

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 1/2 October

6pm Welcomers: D White, M Brown Gifts: Martell Family Readers: B O'Neill, F O'Connor

Ministers: P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White

9am Welcomers: S & T Bolden Gifts: G Howland Readers: M Davies, D Farley

Ministers: E Dalton, T Davey, A Jubb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

25 September D & D

2 October Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

COUNTING TEAMS:

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

2 October Team 8: Michael Soulsby

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 25 September Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 2 October: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: Share what you have with someone who has less this week

Marriage Tip: "Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble." – Pope Francis. The grace of God gives us strength for lifelong commitment!

Daily Prayer: You hear, O God, the prayer of those whose faith is the size of a mustard seed. Give us humility of heart, that we may work with all our strength for the growth of your kingdom, yet recognise that we are only useless servants, whom you have called in order to reveal to all the wonders your love has accomplished.

A Vocation View: Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead - Live, in order to testify to resurrection and life.

"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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—25th September 2016

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"I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"
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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Joyce Best, Shae Johnson, Brian O'Donnell, Clem Healey, Mark Leonard, Sister Barbara May C.S.B., Basil Lee, Maureen O'Brien

Anniversaries: Rita Conheady, Anthony McConnell, Gloria Campbell, Frs.

Matt Gaffney, Conway and Kevin O'Brien, Chris McKinnon, Leon Murphy

Mass Times: Tuesday 10.00am St Vincent De Paul
Wednesday 9.30am (Anthony McConnell RIP)
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am (Brian O'Donnell RIP)
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

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

The Word of God: This Week: Am 6: 1. 4-7, 1 Tm 6: 11-16, Lk 16: 19-31
Next Week: Hb 1: 2-3.2: 2-4, 2 Tm 1: 6-8.13-14, Lk 17: 5-10

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



Green is the colour of hope and growth

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"

Today we welcome with great joy **William & Joseph Haberfield** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"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



"Mercy takes us outside ourselves. It makes us one with the rest of the world."

— Joan Chittister OSB, *God's Tender Mercy*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Praise the Lord my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **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	74	Come to the Water
Gifts		Mercy From the Heart of God
Communion	55	Blest Are They
	164	Bread of Life
Recessional	158	A New Heart for A New World



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.



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)

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

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

Holy Hour Monday 10am.

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

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.

Daylight Savings begins next Sunday. Put clocks **forward** one hour on Saturday night. U11/13 **Cricket Training** commences Thursday 6th October at 4.30pm. Allansford Rec. Reserve. Club Coach Ben Boyd 0438 583 007.

We have purchased a **new Vacuum Cleaner** for the Church, cost \$349, donations are welcome.

The Warrnambool and District Orchid Society will be holding their **annual Show** in the **OLHC School Hall** on the weekend of 1st & 2nd of October. The show will be open from 10am-4pm on Saturday and 10am-3pm on Sunday.

"Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty."

Fr. J. T. Woods 1881

Summary: Social Justice Statement 2016–2017

A Place at the Table: Social justice in an aging society

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double by the middle of the century. This has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. Increasing numbers of older people have an excellent chance of enjoying good health and an active life for many years.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017 is titled 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an aging society'. It celebrates the value, dignity and significant contributions of older people to the life of the community. In solidarity with all generations, older people have a rightful place in the heart of community life. The Bishops confront the utilitarianism in our society that values people only for what they produce and contribute economically and that, at worst, can regard older people as burdensome or dispensable.

In a society in which older people are being asked to work beyond the traditional retirement age, the bishops call for the benefits of work to be shared equitably. We must be especially aware of the needs of those who enter retirement in poverty or are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, social isolation or exploitation.

The Bishops consider the circumstances of those who are approaching the end of their lives and warn of the loneliness, ageism and abuse that older people can experience. In particular, the Bishops warn about implications of the current community debate on euthanasia.

The Bishops call for communities of mercy and love—where people reach out and minister to vulnerable older people, where bonds between generations are built up, and where no one is cast as being a burden or as rivals to younger generations.

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