

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 12/13 September

**6pm Welcomers:** Beks Family **Gifts:** White Family **Readers:** J Mahony, J McArdle

**Ministers:** P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton

**9am Welcomers:** P&K Nelson **Gifts:** K Anderson Family **Readers:** D Farley, J Fish

**Ministers:** P Allan, R Breunig, H Goddard

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

6 September Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor

13 September Group 3: b Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

### COUNTING TEAMS:

6 September Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill, Valerie McCallum

13 September Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keefe

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 30 August Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 13 September: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



**Making Connections:** Be attentive this week to the way gestures and touch can be used to welcome or to exclude. Open your ears to what others are really saying. Open your ears in a special way to what the gospel is saying to you.

**Marriage Tip:** Psychologically, negative messages are more powerful than positive ones. If you've been hard on yourself lately, list three things you did well today. It'll make you a more pleasant person for your spouse to be around.

**Daily Prayer:** Into the dry and thirsty wilderness of our world, O strong and faithful God, you come with streams of living water to quench our thirst, to cleanse our wounds, to refresh our weary souls!

Open your eyes to your presence everywhere.

Unstop our ears to hear the challenge of your word. Loose our tongues in songs of praise and fearless witness to your justice.

**A Vocation View:** Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

**Online diocesan training course about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.** If you have a particular role in the parish, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our parishes have read and understand the document.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

#### Opportunities for the young

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

#### Catechists

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

**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.

### DRAWN TO CHRIST BY THE FATHER

**Faith** is a gift from God. Faith is akin to falling in love. Faith is to feel loved by God, and to respond in love.

Why do we believe in Jesus, especially his claim that he is the **living bread** come down from heaven? It is because we feel that he is special. He makes us feel loved. He delivered himself for us. He continues to **sustain** us in the often monotonous, and sometimes painful, moments of our lives. Risen from the dead, he is the bread that restores our **strength**.

So this is our prayer for all humans: may they be drawn to Christ by the Father so that they may experience his **living presence** among us.



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

## PARISH BULLETIN

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 6th September 2015**

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

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

**Recent Deaths:** Bart Cummings, Margaret Diletti, Marjory Hyland, Allan Eldridge, Nicholas Carr, Gayle Gedye McGarvie, Jean Carlin

**Anniversaries:** Our deceased Fathers and Grandfathers, Sylvie Watty, Fr. John Russell, Win Van Der Mark, Primo Tirabassi, Pat & Geoff Tonkin

**Mass Times:** Tuesday 10.00am (**Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary**)  
(W Van Der Mark RIP)

Wednesday 5.00pm (**Note Carefully**)

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

**THE LORD'S DAY** Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am

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

**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 35: 4-7a, Jas 2: 1-5, Mk 7: 31-37

Next Week: Is 50: 5-9a, Jas 2: 14-18, Mk 8: 27-35

**Reconciliation - Friday 10.00am**



## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

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 eighteen 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. Along with the priests' own contributions of approximately \$40,000 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-deductable.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**



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

**PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Word of truth and life.*

Be our way, Lord, be our Truth, Lord, be our hope of life eternal.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	166	Open My Eyes
Communion	81	We Remember
	115	A Trusting Psalm
Recessional	55	Blest Are They



**Mystery Of Faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

**Spring**

In conjunction with the Orthodox Church, Pope Francis has declared 1 September as "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." In the southern hemisphere this is the first day of Spring. We celebrate Spring as gift, given in love, and to be cared for in love.

Spring marks the turn of the season even though Winter may still be in evidence. As the season progresses, the morning sky will brighten earlier, birds will shrill in the care for their newborn, new seedlings will sprout, and gardens will bloom with a range of colours. O God, we celebrate these changes secure in your promise of ever-renewing life as fixed in the rhythms of creation. Praise be to our Creator God!

**Clothing** is an indicator of personality, of social status and belonging (ask any adolescent!), and a reflection of the wearer's culture—in other words, it can be a metaphor for identity. At **baptism** we were clothed with a white garment as a sign of **our new personhood in Christ**, and the prayer of the rite acknowledges this garment as an outward sign of the Christian dignity that has been bestowed through the sacrament. The prayer continues with the hope that, with the help of family and friends, **that baptismal dignity** will be carried unstained by sin into the everlasting life of heaven. We all grow out of the material garment, but the continuing challenge is to **grow into** what it symbolizes: the **new** self created in God's love and holy truth for the new age and the new creation. Such a radical **transformation** is our possibility. - Sr. V Holyhead sgs.(Sowing the Seed)

"As we have experienced **communion** in this celebration, we are sent forth to work to strengthen the **bonds of communion** between the people with whom we live and work. As a Eucharistic people, we Catholic Christians are a people with a mission." I find the descriptor "Eucharistic people" very powerful. It implies that, **along with Jesus**, we have the capacity and the potential to nourish and sustain others. After all, that's what Jesus does for us, each time we partake of the Body and Blood (i.e. share in the Eucharist). But I also like the notion of "being sent forth", of being "people with a mission". With Jesus inside us, we can bring the message of Good News and hope to those suffering or living in despair. - David McGovern

We welcome with great joy Lenny Chiller, Max McCosh and Lennox Gleeson who are being baptised into the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**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 September with the Saints** "We can do no great things; only small things with great love." (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta)

**Earn & Learn** Please collect the stickers from Woolworths for our Parish school. They can be brought to the church or school.

**Holy Hour** Monday 10am. "Be Still and Know that I am God."

**Compliments of the Parish** the spring edition of "**Australian Catholics**" written and edited by High School students.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** next Saturday at 6pm.

**Worth Watching on ABC1** 6.30pm tonight "Compass—The Meaning of Life" by Sir Michael Parkinson.

**"A Study of the parables of Jesus"** at Nazareth House Ballarat 18-20 September led by David Scütz. Enquiries Maureen 0431 273 953.

**Parish Luncheon** at Noon on Tuesday 8th September to celebrate "**The Feast of Our Lady's Birthday**" Venue: Macey's, RSVP on the list in the foyer. All Welcome.

**Fr. Justin Driscoll** of St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Tuesday.

**Wedding Bells** next Saturday for Josh Squires and Amy Thomas.

**Coffee next Sunday** after 9am Mass, hosted by Parish Family Groups.

**"My Fair Lady"** at Kings College. Matinees on Wednesday and Thursday at 12.30pm.

Presentations also Thursday-Saturday at 7.30pm. Phone 5562 0147.

**40th Anniversary** OLHC Church 9/11/2015.

"*Did God not choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?*" (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith we know that material things really do not matter and we are more willing to share what we have.

*"My father used to say...Don't raise your voice, improve your argument"*  
Desmond Tutu



We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 27 September**. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'.

The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering.

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The good steward must not show favouritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.