

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 25/26 February

**6pm** Welcomers: G7U O'Toole Gifts: Cox Family Readers: R Cussen, C Del Rio

Ministers: J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, M Harney, G McMeel, M Mills

**9am** Welcomers: J&B Van Baren Gifts: Cope Family Readers: F&P Torpy

Ministers: J O'Grady, K O'Leary, A Sanderson

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

19 February D&D

26 February Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

### COUNTING TEAMS:

19 February Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

26 February Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 12 February Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 26 February: Colin Ryan



**Making Connections:** Go beyond the minimum this week and reach out in generosity to someone you may not ordinarily associate with. Offer friendship or material support to someone who may be seen as an outcast in our society.

**Marriage Tip:** What's your spouse's favorite treat? See if you guessed right. Now you've got an idea for a little way to show love; it's just a matter of when you surprise your beloved with it.

**Daily Prayer:** Lift from our hearts the burden of hatred, and drive all resentment far from our lives; so that, loving not only our neighbours but even our enemies, we may, by your grace, be perfect, even as you are perfect.

**A Vocation View:** We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

*"God is our light. The farther the soul strays away from God, the deeper it goes into darkness." - St. Alphonsus Liguori*

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

#### Comfort for the Afflicted.

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

**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.

## 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 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 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.

**Parishioners Email Addresses** To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au)



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—19th February 2017**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

*"I AM THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"  
JN 14, 18.*

**Recent Deaths:** Desmond Morrissey, Sr. Rosalie SJG, Eva Pangrazio,

Mona McMahan, Frank Donohue, Pat McDonnell, Cecilia Plozza

**Anniversaries:** Peter Tobin, Michael Finn, Frank Clancey, Ellen

Greene, Veronica O'Keeffe



**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
Tuesday 10.00am (Leonard Lalor RIP)  
Wednesday 9.30am Pat McDonnell RIP  
Thursday 9.30am (Sr. Rosalie RIP)  
Friday 9.30am (Frank Clancey RIP)  
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

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

**The Word of God:** This Week: Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18, 1 Cor 3: 16-23, Mt 5: 38-48  
Next Week: Is 49: 14-15, 1 Cor 4: 1-5, Mt 6: 24-34

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages** by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533  
Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our **Baptism** we are called to service and to witness. In the **Eucharist** we sustain and strengthen that call. By **servicing** others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and **service** and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God."  
- St. Albert the Great*

*Green is the colour of hope and growth*

### 'Are your hearts hardened?'

St Ignatius reminded his friends to constantly be aware of the human gifts—intelligence, sensibility and decisiveness. He used all his talent to bring others to the point of loving service of God. **Jesus wants us, too, to understand the surplus we can draw upon through faith in his presence.**

We are bombarded with many enticing ideas and confusing information. Our egos are lured into the lands of status and wealth. Our hearts are hardened away from the loving care of family and friends. **We so easily risk becoming blind and deaf to the love of Jesus.** The Gospel calls us to **remember our blessings**, and to re-direct our energies back into that enfolding love of Jesus. Offering prayers to the Holy Spirit will help us recognize the presence of Jesus throughout our day. (The Madonna Summer 2016-17)

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

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



**THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. my soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessing. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **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	110	Strong and Constant
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	179	Blest be the Lord
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

**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.

**St John of God Auxiliary** Movie morning, 2nd March at the Capitol Theatre, 10.00am. Cost is \$15—includes morning tea. Contact Pat King 5562 5039. The Movie is "Jackie" starring Natalie Portman. A portrait of American History seen through the eyes of Jacqueline Kennedy immediately following her husband's assassination.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Grades 2 and 6.  
March 15/16.

*"As little birds learn to sing by listening to their parents, so children learn the science of the virtues, the sublime song of Divine Love from souls responsible for forming them." - St Therese of Lisieux*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbours as themselves. In the Gospel Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

**National Council of Priests of Australia Media Release**

The blight of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church has caused inexpressible pain and suffering to the victims and their families. It has been a cause of shame and disgrace for the Catholic faithful. With humility we acknowledge the strength of character and courage of those individuals who came forward with evidence for the work of the Royal Commission. We, the Executive of the National Council of Priests of Australia, support and endorse the initiatives of the Bishops of Australia in their endeavors to eradicate the scourge of sexual abuse in our Church. We applaud the work of Francis Sullivan and the Truth, Justice and Healing Council.

**Child Safety Standards** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish has appointed Dion Bartlett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. **A Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

*"May we Love one Another, so that all experience a Sense of Belonging"*

**Financial Assistance to the Parish is welcome for the year ahead.**

Our Parish is entirely dependant on Planned Giving by using Parish envelopes or Direct Debit. The Parish prefers, where possible, Direct Debit. We do not have any income bearing assets. Our assets are our two Churches, the Presbytery and the Parish School. Our payments are for a part-time secretary, rates, electricity, telephone, Diocesan services, office requirements, contributions to the Mission of the Church, mass requirements, altar breads, wine, candles, cleaning, gardening, maintenance, parish newsletters and magazines for parishioners, school support. Envelopes are now being prepared for use in March. Thank you sincerely for assistance in the past. **Perhaps an increase** on account of current costs might be possible. Perhaps you can **now** see it is **possible** to be a Parish giver? (Thank you for the loose money on the collection plate, it supports Father Lawrie's stipend and living costs.)

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Would like to contribute by envelopes/Direct Debit (please circle) to support the Parish.  
Please place on the collection plate or send to OLHC, Box 97, Warrnambool, 3280.

**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 February with the Saints** "Let us faithfully transmit to those who come after us the example of virtue we have received from those who have come before us." (St. Peter Damian 21 Feb)

**Holy Hour Monday 10.00am** "Set pools of silence in this thirsty land." (James McAuley)  
The Parish has been gifted with a **Defibrillator**. We invite parishioners who would be willing to learn how to use it.

"Let us pray for those who are sick. We remember them in our Masses"

**Please Collect** your new Liturgy, Church Cleaning, Counters **Rosters.**

**Lent** begins on Wednesday March 1st. Sr Mary is offering reflections on **"The Sunday Gospels"**. Names please for the programme "Hope".

**Parishioners and friends** luncheon St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at Maceys, from noon.

**Cards** (euchre & Solo) Tuesday 1pm in the foyer.

**World Day of Prayer** Friday March 3rd. Hosts are: Uniting Church Warrnambool 1.30pm St Carthage's Catholic Church Allansford 1.30pm

The Service "Am I Being Unfair" was written by Christian women in the Philippines.

**Anglican Women's Guild** invite parishioners to hear Fr. Rene Knaap speak on his time at an archaeological dig in Rome. Tuesday, 21st February at 2.00pm in the Hammond Centre Christ Church. \$10 includes Devonshire tea.

*"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."* - Shakespeare

