

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 8/9 April

6pm Welcomers: Beks Family Gifts: Hancock Family Readers: G&M McDonald
 Ministers: M Harney, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page
9am Welcomers: D Duynhoven, T McCutcheon Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: P&G Nevill
 Ministers: K O'Leary, A Sanderson, C Spencer

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

2 April Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith
 9 April Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

2 April Team 3: Terry & Pat King
 9 April Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 26 March Group 2: Peter Kenna

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 9 April: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: When Jesus calls forth Lazarus from death and the darkness of the tomb to new life, we have echoes of Christian belief in the power of baptism. The same symbolism is spoken of in the baptismal ceremony. When baptism is performed by full emersion, this symbolism is even more powerful.

Did you Know: Popular Jewish belief was that the soul hovered near the body for three days after death. The 'fourth day' indicates that Lazarus is well and truly passed away, thus making his resurrection even more amazing.

Marriage Tip: Do you look into your spouse's heart? Do you let them look into yours? Cherish the opportunity to go beyond appearances with the one you love.

Daily Prayer: As once in the vision, O God, your prophet summoned the spirit so that dry bones stood up alive, and as once your Son stood fearless at death's door calling Lazarus to come forth alive, raise us up with Christ from the death of sin, that all of us, the elect and the baptised, may be unbound and set free.

A Vocation View: Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.



Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

Young people

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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.

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 Sullivan, Rafferty & Theodore Harris who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"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

5th Sunday of Lent—2nd April 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Pearl Foley, Baby Noah Keane, Theodore Veremeychik, Kevin McDowall
Anniversaries: John Hingston, Fr. Delahenty, Bishop Mulkearns



Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St Pius
 Tuesday 10.00am
 Wednesday 10.00am at St Joseph's
 Thursday 7.30pm **MASS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**
 Friday 9.30am
 Saturday 10.00am at St Pius
 (Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

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

Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipated joy

The Word of God: This Week: Ez 37: 12-14, Rom 8: 8-11, Jn 11: 1-45
 Next Week: Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11, Mt 26: 14-27: 66

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

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Pure in heart here means **single minded**. The hearts of the blessed, the truly happy, are not divided between God and football and career and money. Those truly happy have only one God, and look to God alone **to be filled**. When they play sport, they do it for God's honor and glory, not their own. If they marry, they love Christ and are loved by Christ through their spouse. If they pursue a career or build a business, **they do it to advance His kingdom**. Reading the Sermon on the Mount, and especially the Beatitudes, is a gut check. It's one of the best of all **examinations of conscience**, perfect to read before every confession and every **Lent**. Incidentally, that's what the penitential season of Lent is about. **The fasting is meant to re-stimulate our spiritual appetite**. The spiritual exercises are designed to shrug off the laziness of sloth. Christianity is not just a matter of believing in God, but avidly pursuing Him. (Dr D' Ambrosio)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" -St. Gerard Majella

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R.** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **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	28	Praise to You
Gifts	136	We Will Rise Again
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	187	Communion Song
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.



The People's Community Network is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

Our Parish has raised \$1079.40 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent is a time to relive exodus from slavery to freedom

Like the people of Israel freed from the bondage of slavery, Christians are called to experience the path toward hope and **new life** during the Lenten season, Pope Francis said. Through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus “has opened up for us a way that leads to a full, eternal and blessed life”, the Pope said on Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent for Latin-rite Catholics. “Lent lives within this dynamic: **Christ precedes us with his exodus and we cross the desert**, thanks to him and behind him,” he said.

In his main audience talk, the Pope said that while Lent was a time of “penance and even mortification”, it was also ‘a time of hope’ for Christians awaiting Christ’s resurrection to “**renew our baptismal identity**”.
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Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God and Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. James Treffry will receive our Holy Oils from Bishop



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

Service Invited for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday. See the invitation in the church foyer.

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 April with the Saints “God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth.” St Catherine of Siena (29 April)

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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for children in Grade 3 and above on June 3/4. An information night for parents will take place on Monday 1st May at 7pm in the Church foyer.

View Bishop Kelly of Port Pirie speak on the Samaritan Woman, Bishop Randazzo of Sydney on today’s Gospel and our **Bishop Paul speak on next Sunday’s Gospel** at www.dbb.org.au

Xt3 Lent Calendar 2017 <http://www.xt3.com/lent/> download the Lent Calendar as an App. It’s FREE!

The next Mass at Lyndoch will be May 3rd at 10.00am.

The Next PCT Meeting will be May 3rd.

Today Mike & Mary Page, Tony & Alison Woolley, Dianne & Dedy Friebe and Terry & Laine Kenny represent our Family Groups in saying farewell and thanks to the Victorian leaders, Bernie & Maree Metcalfe at the Passionist Monastery, Templestowe.

Fr. Anthony Valaitt SDB will speak about the Salesian Mission in Bangalore on Wednesday at St Joseph’s after 10am Mass.

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

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.

A sense of excitement and joy filled St Patrick’s Cathedral in Melbourne on Sunday March 5 as over 1,000 people gathered for the Rite of Election, an important step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children.

Following initial enquiries about Catholic faith, people wishing to join the Catholic Church (or renew baptismal promises and receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter) embark on a period of learning the teachings of Jesus through the Gospel. They are accompanied on this journey by their **local parish** who bear witness to their faith.

The wider community then welcomes these people through the Rite of Election, which takes place annually on the first Sunday of Lent at St Patrick’s Cathedral. It is an important step in the RCIA/RCIC process, as it is seen as a public commitment by the candidates to pursue their faith journey and as a commitment of accompaniment by their sponsors and **local parishes.**

This year, 58 parishes participated in the Rite with over **230 candidates and catechumens** present. It’s truly a **Good News event**, not only due to the sheer number of people present, but also as it is a view into the growing, multicultural and vibrant church of Melbourne.

Archbishop Hart warmly welcomed and affirmed the candidates and catechumens for their willingness to accept Jesus’ invitation to ‘come and see’. He also offered gratitude as he said **their witness ‘helps us’** ‘old’ Catholics really rejoice and **renew** the faith that we want to live.’
- Tiffany Davis