

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 7/8 May

**6pm** Welcomers: M&H Hutchens Gifts: White Family Readers: G&M McDonald  
 Ministers: G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, C Morris, S Reimert  
**9am** Welcomers: J Zanos, C Carroll-Skelton Gifts: G Howland Family Readers: P&G Nevill  
 Ministers: B Byrne, M Clancey, M Cooper

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

1 May Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor  
 8 May Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

#### COUNTING TEAMS:

1 May Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy  
 8 May Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

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

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 8 May: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



**Making Connections:** Try to stand up for someone this week who may be in need of a defender. Take on the role of an advocate. Alternatively, you could try to bring the gift of peace to someone whose heart is troubled or afraid.

**Marriage Tip:** Love needs care and cultivation; it can't grow on its own. Talk with your spouse about areas where your love needs some growth.

**Daily Prayer:** Send your Spirit to remind our hearts of all that Jesus has taught us and to make us effective witnesses to your saving plan for all the world.

**A Vocation View:** It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

### 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 2—God Speaks, We Listen

*God speaks to us in many different ways in our everyday lives. When we gather together as God's family and listen to the Scriptures, God speaks to us. The Gospels, which tell us about Jesus, are especially important because it is through Jesus that God speaks most directly to us.*

#### AIMS:

- To reflect on the many ways in which God speaks to us.
- To understand that the story of God speaking comes to us through Scripture.
- To know that God is most fully revealed in the person of Jesus.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for May

**Universal: Respect for Women.** That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Evangelization: Holy Rosary.** That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**6th Sunday of Easter — 1st May 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:** John Matthey, Brendan O'Dwyer, Margaret Winkler, Thelma Walsh, Ian Turner, Sandra Miller

**Anniversaries:** Ann Sinatore, Bruce Logan, Olive O'Donnell, Frs. Brophy & Philbin, Brian McCarthy, Jim O'Neill, Sheila Williams, Pat Sharkey, Eileen Rea, Anthony Ward, Allan Carman, Anton Brandenburg

**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
 Tuesday 10.00am (St. Philip & James)  
 Wednesday 9.30am (Mary Atkinson RIP)  
 Thursday 9.30am (Fr Madden)  
 10.00am Lyndoch Chapel  
 Friday 9.30am (Anthony Ward RIP)  
 Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

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

**THE ASCENSION**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**



**The Word of God:** This Week: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29, Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23, Jn 14: 23-29  
 Next Week: Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23, Lk 24: 46-53

**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**.

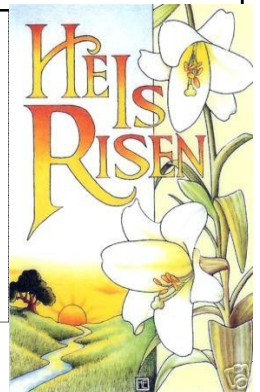
In 'The Wreck of the Deutschland' Fr Gerard Manly Hopkins S.J. shares a profound Easter prayer.

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



"Mary is...the Mother of mercy, because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus, Emmanuel, the Expectation of the nations, the "Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5)..."

- Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)**



**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Come let us praise the living God. Joyfully sing to our Savior.

**HYMNS:**

- Entrance 114 Be Not Afraid
- Gifts Hymn to OLHC (Words Below)
- Communion 12 Gather Us In
- CWB 621 As Gentle As Silence
- Recessional Christ Be Our Light

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

**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.

**Hymn to Our Lady Help of Christians**

Michael Herry & Michael O'Callaghan

**VERSE 1**

Mary stands on high, our beacon, glows against the blue. Her mother's arms embrace us, her mother's love is true. Her mother's care protects us, brings joyful unity.

Our Lady Help of Christians, we are her family.

**CHORUS :-** Mary mother of the Lord,  
Cause of joy and hope restored;  
God's design your life's accord.  
Mary, Mother, Mary help of Christians.

**VERSE 2**

A vine with many branches grafted strong and greened with tears, We too join the faith-filled story of parish pioneers. This vine the gift of many lands, each daughter and each son has enriched these living walls of stone, this church we call our home.

**CHORUS :-**

**VERSE 3**

Mary guide us ever onward, your mantle for our shield; You whose soul did magnify the Lord, whose life your God revealed! Your mother's love protects us, you know our frailty. Our Lady help of Christians, we are your family.

**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.

**A Prayer For Easter**

Dear Lord,

Help us to be your ears to listen to the cries of the poor. Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. You came for the least, the lost and the last of this world.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

**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 May with the Saints** "I was created in love. For that reason nothing can express my beauty nor liberate me except love alone." St. Mechthild (31 May)

**Holy Hour** Monday 10.00am.

**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

**Collectables:**

- Our Diocesan Community News
- Liturgy Rosters
- Planned Giving Receipts

**Initiation For Children:**  
Confirmation Grade 3—May 14/15  
First Communion Grade 4—August  
13/14

**Retreat for Men** (18-35) who are open to Priesthood at 377 Dorcus 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.

**W.S.O. Mothers Day Concert** at St. Joseph's at 2.30pm, \$20 Concession.

**Lecture** by Archbishop Coleridge, May 16th, 7.30pm. "From Wandering to Journeying". Thoughts on the Church. Venue—Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr Victoria Pde & Hoddle St, East Melbourne. RSVP 11 May, 9412 3304.

**Emmanuel College:**

- **Open Day** Sunday May 1st at 1pm. Workshop for students in Grades 5 & 6 (Today)
- **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)

**"Life in a Whole new Light"**

Today we welcome with great joy **Evie Dalton, Islay Allison and Willow Wickenton** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia*