

### Liturgies This Week

**Wednesday 27th - 5.30 pm**  
Exodus Community Mass  
All welcome

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**Monday ..... 9.30 am**  
**Anzac Day Mass**  
**Tuesday ..... 10.30 am**  
Funeral Mass  
**Wednesday ..... 10.00 am**  
**Thursday ..... 10.00 am**  
**Friday ..... 10.00 am**

### Collections, Thank you

Presbytery: .....1st \$ 713  
Parish: 2nd Collection  
Envelopes: ..... \$1,167  
Direct Debit: ..... 45  
Loose: ..... \$ 118  
Project Compassion..... \$ 40

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 4:23-29

### 30 April /1 May 6th Sunday of Easter

**Saturday OLHC 6.00pm**  
**Minister of the Word:** Ena Bruty  
**Communion Ministers:** Des Lloyd, Trish Pearce,  
Mavis McNulty, Jo Rix, Pauline Newman

**Sacristans:** Kaye Stringer  
**Leader of Song:** Sue Searls

**Sunday OLHC 10.00am**  
**Ministers of the Word:** Mario Cordioli  
**Communion Ministers:** Helen Rieniets, Tony Bruty,  
Gloria Dwyer + 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Mick & Helen Rieniets  
**Leader of Song:** Veronica Stott

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

**This weekend - Learmonth**  
**Minister of the Word:** Fon Ryan  
**Communion Minister:** Clare Mullane  
**Next weekend - Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Kerry Mullane  
**Communion Ministers:** Sharon Moran  
**Church Cleaning:**

**Waubra:** Anne & Damien Ferguson  
**OLHC:** School parents (coordinator C Hayes)  
**Counters:** Des Lloyd, John Holdsworth



# Our Lady Help of Christians

**Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,  
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### 5th Sunday of Easter - 24th April, 2016

### Exploring the Word

The Gospel of John is often divided into two sections known as the Book of Signs, detailing the public ministry of Jesus aimed at bringing people to belief, and the book of Glory, which outlines the events leading to his death and resurrection. One part of that final section of the gospel describes the events of his final night with his followers. It is too late now for those who have not recognised that Jesus is the Messiah. He closets himself with those who do believe and gives them a long instruction on how they are to continue his mission after he is gone. Both today's reading and next week's gospel come from this section of the text.

Jesus is not simply telling his disciples that they must love each other, but they must love *as he has loved*. This is moving beyond the commandment known to the Jews to love one's neighbour as oneself. The love that Jesus showed was the total self-giving and selfless love that led to his death on the cross - his glorification. It is this love that revealed the love of God who is love. This new and difficult love is to be the true mark of a Christian in a truly Christian community.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

### Special Ministers Gathering

4<sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm, parish meeting room. An opportunity to share about our ministry, reflect on parish needs, communion to homes, and pray together. More details to follow. All Ministers welcome.



### Confirmation Preparation.

We welcome the children and families as they begin their preparation with us for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for the children and their families during this important time.

During Mass the children will be called forward, given a blessing and "dismissed" to gather with our catechists to hear and reflect upon the Gospel. The Gospel is suitably adapted to make it relevant to the lives and experience of the children. It gives them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message and learn about the Spirit of God in their lives as they prepare for Confirmation.

### Wedding Anniversary- 50 years

Congratulations to Pat & Des Lloyd on their special anniversary. Congratulations and may God bless you and your families.

### Our Diocesan Community

News from around the diocese available today.

### Right to Life; Legislation Alert

Infant viability Bill. Information available to support a change in legislation.



### We Welcome through baptism

Eleanor Catherine Van Styn  
child of Melissa and Christopher.

Welcome to godparents and family who gather and walk with her.

### A Prayer for Peace

God of the nations,  
whose kingdom brings justice and peace,  
have mercy on our broken and divided world.  
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all  
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,  
that all races and peoples may learn to live  
as members of one family  
and in obedience to your law,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Parish Co-ordinator Position

With a successful outcome to our planned giving programme, the parish is able to go ahead with the advertising and hopefully employment of a parish co-ordinator person. Both the Parish Finance Group and the Parish Pastoral Council, after careful consideration, have endorsed this recommendation. We will be advertising soon through local Ballarat parishes and schools. If you know the "right" person, please give them a nudge. A position description is available on request. Good news.

### Diocesan Website

New items recently added to the diocesan website:

- Media release on Climate change
- Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'
- Launch of catholic Worship Book II
- Bread 4 Today -a prayer APP for life

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**Recent Deaths:** Jack Matthey, Taniela Tufui