



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

PARISH BULLETIN

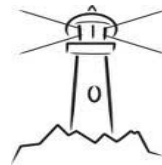
2nd Sunday — 17th January 2016
P.P.: Fr Lawrence O'Toole - Phone 5561 1533

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Kris Searle, Peter Conlan, Baby Jaxon McCarthur, Basil McKay, John Carmody,

Anniversaries: Frs. Sexton & Fiscalini, John O'Toole, John Malone, Mary & Michael McInerney, Kathleen McCarthy, Robert Haberfield,

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St. Pius
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am at St. Pius



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 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11, Jn 2: 1-11

WE WELCOME—

Oliver Starick, Remi O'Connor and Jindara Wandin-Dow who are being BAPTISED

An expression of Faith through THE ARTS. Launch of EXHIBITION Thursday 7 p.m. at Unity Church 115 Koroit St. Showing 9a.m.-1p.m. until February 17th.

Ash Wednesday February 10th . Easter Sunday March 27th.

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!

LITURGY for 23/24 January

6pm Welcomers: M&H Hutchens, **Gifts:** Lenehan Family **Readers:** P McLean, B O'Neill

Ministers: P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, M Harney, G McMeel

9am Welcomers: Breunig Family **Gifts:** Ajang Family **Readers:** P&G Nevill

Ministers: M&L Taggert, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

17 January Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

24 January D & D

COUNTING TEAMS:

17 January Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill, Valerie McCallum

24 January Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keeffe

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 17 January Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 24 January: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **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	3	Canticle of the Sun
Gifts	153	On Eagles Wings
Communion	86	We Are Many Parts
	133	Only A Shadow
Recessional	28	Praise to You

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

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am

Planned Giving Receipts are available. Thank you for your contribution to the financing of the Parish. The new **Liturgy, Church cleaning, Counting, Lawn mowing and Communion to Lyndoch Rosters** are **available** in the Church foyer. Thanks to all those who serve God and God's people here. Fr. Lawrie personally and on behalf of Bishop Paul and Priests of the Ballarat Diocese express **Thanks** for your Christmas offerings. These supplement allowances which small parishes cannot provide.

Reflections on Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Sick, 11 February 2016

For the World Day of the Sick Mass, 11 February 2016, Pope Francis has invited us to meditate on the Marriage feast of Cana, with the theme: *Entrusting oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5).*

Mary is presented as the thoughtful and hospitable woman who swiftly and discreetly responds to the serious problem of the wedding feast running out of wine.

Her intercession arises out of a heart of mercy and compassion, founded on a lifetime of pondering many things in her heart, both joyful and sorrowful. In interceding with her son, her only request to us is to "do whatever he tells you."

In response to Mary's request, our care, whether personal, voluntary or professional, is performed in obedience to her son, and are acts of mercy and hospitality towards the sick.

In responding to his mother's intercession by transforming water into the new wine of the kingdom, Jesus reveals to us the face of the Father of mercy and compassion, who sends His only Son on a mission.

This is a mission of love—a love that heals our brokenness, illnesses and sicknesses. This healing is a means towards an end—that of our salvation, and the fullness of life to which all of us are called.

The healing which Jesus brings about in our lives is most evident at the foot of the Cross. On the Cross, Jesus reminds us that healing does not mean that all illness, suffering and death are removed from our lives. The crucified Christ and the risen Christ are one and the same person.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus Himself asks us: "what are these matters that you are discussing?" In sharing of our doubts, struggles, grief and turmoil, we gradually came to recognise Him at the breaking of bread.

It is noteworthy that at the end of the story, the disciples are no longer sad and grief-stricken when Jesus disappears once again, since they would continue to enter into communion with Him at each future breaking of bread. To conclude, Jesus continues to invite us to gather around the altar of suffering, recognise Him at the breaking of bread, and entrust our grief and suffering to the intercession of His mother.