

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 15/16 April

6pm Welcomers: M Brown, M Dunne Gifts: S Hargreaves Readers: N McLaren, B O'Neill

Ministers: S Reimert, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry

9am Welcomers: C Morriss, J O'Grady Gifts: G Howland Family Readers: J O'Brien, C Porter

Ministers: M&L Taggart, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

9 April Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

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

COUNTING TEAMS:

9 April Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

16 April Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 9 April Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 16 April: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: Like Simon of Cyrene in today's gospel, help someone carry their cross this week

Did you Know: The narrative of the Passion of Jesus—the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death—are the earliest strands of what come to be written down as the gospels.

Marriage Tip: Pope Francis asked married couples: "How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family?" How would you answer the Pope? He said that true joy "comes from a profound harmony between persons."

Daily Prayer: As we near the end of Lent's forty-day journey, take our sin away by Christ's glorious passion, that we, who have so often denied and deserted the Lord, may not yield to despair but repent and renew our discipleship, so that when we proclaim the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A Vocation View: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new 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**.

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Harvey Goss & Easton Squires** 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."



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



PARISH BULLETIN

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord-9th April 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: Brother Kevin Tuck, Kevin Heard, Sister Imelda Gain RSM, Teresa Finnigan, Mary Schultz, Fay Garner (QLD), Peter Leonard, Fr John Reilly SJ, Colleen O'Connor, Fr. Kierce, Ricky Gasseling (Holland)

Anniversaries: Veronica Carney, Srs. Teresa Pye & Teresa Hyland, Dot Davies, Eleanor Thompson, Lachlan Dobson, Phillip Williams, Carmel Malone

Mass Times—Holy Week

Monday 7.30am at St Pius

Tuesday 10.00am (Ricky Gasseling RIP)

Wednesday 9.00am

(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

The Easter Triduum:

Holy Thursday—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.00pm

Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3.00pm

The Easter Vigil—6.00pm (Saturday)

The Morning Mass—9.00am (Sunday)

10.0am (Allansford)

The Word of God: This Week: Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11, Mt 26: 14-27: 66

Next Week: Acts 10: 34a. 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Mt 28: 1-10

*Red is the colour of
Blood, the Holy
Spirit, of Fire and of
Royalty*



On Holy Thursday 7.00pm

Project Compassion Donations can be presented on the collection. You are welcome to have your **feet washed**, please move near to the isle.

Prayer at the **Altar of Repose** will finish at 9.00pm "Can you watch with me?"

On Good Friday we fast and we abstain from meat.



Stations of the Cross at Allansford on Good Friday 10.30am
Reconciliation after the Stations (Confessions)

Holy Week: Keeping Triduum

"We venerate your cross, O Lord, we praise and glorify your holy resurrection: because of the wood of the tree, joy has come into the whole world."

(from The Glenstal Book of Prayer)

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

HYMNS:

- Entrance GA 312 Hosanna to the Son of David
- Gifts 104 Blessings on the King
- Communion 27 Song of the Body of Christ
- 40 Will You Love Me?
- Recessional 124 Let Heaven Rejoice



Stronger
through companionship



Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather battered their home and environment. But her participation in the

Caritas-Australia supported Integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children.

Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat 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 Paul.



Fire

There are many ancient myths about fire—the Greeks said Prometheus stole it from the gods.

The new Easter fire that lights up the darkness on Holy Saturday night is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus, and the divine life that he continues to give.

Palm Sunday

"The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?



I Believe the Light has Come

I believe in death. I believe that it is a part of life. I believe that we are born to die, to die that we may live more fully; born to die a little each day to selfishness, to pretence, and to shortcomings. I believe that every time we pass from one stage of life to another, something in us dies and something new is born. I believe we taste death in moments of loneliness, rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure. I believe that we are dying before our time when we live in bitterness, in hatred, and in isolation. I believe that each day we are creating our own death by the way we live. For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. (Anon.)

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

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.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Sydney, December 7-9 for young adults up to 30 years www.ACYF.org.au

Emmanuel College Information evening, Thursday 27th April at 7pm for 7.30pm in Emmanuel Centre. **Open Day** on Sunday April 30, tours & workshops commence 1.30pm for Grade 5 & 6 students.

Singing Practice TODAY at 5pm for our Triduum Ceremonies. New voices and instruments welcome.

Morning Tea today after 9am Mass hosted by Family Groups. All Welcome **When Irish Eyes Are Smiling!** Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2017 Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland (September 16-30, 2017) Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experiencing the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour. (20 people max) If you are concerned about travelling alone or have never before ventured overseas be assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, guests and myself.

For an itinerary please contact Tour director Maria Forde on 0411 158 593 or mariaforde1@gmail.com or go to www.mariaforde.com and click on Celtic Tour 2017 link then 2017 itinerary.

"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.