

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 4/5 March

6pm Welcomers: OLHC School **Gifts:** del Rio Family **Readers:** M&S Clancey
Ministers: F Moloney, J Moorfield, P&M Morgan, M Page, S Reimert
9am Welcomers: J O'Grady, J Zanos **Gifts:** T Davey, D Duhnoven **Readers:** B Bourke, E Dalton
Ministers: C Spencer, M&L Taggart

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

26 February Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean
 5 March Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, J Carroll, S&T Bolden

COUNTING TEAMS:

26 February Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett
 5 March Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perrara

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 26February Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 5 March: Robert McLean, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Put your energy into the really important things of life this week. Let the day to day worries about material comfort go. Set your sights on the kingdom of heaven.

Marriage Tip: "Taking time to rest is not a waste of time." (Susan Vogt) Give yourself a break today or tomorrow – from kids, a chore, worries. It doesn't have to be long to refresh. Take your cue from God, our Creator, who rested on the seventh day.

Daily Prayer: Sustain us with the power of your Spirit, that, in the midst of each day's anxieties and troubles, we may not succumb to self-centeredness or greed, but, as trustworthy stewards of your mysteries, seek first your kingdom and its righteousness.

A Vocation View: "The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

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

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

Today we welcome with great joy
Bryce Ryan

who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lent

- **Lent begins next Wednesday.**
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, **the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are being baptised.**
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- In Lent, the *Alleluia* is omitted.

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.

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



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

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



PARISH BULLETIN

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—26th February 2017

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Tom Murphy, Peter Crowe, John Vogels, John O'Leary, Jerry Quill

Anniversaries: Annette Conn, Helen Moloney, Teresa Howard, Monsignors Tom O'Brien & Jim McInerney, Patricia Curran, Anne Jewell, Mick O'Keefe, Michael McMeel, Leo & Elsie Kelly

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St Pius
 Tuesday 10.00am **SHROVE TUESDAY**
 Wednesday 9.30am **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 11.30am
 2.00pm St John of God Chapel
 6.00pm

Thursday 9.30am (Celebrant Fr. Madden)
 10.00am Lyndoch Chapel
 Friday 9.30am (For Autumn Rains & Harvest)
 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

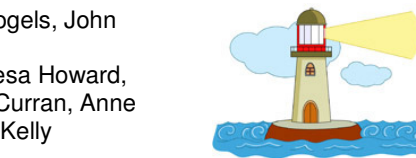
The Word of God: This Week: Is 49: 14-15, 1 Cor 4: 1-5, Mt 6: 24-34
 Next Week: Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7, Rom 5: 12-19, Mt 4: 1-11

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

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

Commencing next Friday at 10am in the Meeting Room, Sister Mary will lead *Reflections* on the *Gospels of Lent*. Please put your name on the list provided.

Pancake Breakfast Tuesday 7am—8.30am OLHC School Hall. \$2 Pancake and Juice, Tea/Coffee. Invite friends/family/group.



Green is the colour of hope and growth

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Stewards of the mysteries of God – that's what St. Paul says we are in today's second reading. And the first requirement, he says, is that we be trustworthy. Entrusted with the gift of faith, do I share it as gratefully and as generously as I do my time, my talent, and my treasure?



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



REST IN GOD ALONE, MY SOUL

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God is my safety and my glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust in him at all times. Pour out your hearts before 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	31	Come As You Are
Gifts	89	Isaiah 49
Communion	185	Our Supper Invitation
	112	You Are Near
Recessional	57	City of God

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

A MESSAGE FROM GREG O'KELLY, CARITAS AUSTRALIA CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,
I invite you to join with us in preparation for Project Compassion 2017. **Our Theme this year is "Love your neighbour."**

The six stories we share with you for the six weeks of Lent reveal some of the ways lives can be transformed when we follow Jesus' instruction to "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:39). The call of Jesus shakes us out of preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family. Each one of us is equally worthy of respect and compassion.

In Project Compassion 2017 we will demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. When mutual respect is fostered, communities become stronger and more resilient. This can only lead to a better future for our world, the world that Pope Francis has recently called "our common home".

For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours—our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australia communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.

"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus" - Pope Francis 2013

Thanks for supporting Caritas Australia this Lenten season.
My blessings to you all.

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.

Diocesan Appointments by Bishop Paul
Camperdown & Timboon—Fr. Neville Stanislaus
Swan Hill—Fr. Matthew Thomas
Wendouree & Ballarat North—Fr. Colasante
Ballarat East—Fr. Sherman
Retired to Ballarat North—Fr. Adrian McInerney
Retiring from Merbein—Sr. Marian McDonald RSM

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 _____

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)

Please Collect your new Liturgy, Church Cleaning, Counters Rosters and **Planned Giving Envelopes.**

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

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

Bereavement Group meets on Tuesday 7.30pm.

Lifeline Counselor Training Information Tuesday 6-7pm at 81 Fairy St, Phone 5559 0555.

During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the Church on Monday mornings at 10am

Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins will be on Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm

Domestic & Family Violence—Respect can help 1800 737 7328.

Compliments of the Parish the Autumn Edition of "Australian Catholics".

Kerrie Sobey will demonstrate how to use the Defribulator in the Church foyer on Wednesday 8th March at 7pm. All welcome.

Concert "Voices For Peace" Thursday 9th March at the Lighthouse Theatre 7.15pm \$35/\$30.

Congratulations to Brother Brian Kelly on his 60 years with the Christian Brothers. Brian was educated at CBC W'bool and has now returned to retire at Lyndoch.

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

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