

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 30 April/1 May

6pm Welcomers: S Hargreaves, J Steel Gifts: P Walsh, S Hargreaves Readers: J Mahony, J McArdle

Ministers: J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, M Harney, B Kavanagh, E McKinnon

9am Welcomers: J&B Van Baaren Gifts: M&T Grey Readers: H Murphy, J O'Brien

Ministers: P Ajang, P Allan, R Breunig

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

24 April D & D

1 May Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor

COUNTING TEAMS:

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

1 May Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 24 April Group 2: Peter Kenna

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 1 May: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: Can you take up the challenge and act with love towards all people you encounter this week?

Marriage Tip: When things are really busy, take fifteen minutes for each other, even if it's only once a week. Make this time together a top priority.

Daily Prayer: As Jesus loved us, so we would love, that in the love we have for one another a new heaven and a new earth may dawn. Make this new commandment of love the very foundation of our lives, so that, loving you and loving one another as Christ has loved us, we may show that we are Christ's disciples brought to a new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Vocation View: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

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

5th Sunday of Easter — 24th 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: Robert Earl, Brian Patrick, Bridgie Bourke

Anniversaries: Mary Atkinson, Fr. James Hyland, Monsignor O'Keefe, Colin Dunne, Deceased Servicemen and women, Evelyn O'Sullivan

Mass Times: Monday 9.30am **ANZAC DAY**

Tuesday 10.00am (St Mark)

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am (Sam Fitzgibbon RIP)

Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Acts 14: 21-27, RV 21: 1-5, Jn 13: 31-33.34-35
Next Week: Acts 15: 1-2.22-29, Rv 21: 10-14.22-23, Jn 14: 23-29

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**.

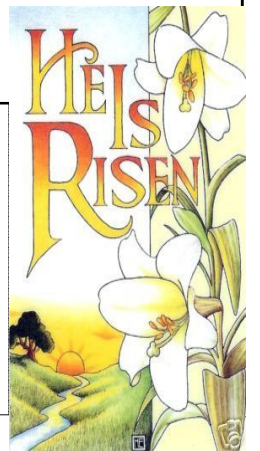
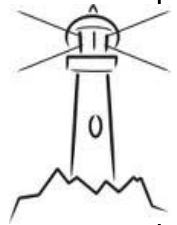
God creates a promise of life **beyond death** and summons us to a future beyond human **imagination**, to be co-workers of a **new life with him**.

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.



"Mercy is not a virtue that you choose to put on one day. Mercy has to be your deepest way of seeing, a generosity of spirit that draws from your identity, your deepest dignity, which is love. It is basically a worldview of abundance, wherein I do not have to withhold, protect, or hoard myself."
- Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, *Everything Is Grace*, 5 February 2016



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **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.

HYMNS:

Entrance	124	Let Heaven Rejoice
Gifts	126	I Have Loved You
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	CWB 615	A New Commandment
Recessional	57	City of God

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 **Lexie & Tadhg Amarant, Charlotte Brennan, and Frederick Holscher** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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.

Session 1—Belonging

There are many groups to which we belong, one of the most important being our family. Belonging to the Church means that we are part of God's family, and we become part of God's family through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

AIMS:

- To help children identify a feeling of belonging to the faith community by reflecting on their experience of belonging to a family, team, school, etc.
- To enable children to appreciate that through their Baptism they are members of God's family.
- To help the children to realize that as members of God's family we are called to be fully involved in the life of the faith community.

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."

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, For Peace.

ABC TV 1 6.30 tonight

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

Cards Euchre and Solo 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer.

Finance/Maintenance Meeting Tuesday 7.30pm.

Please Collect your Liturgy Rosters.

Retreat for Men (18-35) who are open to Priesthood at 377 Darcus St, South Melbourne, May 7th, 10am—5pm. Fr Dean 0422 852 273.

On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home> If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

The Warnambool Catholic Social Justice Group has been reformed to support the changes Pope Francis has introduced. These changes show that the original teachings of Jesus are still relevant to guide the social and political decisions we make in daily life. The group explores Jesus as our social leader and our political leader because, to him, the two are not separated. Regardless of your age or skill level, you can play a part in this historic change. We provide five areas of activities to choose from, plus a course in nonviolent direct action. For more information, phone Bob on 5562 3277 or 0499 319 071.

Bishop Paul invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on Monday May 16 at 12.05pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

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

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.