

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 18/19 March

**6pm** Welcomers: C&D Quick Gifts: Frusher Family Readers: B Gladman, S Hogan

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

**9am** Welcomers: C Cooper Gifts: M Fish Readers: J Fish, P Franc

Ministers: E Dalton, T Davey, A Jubb

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

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

19 March Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

### COUNTING TEAMS:

12 March Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

19 March Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 12 March Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 19 March: Louise & Michael Taggart



**Making Connections:** In the Old Testament, **mountaintops** were important as places of encounter with God. Both Moses and Elijah experienced the power and presence of God on mountain tops, just as Jesus does in the gospel. Where do you experience the most profound sense of God's presence in your life? Where is your **sacred place**?

**Marriage Tip:** Around the house, married couples work out a division of labor between them. Usually it's based on skills, interest, and time. Is there a particular task you dislike? Talk about it. Then try switching for a month.

**Daily Prayer:** It is good for us to be here! Let us listen with every generation of disciples to your Son, the Beloved, with whom you are well pleased. Then, at his touch, may we get up and go unafraid to tell others about the life and immortality Jesus has brought to light.

**A Vocation View:** The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

### 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.

Pope Francis wrote, "Feed the hungry is an ethical imperative for the universal Church. The right to food, like the right to water, has an important place within the pursuit of other rights. Do not forget the words of Jesus: 'I am the bread of life' and 'He who is thirsty come to me'. These words provoke all of us to recognize that, our relationship with God involves giving food to the hungry and to the thirsty something to drink, is a God who has revealed his face of mercy in Jesus."

**Pray as you can** - The Word 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 and Wednesdays in Lent at 10am.

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Kruz McDonald & Mason Boswell** 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

**2nd Sunday of Lent—12th March 2017**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

**Recent Deaths:** Eileen McDonald, Tony Van Kempen, Fr. Tom Sheeran

**Anniversaries:** Robert McKinnon, Will Vielharber, Tom Finnigan, Mary Cameron, Esmond & Ursula Forrest, Minira Dodson, Patricia Stacey, Phoebe Trusler, Anne Kelly, Park Conheady, John Holland, Tom Hyland, Arthur Thompson, John King, Elizabeth White, Martin Duynhoven, Anne Collins



<b>Mass Times:</b> Monday	7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am (Mary Cameron RIP)
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am <b>ST PATRICK</b>
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>
	<b>Allansford</b>	<b>10.30am</b>

**The Word of God:** This Week: Gn 12: 1-4a, 2 Tm 1: 8b-10, Mt 17: 1-9

Next Week: Ex 17: 3-7, Rom 5: 1-2.5-8, Jn 4: 5-42

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages** by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am

### Baptism in the history of the Church

From the very beginning of the Church, Baptism has been administered and celebrated as the means by which one becomes a Christian. Indeed, St Peter declared to the crowd on the day of Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). The first Christians baptised were adults. Then as entire families wanted to become followers of Christ, the Rite of Baptism was adapted to cater for the children and infants of the baptised parents.

### 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)

*Violet is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*

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

**LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US, AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.**



The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **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	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	114	Be Not Afraid
Communion	81	We Remember
	6	Lord To Whom
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

Mystery Of Faith

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

**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.



In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive 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.**

**International Women's Day—8 March 2017**

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee of UN Women has chosen for IWD 2017 is **Empower a woman, empower a nation**. Together we can empower women across the globe. Women, particularly in developing countries, face systematic discrimination in education, employment, healthcare, control of assets and participation. We can help through **Project Compassion** during Lent.

- Women make up approximately 70 percent of the world's poor.
- Two-thirds of people unable to read and write are female.
- 11.4 million women and girls are in forced labour.
- 1 in 3 women and girls experience physical and sexual violence.

Bishop Ingham (Wollongong)



St. Josemaria Escriva said, "*Lent* should suggest to us these basic questions: Am I advancing in my faithfulness to Christ, in my desire for holiness, in a generous apostolate in my daily life, in my ordinary work among my colleagues?...What better way to begin than *Lent*? Let's renew our faith, hope and love."



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



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Grade 2 Wednesday 6pm and Grade 6 Thursday 7pm

**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 7.30pm.

**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.

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

**Moonlight—Film Fundraiser** Monday 20th, 7pm at the Capitol Cinema, \$20/\$15. Proceeds to The Ruben Centre, directed by **Br. Frank O'Shea**, offering health and community development to the poor in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Emergencies Ministry** training to support affected residents. St. Johns Anglican Church Hall, Port Fairy, Saturday 29th April, 8.45am—5.00pm. Registration: [www.vccem.org.au/](http://www.vccem.org.au/) training, 9650 4511 or Lynne Carter 0402 717 647.

The people on Manus Island and Nauru. Innocent people. Hundreds upon hundreds of innocent people. They have committed no crime. They have been charged with no crime. They have been locked up for years. For us. Join in with Josephite Justice Network for **Tuesday Mourning**. Wear black, a black ribbon, a black armband. **Mourn** for the innocent victims locked up. For Australian fear.

**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)*

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