

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 11/12 March

**6pm** Welcomers: Emmanuel College Gifts: Emmanuel College Readers: Emmanuel College

Ministers: J O'Sullivan, volunteers please

**9am** Welcomers: M&R Brown Gifts: El-Hage Family Readers: M Davies, D Farley

Ministers: P Allan, B Byrne, M Clancey

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

5 March Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, J Caroll, S&T Bolden

12 March Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

### COUNTING TEAMS:

5 March Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perrera

12 March Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

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

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 12 March: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



**Making Connections:** What are the temptations you experience? How is the balance in your life? How much energy do you expend in looking after your physical and material domain as opposed to your mental and spiritual domain?

**Marriage Tip:** Is there a bad habit that you would like to eliminate? Anything you wouldn't want to teach your children to do? Lent and your children can give you the motivation to let go of it. Ask your spouse for help.

**Daily Prayer:** Because you formed us from the dust, you know well how deeply sin has scarred our human nature. Strengthen us, then, as we set out on the lenten journey. Make us victorious with Christ over the deceptions of the tempter, so we may come at length in the joy of the Holy Spirit to the celebration of the Lord's glorious Passover.

**A Vocation View:** Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling. Let us all open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

**"God loves us not because we are good, but because God is good"**

(C de Huock Doherty)

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

#### Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

160 Years ago on Monday 6th March the first Mercy Sisters arrived in Melbourne from Perth. Their leader was Sister Ursula **Frayne**. One of the house teams of our Parish School is named after her.

**Pray as you can** - The World is very close to you:  
It is in your heart

**Reflection** is an essential element of growth in Christ. As we reflect over what we have learnt and ponder it in our hearts, we come to recognize **the presence of God in our lives.** Fridays in Lent at 10am.

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

Today we welcome with great joy  
**Billy & Charli Lorrimer, Louis Chapman,  
Quinn Reynolds & Macie McArdle**  
who are being **baptised** into the family of  
God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### Lent

- 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.**
- Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- In Lent, the *Alleluia* is omitted.

*"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

**1st Sunday of Lent—5th March 2017**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

**Recent Deaths:** Anna Louise Sheba, Elsie Cobb, John Nolan, Margaret Daffy, K.J. Thomas  
**Anniversaries:** Thomas Karras, Eileen McNamara, Thomas Kardavil, Stan, Albert & Geoffrey Hyland, Paul Couch, Terry Moene, Elizabeth White, Richard Walsh, Mary Finn, Kathleen Noonan, Nancy Rowe, Dennis O'Keeffe



<b>Mass Times:</b>	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	8.30am
	Wednesday	9.30am Feast of St John of God (International Women's Day)
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am (Kathleen Noonan RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius
	(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)	

<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

*Violet is a colour of  
preparation and  
anticipating joy*

**The Word of God:** This Week: Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7, Rom 5: 12-19, Mt 4: 1-11  
Next Week: GN 12: 1-4a, 2 Tm 1: 8b-10, Mt 17: 1-9

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

### Rainbows

There are few sights more glorious than a rainbow seen from an aeroplane as a complete circle. Unbroken, like a wedding band, it was for Noah and his family the perfect symbol of God's eternal covenant love. That love is revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—the one who proclaimed himself 'the light of the world' (Jn 8: 12; 9:5). When the light of Christ passes through the prism of his Church, 'the children of light' (Jn 12:36), it breaks into a glorious spectrum as beautiful in its diversity as it is in its unity. (Br. Grenier)

### It starts at home

'The peace of Christ is not just teaching your children that war is wrong. It is about showing them how to make peace at home: the way Doug and I reconcile with one another after an argument, the way we handle difficult neighbours, the way we keep our cool in congested traffic. Large-scale world changes start with small changes in people's lives.' (Laura)

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



**BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me, do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; glory to our God.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	31	Come As You Are
Gifts	179	Blest Be The Lord
Communion	125	Eat This Bread
	28	Praise to You
Recessional	CWB 690	Go Now You Are Sent Forth

**Mystery Of Faith**

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



Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.**

**What is Baptism?**

Baptism is the foundation of the whole Christian life. It is the gateway to life in the Holy Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Baptism is a one-off event and anyone who has not previously been baptised may seek Baptism. Through Baptism a person is **reborn** as a daughter or son of God. It is through Baptism that an individual begins his or her **formal relationship** with Jesus Christ and the Church.

The phrase to *baptise* means to "**plunge**" or "immerse". The immersion in water, or alternatively the pouring of water over the person's head, symbolizes the baptised person's **union with the death** of Jesus. Just as Christ was raised from the dead, the baptised person **arises** from the water as a "**new creature**", a member of the Church.

Baptism consists of a person's immersion in water **three** times or of the pouring of water over the person's head three times, reciting the words, "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Those who have been validly baptised in another Christian tradition and are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, do not need to be baptised again.



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

**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 March with the Saints** "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me..." (St Patrick - 17 March)

**Holy Hour Monday 10.00am—Stations of the Cross**

**During Lent** the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the Church on Monday mornings at 10am and at St Joseph's Friday 7pm.

**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" is available.

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

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer.

**Finance/Maintenance** meeting Tuesday 7.30pm.

**Coffee Next Sunday after 9am Mass**—Hosts are the Kenny and Mahony Family Groups. A Small plate please.

**Diocesan Appointments by Bishop Paul:**

Fr Alex Lim—Warracknabeal and Hopetoun

Fr. Peter Hudson—Parish of Nhill in addition to Horsham

On Saturday adults preparing for Baptism at Easter took part in **The Rite of Election** at the Cathedral "Let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves, that we may be **renewed** by one another's effort and together come to share the joys of Easter."

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for **nominations** for the 2017 **Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC)**. The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. Phone Amanda at the Diocesan Offices on 5337 7125.

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

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

**Lunch on St Patrick's Day,** March 17th at Macey's from Noon. Add names to the list in the foyer.



**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.

**First Sunday of Lent**

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power?

Oh Lord, create for us a clear heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!



**Sin & Forgiveness**

The church which is the sacrament of Christ is called to carry on his ministry and mission to the world. It is to be the sign of his love, and this automatically includes his willingness to forgive. **The church is** therefore by its very nature a **reconciling community**.

(from At Home with God's People)

**Hildegarde of Bingen—Luminous**

*Holy Spirit, giving life to all life; moving all creatures; root of all things; washing them clean; wiping out their mistakes and healing their wounds. You are our true life - luminous, wonderful - awakening the heart from its ancient sleep. Hildegarde of Bingen (1098-1179)*