

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 19/20 March

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

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

9am **Welcomers:** M&R Brown **Gifts:** M&D Duynhoven **Readers:** R Breunig, M Cooper

Ministers: B Byrne, M Clancey, H Goddard

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

13 March Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

20 March D&D

COUNTING TEAMS:

13 March Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna

20 March Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 13 March Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 20 March: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: Is there someone who is on the outer to whom you can offer support this week?

Marriage Tip: Studies show that arguing/fighting is helpful for the growth of a couple when both persons feel understood. Keep a listening ear open when disagreements arise, and be gentle.

Daily Prayer: Before you we stand in our sin and guilt, our misery and your mercy, face to face.

Pardon our every fault and forgive all our sins, that, in this Lenten springtime, there may burst forth in the wilderness of our hearts a song of gratitude and joy.

A Vocation View: Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved.

Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2016

In his message for Lent 2016, Pope Francis has asked us to live Lent more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. He said: "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbour in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting, and instructing them."

Daily Lenten Prayer

Today Lord, I choose life,
I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it,
I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,
I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,
I choose to let go of some of my burdens,
day by day handing them over to you,
I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.
May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.
May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you
and rising to your new life, day by day.
Amen.

"The love of God inspires the love of our neighbour, and the love of our neighbour serves to keep alive the love of God." - St. Gregory the Great

"It is not enough to pray, thy kingdom come, but to work, so that the kingdom of God will exist among us today."
- St. Ursula

"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

5th Sunday in Lent – 13th March 2016

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Martin Duynhoven, Joan Fitzgerald, Paul Couch

Anniversaries: Kylie Schrama, Helen Atkinson, Pat Stacey, Tom Hyland, Arthur Thompson, John Holland, Mary Finn, Julie O'Sullivan, Kathleen Noonan, Willi Vielhaber

Mass Times: Monday 10.00am at St. Pius

Tuesday 10.00am

Wednesday 7.30pm Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins

Thursday 9.30am (Kylie Schrama RIP)(St Patrick's Day)

Friday 9.30am (Helen Atkinson RIP)

Saturday 10.00am at St. Pius

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

PALM SUNDAY

The Word of God: This Week: Is 43: 16-21, Php 3: 8-14, Jn 8: 1-11
Next Week: Is 50: 4-7, Ps 21: 8-9. 17-20. 23-24, Lk 22: 14-23: 56

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation Friday 10.am. Saturday at St. Pius 10.30am

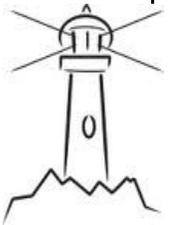


*"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension."
--Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Symbols of Lent

Purple or violet is the prescribed liturgical colour for Lent. Purple is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion. Because it is the royal colour, it also celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty. Purple vestments and hangings in Lent visually evoke a mood of simplicity and austerity, so added symbols are unnecessary and distracting. The colour is the symbol.
- Elizabeth Harrington

Easter is the name Christians give to the Sunday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection. East is the direction where the sun rises each morning. The word *Easter* means *dawn*, the **awakening** of a **new day**. Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' tomb empty **at dawn**. God creates a promise of life **beyond death** and summons us to a future beyond human **imagination**, to be co-workers of **a new life with him**.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream; Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as steams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus; Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

With all your heart turn to me for I am tender and compassionate.

HYMNS:

- Entrance 74 Come to the Water
- Gifts Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy
- Communion 49 I Am the Bread of Life
- 40 Will You Love Me?
- Recessional CWB 690 Go Now You Are Sent Forth

Mystery Of Faith
 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

"Everyone...should be able to make a personal contribution to putting an end to so many injustices."

- Pope Francis
 Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health of the region's indigenous women and children.
For our community: That as we journey towards the end of this Lenten season we will continue to be attentive to the needs of others and show compassion to all members of our one human family. We pray to the Lord.

Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy

A hymn for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Ezekiel 36:24-28 Michael Herry

- 1. I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from the world;
I will bring you into your own land
and you shall be my people and I will be your God,
And in mercy, my love will hold the world.

REFRAIN
 Give us new hearts , O Lord
 Give us new hearts O Lord
 Give us hearts of flesh;
 remove our hearts of stone.

- 2. Through your Spirit deep within us,
we become your loving face,
And our grasping hands will open in compassion
and our frowning eyes will widen to see and know again
All the beauty in ev'ry human heart.

REFRAIN

- 3. Heart of Jesus, heart of mercy,
loving face of God revealed.
You proclaimed the word, 'not sacrifice but mercy'
for in you we see the Father who longs for our return,
Ever faithful, His covenant of love.

REFRAIN

Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm, in preparation for Easter. "God's Mercy endures forever."

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 March with the Saints "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me." (St. Patrick—March 17th)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am, Stations of The Cross.

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.

Lent Prayer and Reflection on Thursday 10am on the Book "Lost and Found".

Coffee after 9am Mass. Hosts—Parish Family Groups.

Reconciliation Service for Grade 6 Students on Friday at 5.00pm and for Grade 2's at 7.00pm.

Help is welcome for our Holy Week Ceremonies Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please indicate by writing your name on the forms in the Church Foyer.

Cards Euchre & Solo 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer.

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated is St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday March 21. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

Our giving to Project Compassion will also support the people of **Fiji** suffering from Cyclone Winston.

Penola celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the **Sisters of St. Joseph** with Mass at 10.30am on **Saturday March 19th**. There will be an unveiling of a Mary MacKillop sculpture. Mass on Sunday 20th at 10.30am followed by festivities.

Lent Calendar visit www.xt3.com/lent.

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees from State Library Melbourne 2pm.

Mass on **Palm Sunday** and Easter Sunday at Allansford at 10.30am.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Universal: Families in difficulty
That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelisation: Persecuted Christians
That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

"Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy **Olivia Hodson, Ethan Crippens, Michaela, Sasha & Brooke Shaw, Amelia & Samuel Brown, Max McCosh & Lennox Gleeson** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.