers: J Bouwman, C Cooper Gifts: P Aberline Family Readers: M Wrigley, P Allan

Ministers: C Wrigley, C Spencer, C Swarbrick

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

8 September Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires

15 September Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

8 September Team 10: Cross Family

15 September Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

COMMUNION TO LYDOCH: 15 September: Jim & Elaine Hailes



Reflection on the Gospel-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 14:25-33)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

On June 17 this year, the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development issued a letter about the Season of Creation. It noted that during this season Christians across six continents work to put into practice Pope Francis' encyclical on integral ecology, *Laudato Si'*, and "participate in community events to deepen their love for Creator, creation, and each other". As we move into the second week of the Season of Creation, we might renew our commitment to the gospel call to reverence for all that constitutes our planetary home.

As we turn to the gospel reading for today, we are confronted by the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 8th September 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: Phyllis Williams, Kelvin Clarke, Jane Van Es, Eileen O'Meara
Anniversaries: Ray King, Wim Vandermark, Allan Fisher, Norma Honey, Colleen Ryan, Bruce Everard

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (Wim Vandermark RIP)
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am (Allan Fisher RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

The Word of God:

This Week: Wis 9: 13-18/ Phim 1: 9-10.12-17/ Lk 14: 25-33

Next Week: Ex 32: 7-11.13-14/ 1 Tm 1: 12-17/ Lk 15: 1-32

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

Reconciliation—Friday 10am

Season of Creation 2019 Prayer

Creator of Life,

The Earth is full of Your creatures, and by Your wisdom you made them all. At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground.

Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons Your Spirit renews cycles of life.

During this season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us.

Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity on your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the Kingdom's mystery



Mystery Of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

HYMNS:

- Entrance 186 The Light of Christ
- Gifts CWB 620 An Upper Room
- Communion 71 Gather Your People
- 45 Now We Remain
- Recessional CWB 748 Micah's Theme

Child Protection Sunday - September 8, 2019

The Parish of East Warrnambool and the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Marriage Tip: Even though family life can be stressful sometimes, remember to laugh and be joyful nonetheless.

5 September—UN International Day of Charity

In the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development adopted in September 2015, the United Nations recognise that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. The Agenda also calls for a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. It also acknowledges the role of the diverse private sectors, ranging from micro-enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals, and that of civil society organisations and philanthropic organisations in the implementation of the new agenda.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests—today



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement and will also need to be supported by the fund. Frs. Arundell and van de Camp help us at OLHC.

Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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. "I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use." St Teresa of Calcutta

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

Scripture Study Thursdays 7.30pm; Fridays 10am. In the Church Meeting Room.

Compliments of the Parish the Spring Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available and 'Our Diocesan News'.

St John of God Auxiliary Movie 'Downton Abbey' at the Capital Theatre, September 12th, 10.30am.

Morning Tea 10am. \$20, tickets Pat King 0438 625 094.

Morning Tea today after 9am Mass hosted by Parish Family Groups. Hosts Taggart & Glynn Groups.

Season of Creation September 1—October 4th:

"There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself." (Pope Francis)

OLHC Play group Open Day Friday 13th September 9am-11am in the School Hall. 0-5 years. BYO snack & drink (Nut Free). Amanda 0438 832 010.

St Joseph's Parish Celebrates 130th Anniversary of the completion of the Church with: Mass on Friday 7pm; Tree planting on Saturday 10.30am at the Church and afterwards a walk through the Warrnambool Cemetery. All welcome.

Lana Turvey-Collins—Plenary Council Learn about moving our preparation for the **Plenary Council** from the Director (National) at St Joseph's on **Tuesday** 6-8pm or on **Wednesday** 9.30am-11.30am.

Thank you for your support to our First Communicants :- by families, friends, parishioners, parish school, musicians, choir, florist, cleaners, sacristans, catering ladies, Parish Secretary (Rachel), and coordinators Janiene Conheady, Mr. Inverarity and Mrs. Harney.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September
The Protection of the Oceans
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans

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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.

Today we congratulate the children who are receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time

- Bonnie Moon
- Riley Giblin
- Angel McKenzie
- Jazz McKenzie



"Building Resilience" in children. A presentation by Andrew Fuller at St Joseph's School Monday 16th September. RSVP by Friday 13th on 5561 1343.

Cards (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in the Church foyer. All welcome.

Pray for Pope Francis who is on Apostolic Visitation, 4-10th September to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius.
Watch "Backtrack Boys" SBS Sunday 15th 8.30pm.

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 29th September. The Social Justice Statement entitled *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.* In this year's Statement, the Bishops reassert Pope Francis' call to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by **new digital media**, while warning of those elements online that can be harmful. Information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news **are just some of the challenges.** As individual users and as people and communities of faith, we are called not just to be inhabitants of **this new digital world**, but to be active citizens shaping it for the good of all.

