

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 24/25 September

6pm **Welcomers:** M Thompson, J VanBaaren **Gifts:** Lenehan Family **Readers:** A&G McMeel
Ministers: G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, S Reimert, C Ryan
9am **Welcomers:** J Zanos, A Bamford **Gifts:** Goddard/O'Brien **Readers:** B Bourke, E Dalton
Ministers: P Allan, B Byrne, M Clancey

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

18 September Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, J Carroll, S&T Bolden

25 September D & D

COUNTING TEAMS:

18 September Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

25 September Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 11 September Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 25 September: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation and act in an ecologically sound way.

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis encourages parents to “waste time” with their children. The same could apply to spouses, too! “Waste time” today with your family.

Daily Prayer: Not by what we say, God of justice, but by how we treat one another do you decide if our worship is acceptable, our service pleasing in your sight. Let the sincerity of our worship be matched by the depth of our commitment to justice. In a world where money rules supreme, may you alone be our master, and may we find our delight in serving each other.

A Vocation View: Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

“All created things give us glimpses of the beauty of the Creator.”
- Fr. J.T Woods, 1881

Pope’s Prayer Intentions for September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a better society that places the human person at the centre.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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.

“Christian Initiation incorporates us into **Christ** and forms us into God’s people. In **Baptism**, God adopts us as children and makes us a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. As we are signed with the gift of the Spirit in **Confirmation**, God brings us to the full stature of the Lord Jesus to continue his mission in the world. At the table of the **Eucharist**, we are fed on the sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, and, with the whole Church, **take part in the saving offering** of Christ on the cross. In **Sunday Mass**, those who have been initiated are **continually formed** by the word of God and **affirmed** in their **belonging** to the Church, the Body of Christ.”

Christian Initiation for Children, Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese



“Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.”



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



PARISH BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—18th September 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: Margaret Vallenge, Tony Fitzgerald, Nancy McLean, Keith Jubb, Father Camilleri, Alma O’Keefe

Anniversaries: Elizabeth George, Margaret Waring, Hugh Waring, Fathers Dunworth & Claridge, Les Hand, Desma Lynch, Shane Riordon, Lillian Murphy, Tom Smith, John Lourey, Beryl Bone, Dennis Wilson, Beattie Bramley

Mass Times: Tuesday 10.00am (Tom Smith RIP)
Wednesday 9.30am **St Matthew** (International Day of Peace)
Thursday 9.30am (Dennis Wilson RIP)
Friday 9.30am (Our Lady of Mercy)
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

THE LORD’S DAY Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

Green is the colour of hope and growth

The Word of God: This Week: Am 8: 4-7, 1Tm 2: 1-8, Lk 16: 1-13
Next Week: Am 6: 1. 4-7, 1 Tm 6: 11-16, Lk 16: 19-31

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am

“Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High”
Today we welcome with great joy **Charlie & Sophie MacDonald and Toby Perrett** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our Parish contributed \$1,117.95 to this collection which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1331.15 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked “Ballarat Clergy Support Fund.”

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and the contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY’S RESPONSIBILITY

Parishioners Email Addresses To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to olhcvbl@bigpond.net.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life!

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the Kingdom's mystery

HYMNS:

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	Mercy	From the Heart of God
Communion	6	Lord To Whom Shall We Go?
	28	Praise to You
Recessional	20	Christ Be Our Light



Mercy From the Heart of God

(Lyrics—Monica O'Brien)
(Music—Gina Ogitvie)

1. God of Mercy and compassion
Draw us deeply to your heart
Lead us to a place of healing
Where we'll never be apart.
 2. Let forgiveness be our passion
Reaching out with hands of peace.
Turning from Chains that bind us
Finding freedom and release.
- CHORUS**
Mercy ever flowing freely given
Mercy, mercy from the heart of God.
3. May our mission be of mercy
Welcome all without reserve
As one heart we stand for justice
With compassion, called to serve.

Mystery Of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

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.

Hospitality is Everyone's Responsibility

When we welcome visitors into our home, whether family, friends or strangers, we normally tidy the house, greet guests at the door, provide enough food and drink for everyone and make sure that all are comfortable and included in the conversation. This hospitable behavior applies also to the worshipping community.

Even in those parishes which have designated ministers of hospitality, **everyone at Mass** has a ministry of welcome and warmth to the community and is called to 'be present' to others as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

This isn't just a 'feel good' fad or part of some trendy push to be inclusive. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn't pull any punches about our attitude towards others at Mass. It clearly calls on the faithful to share *charity toward all who share with them in the celebration. They therefore are to shun any appearance of individualism or division, keeping before their mind that they are all brothers and sisters to each other. They should become one body.....There is a beautiful expression of this unity when the faithful maintain uniformity in their actions and in standing, sitting or kneeling.*

In other words, liturgy is not a time for 'doing my own thing' or 'my time with God'. We're all in this together!

It is up to each one of us to 'pay attention' to **those who are with us** at Mass and to **make everyone welcome.** (E. Harrington)

E-Conference: "Mercy: A Way of being in the world" Tuesday 20th September 10.30am-2.45pm in St. Joseph's gathering space (Streamed live over the internet)

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

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 September with the Saints "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." (Mother Teresa of Kolkata)

Holy Hour Monday 10am.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25th September. This year, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: '**A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society**'. The statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognize their significant contribution to society and emphasizes that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.



Finance & Maintenance Meeting on Tuesday 7.30pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be next Saturday at 6pm.

A Weekend Seminar at Nazareth House Ballarat 23-25th September "Mary in the Bible" \$95. RSVP Maureen 0431 273 953.

Maria Forde Concert Sunday 9th October at Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown. 1pm for 1.30pm. \$25 to support Merindah Lodge.

Worth Watching ABC tonight 6.30pm Australian Jesuit Priests in India eg. Fr R. Billings.

Beyond the Year of Mercy A retreat afternoon which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr. Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au (mail to: Beyond the Year of Mercy Retreat) or ph. 5331 2933.



"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice."
— Abraham Lincoln

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

"Prayer is a plant the seed of which is sown in the heart of every Christian; but its growth entirely depends on the care we take to nourish it."
Catherine McAuley

"Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty."
Fr. J. T. Woods 1881

"Without Sunday, we cannot live" (North African Martyrs)