

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 18/19 July

6pm **Welcomers:** Emmanuel College **Gifts:** C&D Quick **Readers:** Emmanuel College

Ministers: Emmanuel College, P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman

9am **Welcomers:** J O'Grady, J Zanos **Gifts:** M&T Grey **Readers:** P&G Nevill

Ministers: P Ajang, M&L Taggart

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

12 July Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

19 July Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, T Dicks, R&M Greene, T Woolley

COUNTING TEAMS:

12 July Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keeffe

19 July Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Bryan & Jill Mair

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 5 July Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 19 July: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: Find ways to share your faith and your journey with others this week. This is taking a risk and you may be ridiculed. Are you able to rise to the challenge?

Marriage Tip: Marriage Challenge (esp. for older couples): health. Aches and pains are inevitable but remind yourself daily that you still have a spouse to love.

Daily Prayer: Let nothing, O God, be dearer to us than your Son, no worldly possessions, no human honors; let us prefer nothing whatever to Christ, who alone makes known to the world the mystery of your love and reveals the true dignity of every human person.

A Vocation View: In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.

"Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together." - Mother Teresa

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

Politics: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

The poor in Latin America: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.



The challenge that lies at the core of our faith—shifting ourselves out of the bare minimum, just-existing mindset.

Christ's instruction at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me" is an invitation to live with a broader imagination than just eating, breathing, drinking. Communion isn't the imitation of a meal, but it's remembering that Christ (and thus us who follow Christ) lived beyond the bare minimum.

What does that look like for us in our contemporary society?

I think that's something each of us needs to ask ourselves individually—how do I break the "just existing" cycle in my life? And how do we do that in a meaningful way? When we add to that "bare minimum list" I think not only do we add meaning to our life, but we create space in our lives to "do this in memory" of Christ.

- Adam Burns.

PARISH PRAYER: Loving God, **Good Shepherd** to us all, Gather us and form us into a welcoming parish **family**. Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out to love one another, in a **neighborly** community. **Our Lady Help of Christians**, guide us as we seek to do Christ's will. Bless us in service, strengthen us in support of each other, and unite us as we grow in faith & love, to be a **welcoming**, caring Parish **community**. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saints Carthage and Mary MacKillop, pray for our Parish family.



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

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

PARISH BULLETIN

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 12th July 2015

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Patrick Mugavin, Elizabeth Lourey, Peter O'Keeffe, Bill Malady, Maureen Bushell, Bridgie Allan, Barry Keane, Suzanne Parkinson, Sr. Cynthia Wright

Anniversaries: Marie Curran, Those killed in the MH17 plane tragedy over Ukraine, Frs. Coley McKenzie, Bill O'Connell, Jim Green, Veronica Keegan, Jack Ryan, George Joseph, Alice May Rowan, Jack Watson

Mass Times: Monday	7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am (Brendan Keilar RIP)
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am (Kath Benson RIP)
Friday	9.30am (K Small, E McDougall, A Mattoram)
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am
	Allansford	10.30am

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

The Word of God: This Week: Am 7:12-15, Eph 1: 3-14, Mk 6: 7-13

Next Week: Jer 23: 1-6, Eph 2: 13-18, Mk 6: 30-34

Reconciliation - Friday 10.00am



At the heart of our humanity is the need to **belong**. Pope Francis often speaks about the love of God that sustains the world. God's divine love, he explains, connects us to one another. Love gives us a deep sense of **belonging**.

In a wedding homily, Pope Francis stated, "families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, at the same time, the 'bricks' for the building up of society." A society resting firmly on faith, love and trust in God has a strong foundation.

Prayer plays a critical role in strengthening our faith, love and trust. Mindful of how God is speaking to us, we may be a "brick" of faith for someone in our family, a co-worker, neighbour or stranger. The Good News we share in a simple gesture or kind word may help build a bridge to connect us despite our differences in a world where everyone belongs.

- Deborah Meister

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

LORD, SHOW US YOUR MERCY AND LOVE, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**



Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Gentle Shepherd, you who know us, call us all into your presence.

HYMNS:

Entrance	186	The Light of Christ
Gifts	CWB 793	Peace Prayer of St Francis
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	81	We Remember
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.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Claim the Dates:

On Tuesday July 28th at 7pm, the Vicar General of our Diocese, **Fr. Justin Driscoll**, will lead an open meeting for our region. The meeting is about **“Looking Forward”** and will be held at St. Joseph’s.

On Sunday August 9th **Bishop Paul is coming to OLHC** to lead a **special Mass at 10.30am** and then to be part of renewal for Readers, Special Ministers, Musicians and Singers and for Leaders of Lay led Services.

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 July with the Saints “Teach us to give and not to count the cost.” (St. Ignatius of Loyola July 31)

First Communion for children in Grade 4 and above on August 15, 16, 22, 23. **Parent information July 16 at 7pm.**

Enrolments for Our Lady Help of Christians **School** begins on July 13th.

St Vincent de Paul winter appeal has begun. Contributions can now be placed in a marked envelope on the collection plate.

Morning Tea today after 9am Mass. Hosted by Parish Family Groups.

Rosters available for Church Cleaners, Counters, Special Ministers to Lyndoch Living.

Japan Holiday—2-11 November. Tour leader: Fr. Jordan S.J. Trace the history of the Hidden Christians in Japan and view the autumn colours. Cost \$4750. Phone 07 3300 2396.

“Making Families Happy” ABC TV Tuesday 8.30pm.

Worth watching Compass ABC1 tonight 6.30pm “Class Act” about children with special needs.

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Ordination at St Columba’s, Ballarat North next Sunday at 10am.

St Patrick’s College, Ballarat Old Collegians Dinner on Sunday August 2, 2015 at 7pm at The Cally Hotel, Warrnambool. RSVP Rachel Bryant 5322 4386.

“Life is better when you are happy. Life is best when other people are happy because of you”

“The Lord calls all those he has redeemed to sing a song of victory”
(St Athanasius)



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” (MARK 6:31)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

Annual Collection For The Pope—Weekend of July 18/19

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul . I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention.

Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope’s pastoral care for people around the world.

I commend the 2015 Appeal to you and your parishioners.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat