

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 26/27 March

6pm **Welcomers:** S&R Zanos **Gifts:** Richards Family **Readers:** M&S Clancey
Ministers: C Morris, P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, B Kavanagh
9am **Welcomers:** D&C Cooper **Gifts:** El-Hage Family **Readers:** E Dalton, M Davies
Ministers: R Breunig, E Dalton, F Lamb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

20 March D&D
 27 March Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

20 March Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross
 27 March Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill, Valerie McCallum

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

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 27 March: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: Die with Christ a little this week. Fast from food, TV or entertainment. Try to be less distracted as you prepare for Easter.

Marriage Tip: Love is humble, and humility acknowledges that we are not perfect. Take the time to ask for forgiveness from your spouse if you have hurt him or her.

Daily Prayer: As we begin the journey of Holy Week, take our sin away by Christ's glorious passion and strengthen us that our faith may not fail, so that when we proclaim the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A Vocation View: When Jesus comes into your life, grab something and wave it. Show your joy, your happiness; your dream is fulfilled. Tell others: Jesus is here!

**The Face of Mercy
 – Pope Francis**

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.

At times we are called the gaze even more attentively on **mercy** so that we may become a more effecting sign of the Father's action in our lives.

"Patient and merciful." These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God's nature. His being **merciful** is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction.

*"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*

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.

"Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures..."

-Pope Francis.

Symbols and Images

Two symbols dominate the celebration of Christ's Passion: the **palms** and the **cross**. The **palms** symbolise Christ's triumph and the **cross** is the means by which that triumph is achieved.

"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

Palm Sunday – 20th March 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: John King, Kevin Noonan

Anniversaries: Inez Couch, Tony Clancey, Julie Shanley, Jack Boyce

Mass Times: Monday 6.30pm **Mass of the Oils** (Cathedral Ballarat)
 Tuesday 10.00am
 Wednesday 9.30am

Holy Thursday of the Lords Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation 10.30am at Allansford

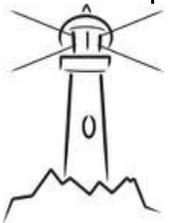
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm at OLHC

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

EASTER SUNDAY

The Word of God: This Week: Is 50: 4-7, Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Lk 22: 14-23: 56
 Next Week: Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533



"Mercy is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

- William Blake

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**.

Passion Sunday

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," (Luke 19:34) to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," (Isaiah 50:4) says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross, Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

HYMNS:

Entrance	GA	Hosanna to the Son of David
Gifts		Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy
Communion	185	Our Supper Invitation
	104	Blessing on Our King
Recessional	124	Let Heaven Rejoice

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

***"Never tire of working for a
more just world, marked by
greater solidarity!"***
-Pope Francis

Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learned about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change.

For our community: That as we enter the journey of Holy Week, we will be mindful of those who are denied their human rights and their basic needs. 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

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.

PARISH LIFE

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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."*

Initiation For Children:
Confirmation—May 14/15
First Communion—August 13/14

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.

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

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.

Dannielle & Elle Conheady will receive the **Holy Oils** from Bishop Paul for our Sacraments 2016-'17.

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

The collection on **Holy Thursday** will be for Project Compassion.

Good Friday is a day of fast and for abstaining from meat.

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available. "Mercy in Relationships."

"Mercy Has A Face" Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. We can be the face of Christ, the face of mercy in our part of the world and beyond. May each of us be the **ME** in **MERCY** Has A Face.

Thank you for the wonderful support and generosity of your parish community for their kind donation to the Corpus Christi College Building Appeal.

We are happy to announce that the Appeal was a tremendous success with a combined effort from Melbourne Archdiocese, Ballarat, Sale & Sandhurst Dioceses. The total raised as of 2 March 2016 is **\$520,388.30.**

Your parish community contributed **\$1134.50** to this appeal. Please know that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Fr B.J Lane
Rector of Corpus Christi College