

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 9/10 April

6pm Welcomers: M Brown, M Dunne Gifts: J Ryan Family Readers: C Del Rio, C Morris

Ministers: C Ryan, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White

9am Welcomers: D&M Duynhoven Gifts: Fitzpatrick/Vielhabor Readers: P Franc, A Greig

Ministers: N Meade, F Murrhly, P Nevill

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

3 April Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, B McGrath, J Carroll, T McLeod

10 April Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

COUNTING TEAMS:

3 April Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keeffe

10 April Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Bryan & Jill Mait

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 27 March Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 10 April: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week.

Marriage Tip: This Easter season, focus on good habits, such as going to Mass during the week, laughing more, and finding ways to be charitable. There is always room to grow.

Daily Prayer: Open our hearts to the Spirit Jesus breathes on us. Help us, who have not seen, to believe; send us, as you have sent Jesus, to greet the world with the Easter word of peace and to share with all the Spirit's new life of forgiveness.

A Vocation View: You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

Universal: Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

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 to 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.

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.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia



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



PARISH BULLETIN

Divine Mercy Sunday — 3rd April 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: Norma Hunt, Francis Lenehan, John Arundell, Mother Angelica, Terry Blackwell

Anniversaries: John Hingston, Tom Lyons, Brian Kelly

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St Pius (Annunciation of the Lord)

Tuesday 10.00am (Sacrament of the Sick)

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am (Celebrant: Fr. Madden)
10.00am at Lyndoch Living Chapel

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Acts 5: 12-16, Rv 1: 9-13, 17-19, Jn 21: 1-19
Next Week: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41, Rv 5: 11-14, Jn 21: 1-19

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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.

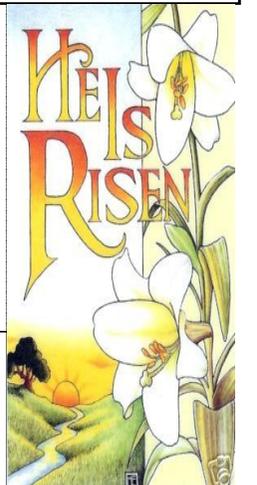
In 'The Wreck of the Deutschland' Gerard Manly Hopkins shares a profound Easter prayer.

Let him easter in us
Be a dayspring to the dimness of us
Be a crimson-cressed east.



"To be merciful is to be kind, to be open, to be trusting, to be a friend. Mercy, Shakespeare writes, "is twice blest. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." It is when we show mercy that we may be closest to God."

- Joan Chittister OSB



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and be glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news over all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

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

HYMNS:

Entrance	186	The Light of Christ
Gifts	63	We Walk By Faith
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	64	We Have Been Told
Recessional		Chris Be Our Light

Christ Be Our Light
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee of Mercy

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Lord Jesus Christ,

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

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal,

and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,

of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with 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.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,

you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



PARISH LIFE

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Guditjmara 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 April with the Saints "If you are what you should be you will set the world ablaze" St Catherine of Siena (29 April)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am, Annunciation of the Lord.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Today. Devotions at St Pius 2.30-4pm. A small plate please.

Have you **time** and **talents** for the **Missions**? Email msscmission@acon.com.au

Parents of Grade 3 children who wish to have them receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** are invited to an information evening on Thursday 14th April at 7pm in the Church foyer.

Penola Day Tour Wednesday 20th April, booking by April 4th, cost \$80, 8am depart—6.30pm Arrive in Warrnambool. Bookings Jennifer Gent, Warrnambool Anglican Women's Guild, 5562 3607 or 0400 897 936.

Eucharist as the basic spirituality a free online book that provides a wonderful overview of the theology of the Eucharist, the rite and spirituality, go to <https://the.eucharist.wordpress.com>



Parish Co-Ordinating Team meets Wednesday 7.30pm.

Oxfam Walking for Water along the Foreshore Promenade, Sunday April 10 at 1.30pm. Meet at Granny's Grave Carpark, contact Julie 5565 1574

Thank You to all who contributed to our Holy Week Ceremonies. On behalf of Bishop Paul and the Priests of the Diocese, Fr. Lawrie joins in gratitude for the generous Easter Offerings. Our Good Friday Collection for the Church in Israel was \$756.35. **Thank you** Our Project Compassion collection to date is \$3151.85.

Coffee next Sunday after 9am Mass.

"Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy **Lilly & Lachlan Klose and Darcie Farrell** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

'On the third day, the friends of Christ, coming at daybreak to the place, found the grave empty, and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realised the new wonder; but even they hardly realised that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walking again in the garden, in the cool, not of the evening, but of the dawn.' - G.K. Chesterton, The Everlasting Man

Initiation For Children:

Confirmation Grade 3—May 14/15

First Communion Grade 4—August

13/14

Second Sunday of Easter

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

Easter

St Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than the things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!