

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 23/24 April

**6pm** **Welcomers:** Frusher Family **Gifts:** J Steel, M Thompson **Readers:** S Hogan, B Kavanagh

**Ministers:** K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, C Morris, P Flynn

**9am** **Welcomers:** J Ryan Family **Gifts:** Goddard/O'Brien **Readers:** T&R Lane

**Ministers:** C Spencer, M&L Taggart

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

17 April Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

24 April D & D

### COUNTING TEAMS:

17 April Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

24 April Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 10 April Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKCH:** 24 April: Jim & Elaine Hales



**Making Connections:** Attend very carefully to the needs of those people who are in your care this week.

**Marriage Tip:** When conflicts arise, use open-ended questions that allow your spouse to voice his/her feelings and opinions honestly. Avoid asking questions in a demanding tone.

**Daily Prayer:** O God, the fountain of joy and of peace, into the hands of your risen Son you have entrusted the destinies of peoples and of nations. Sustain us with the power of your Spirit, that, amid the unceasing changes of life in this world, we may never become separated from Christ our Good Shepherd, who guides us to springs of life-giving water.

**A Vocation View:** On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

**Universal: Small Farmers** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

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

*Faith* opens a "window" to the presence of the working of *the Spirit*. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to *the little gestures*. "Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded", says Jesus (cf. Mk 9:41). These *little gestures* are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they make each day different. They are the *quiet things* done by **mothers** and **grandmothers**, by **fathers** and **grandfathers**, by **children**. They are *little signs* of tenderness, affection and compassion.

Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. *Homely gestures*. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by *little things*, by attention to small daily *signs which make us feel at home*. *Faith* grows when it is lived and shaped by love.

That is why our **families**, our **homes**, are true domestic churches. **They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.**

Jesus tells us not to hold back these *little miracles*. Instead, he wants us to encourage them, to *spread them*. He asks us to go through life, our everyday life, encouraging all these little signs of love as *signs of his own living and active presence* in our world.

- Pope Francis

*"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

**4th Sunday of Easter — 17th 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:** Mary Ryan, Graeme Ryan, Annie Cannon, Laurie Kenna, Martina Langenhuizen, Les Thompson, John Jewell, Sister Clare Stainsby, Carmel Malone, Thelma Lynch, Dianne Egan, Agnes White

**Anniversaries:** Ivy & Bert Dowlin, Fr Bart McDermott, Fr Jack O'Brien, Leo Ryan, Jim Dunn, Dawn Clancey

<b>Mass Times:</b> Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	1.00pm Funeral—John Jewell RIP
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

**The Word of God:** This Week: Acts 13: 14. 43-52, Rv 7: 9, 14-17, Jn 10: 27-30  
Next Week: Acts 14: 21-27, RV 21: 1-5, Jn 13: 31-33.34-35

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

**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**.

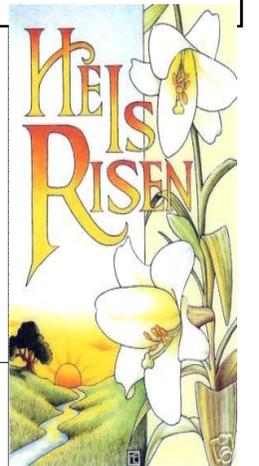
God creates a promise of life **beyond death** and summons us to a future beyond human **imagination**, to be co-workers of **a new life with him**. In 'The Wreck of the Deutschland' Fr Gerard Manly Hopkins S.J. shares a profound Easter prayer.

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



"The ground of mercy is love, and the working of mercy is keeping our love."

- Julian of Norwich



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. R.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people the sheep of his flock. R.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

"The sheep of my flock," says the Lord, "hearing my voice, they will listen. They will follow me, for I know them, they are mine!"

HYMNS:

Entrance Christ Be Our Light
Gifts 26 The Lord Is My Shepherd
Communion 160 Like A Shepherd
6 Lord To Whom Shall We Go
Recessional CWB 6900 Go Now You Are Sent Forth

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.

Mystery Of Faith

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

"Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy Ned Ellerton who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today is the 4th Sunday of the 50 Easter days of Eastertime. The readings of the Sundays of Eastertime invite us and challenge us in a special way to enter more deeply into the central mystery of our Christian faith in God.

And what is the central mystery of our Christian faith in God? It is what we believe God has done in Jesus Christ after the terrible disaster of his life, death by crucifixion.

In Christmas time, we celebrate the beginning of our Christian faith in God—God without ceasing to be God reveals God's divine self in the human birth of Jesus of Nazareth, human like the rest of us.

In Eastertime we celebrate what God has done in Jesus after his death—God raised Jesus to be the risen Christ, a new way of being human, a cosmic way.

This cosmic life Christ has already begun to share with believers in him in this life, and will be wonderfully complete in us after our deaths.

All the readings of Easter are food for prayerful reflection on this central Christian mystery of Easter, a present and future reality in our lives.

- Fr Reilly s.j.

My Parish

My Parish is comprised of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring people into its worship and fellowship if I invite and bring them.

It will be a Parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a Parish with noble spirit.

If I, who make it what it is am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all these things that I want my Parish to be.

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 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

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

Thank you Our Project Compassion collection to date is \$3372.85.

ABC TV 1 6.30 tonight

Volunteers are welcome at Mercy Place Nursing Home, Hopetoun Rd. Ph Karen Gooding 8416 7912.

Parishioners Email Addresses To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, the Parish Office will try to send them by email. Please send your name and email address to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au

Organ and French Horn Recital "Easter Joy" at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Tuesday April 19th 6-7pm.

"Support Refugees and Asylum Seekers" Meeting at Brophy Services, Timor St, today 3pm. Enquiries—Katherine 0459 615 564.

Children's Liturgy of the Word next Saturday 6.00pm.

Emmanuel College:

- Information evening April 27th, 7.30pm at McCauly Campus, Ardlie St.
Open Day Sunday May 1st at 1pm. Workshop for students in Grades 5 & 6.
Tours on Tuesdays. Bookings with Registrar—Margaret Moloney 5560 0888.

"But God, who is rich in Mercy out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, Made us alive together with Christ" (Paul to the Ephesians 2: 4-5)

Initiation For Children:

Confirmation Grade 3—May 14/15
First Communion Grade 4—August 13/14

Confirmation

Alone we are a spark, but in the Spirit, we are a fire.

Alone we are only a string, but in the Spirit, we are a Lyre.

Alone we are but an anthill, but in the Spirit, we are a mountain.

Alone we are a drop, but in the Spirit, we are a fountain.

Alone we are a feather, but in the Spirit, we are a wing.

Alone we are a beggar, but in the Spirit, we are a King.

-Amando Nervo, Mexican poet and mystic

Confirmation is the second sacrament of initiation. The Bishop (or his deputy) confirms a person's Baptism through anointing with oil of Chrism. Through the laying on of hands over the head of the confirmer, the Bishop (or his deputy) invokes a further outpouring of the Holy Spirit that enhances a candidate's giftedness and encourages them to put their gifts at the service of the Community.