

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 30/31 January

6pm Welcomers: R Kelly Family Gifts: R Kelly Family Readers: A&G McMeel
Ministers: B Kavanagh, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page, S Reimert, C Ryan
9am Welcomers: D&C Cooper Gifts: K Anderson Family Readers: J O'Brien, B O'Keefe
Ministers: R Breunig, B Byrne, M Clancey

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

24 January D&D
31 January Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

24 January Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keefe
31 January Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Bryan & Jill Mair

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

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 31 January: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: This week, offer the gift of yourself to someone who is downtrodden or be good news to someone who is in need.

Marriage Tip: Courtesy goes a long way in marriage. Pope Francis calls "May I?" one of the three "magic words" of family life. Being polite and kind to your family members is always a good idea.

Daily Prayer: O God, you have sent Jesus among us as prophet of your covenant and king of your anointing, the Messiah who proclaims to the poor the good news of your kingdom. Build us up into one body and make us your instruments of liberation and salvation for all.

A Vocation View: The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.



Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Amen.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

"Get back to nature—the caress of God—to recharge. Be more attentive to its beauty and wonder and revisit places that left you with happy memories."

- Pope Francis

"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



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



PARISH BULLETIN

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24th January 2016

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Mavis Forrester, Bonnie Olley, Gayle Bartlett, Des Kelly, Ruby Quinn, Bill Kelly, Gladys Wallace

Anniversaries: Edna Struth, Greg O'Flynn, Thomas O'Toole, Jean Mansbridge, Harold Miller, Jim O'Donnell, Dorothy Finn, Brian Crichton

Mass Times: Monday	7.30am at St. Pius 11.00am Funeral Gayle Bartlett
Tuesday	9.30am AUSTRALIA DAY
Wednesday	9.00am Mass for Local School Staff
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am (Bill Kelly RIP)
Saturday	10.00am at St. Pius



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

The Word of God: This Week: Neh 8: 2-6. 8-10, 1 Cor 12: 12-30, Lk 1: 1-4. 14-21
Next Week: Jer 1: 4-5. 17-19, 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13, Lk 4: 21-30

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Followers of the Way

An ancient Christian document, the *Didache* ('The Lord's Teaching of the Twelve Apostles'), begins with these words: 'There are **two ways**, one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between these two ways.' For the Christian, Jesus is **the way** of life. 'I came that they may have life,' he said, 'and have it abundantly' (Jn 10:10); and he declared himself to be 'the way, and the truth and the life' (Jn 14:6). Repeatedly in the Acts of the Apostles the early Christian disciples are described as '**followers of the Way**' (Acts 9:2; 18:25; 19:9, 23; 24.14, 22).

- Bro. Grenier cfc



The Face of Mercy

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it..."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**



The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **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	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	CWB 817	The Beatitudes
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	185	Our Supper Invitation
Recessional	130	They'll Know We Are Christians

Mystery Of Faith

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

During **Lent** commencing on February 10th we hope to have a **Group** who will meet to **pray** the Sunday Gospels. If you are interested place your name on the list in the foyer so prayer books can be ordered for you. The theme is "*Jubilee of Mercy—Being Lost. Being Found*"

Pope Francis has stressed: The season of **Lent** during this Jubilee Year should also be lived **more** intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. (#17)

From the Gospel of Luke Pope Francis highlights:

...the parables devoted to mercy...the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith...(The face of Mercy #9)

RSVP please by next Sunday.

Australia Day

God, in Australia, is a vast blue pale-gold and red-brown landscape, and his votaries wear ragged shorts and share his sense of humour. Space, like peace, is one of the great, poorly explored spiritual resources of Australia.

-Les A Murray, Some religious Stuff I Know About Australia

Conversion of St. Paul (January 25)

His conversion on the road to Damascus heralded everything from a change of name to an entire change of life for Paul nee Saul. When we look for an example of what it means to be converted and then how to live out that conversion, St. Paul is a primary example.

Activity: forgive someone to whom you've held a grudge or ask forgiveness for an old hurt. God's mercy is abundant!

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 January with the Saints "For me to live is Christ." (St. Paul, Jan 25th)

Holy Hour Monday 9.00am. (Note earlier Time)

New app assists daily reflection during the Year of Mercy, get it on Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=fraynetwork.mercying>

Sunday January 31st Bishop Paul will be the celebrant of **Mass** in All Saints Church, Portland, in honour of **St. Mary MacKillop**. At 1pm there will be a walking **tour** of Mary MacKillop sites leaving from Bayview College, 119 Bentinck St.

Congratulations and Thanks to Kevin and Maureen McKenzie on their Golden Wedding Anniversary from their Parish Family.

Vigil Prayer for Gayle Bartlett RIP this evening 7.30pm.

A day with Fr. John Corrigan at **St Joseph's Church** "The **Mercy** of the **Lord**" Saturday 6th February 10am-3.30pm Including Mass, Benediction. All Welcome. Please bring Bible, lunch to share (Cuppa provided).

An expression of Faith through THE ARTS Exhibition at Uniting Church 115 Koroit St. Showing 9am-1pm until February 17th.

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.

Congratulations and Thanks to **Peter Allan** who is the new President of our St. Vincent De Paul Conference. Peter replaces Kevin Wright who continues as the Regional President. We are grateful for Kevin's service. Anyone interested in being a member to visit the needy please see Peter, Kevin or Fr. Lawrie.

Congratulations and Thanks to David Atkinson and Dedy Friebe on being named Citizens of the Year by the Warrnambool Council.

'**Community** is a place of belonging where each person can grow to **become** fully him or herself. It is belonging for **becoming**. We belong to each other so that each member can **become** more human, more free, more open to others, particularly to those who are different. When each member can develop their unique gifts and help others to develop theirs, members are no longer in competition but in collaboration, in cooperation and in **mutual support**. **To become** is not to prove I am better than you, but rather supporting together each other in opening up our hearts. Thus community is a place of transformation...'

- Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian

Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteer Workers Wanted

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks—administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. Call Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060, email:

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