

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 22/23 July

6pm Welcomers: OLHC School Gifts: OLHC School Readers: J McArdle, P McKimmie

Ministers: C White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey

9am Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duyinhoven Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: H Godfrey, C Spencer

Ministers: L&T Kenny, F Lamb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

16 July Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

23 July Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

16 July Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

23 July Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perrara

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 16 July Group 2: Peter Kenna

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 23 July: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Say this prayer each day: *Lord, may the seed of your word fall into deep soil in me. May it not return to you without yielding its fruit in me.*

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Matthew's Gospel uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' rather than 'kingdom of God' because his audience is largely Jewish converts to Christianity and the Jewish people avoid using the holy name.

Marriage Tip: Have you developed any parting or reconnecting habits that confirm your love? A goodbye kiss or welcome home hug is a great start. Save the first five minutes of reconnecting to check in with your spouse.

Daily Prayer: God, Sower of the seed, we marvel at how your word accomplishes the purpose for which you sent it forth: how few of the seeds you sow take root, yet how spectacular their abundant yield. Make us good soil, ready to receive what you sow, that we may hear the word and understand it, bear fruit and yield a hundredfold.

A Vocation View: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

"Winter is the time for comfort—it is the time for home."

(Edith Sitwell)

Parishioners Email Addresses To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au

Reflection: Enter into the whole mystery of Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharistic meal. The Eucharist is first and foremost an action that engages us heart and soul. Our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ makes the Church the Body of Christ. Like Jesus we break the bread and pour out the wine of our lives for the sake of the world.

From "Break Open the World"

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian 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.

"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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—16th July 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: Mick Kent, Barbara O'Brien, John Gleeson, Frank Giblin, Inez McLoughlin

Anniversaries: Anne Maree Rice (O'Brien), Mary McDowall, Elsie Baker, John O'Flaherty, Frs. Bill O'Connell, Peter Elder & James Green, Jean Carney, Gerald Gray, Alice Rowan, Jack Ryan

Mass Times Monday 7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday—Friday 10.00am at St Joseph's
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday Sunday	6.00pm 9.00am
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*Green is the colour of hope
and growth*



The Word of God: This Week: Is 55: 10-11, Rom 8: 18-23, Mt 13: 1-23
Next Week: Wis 12: 13.16-19, Rom 8: 26-27, Mt 13: 24-43

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation—at St. Joseph's on Fridays 10.20am, at St Pius Saturday 10.20am

"We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him."
We rejoice in the greatest victory. When we unite ourselves to Christ Jesus, we unite ourselves to his resurrection from the dead.

A Prayer for Winter

Let us huddle together this morning, our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm. Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves, and wish each other safe journeys through the storm. May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by the snow, and, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice.
Amen.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." MATTHEW 13:22
Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

"If you can't feed a hundred, then feed just one."
(Saint Mother Teresa)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Keep for Daily Prayer*)

THE SEED THAT FALL ON GOOD SOIL WILL YIELD A FRUITFUL HARVEST

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **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	3	Canticle of the Sun
Gifts	74	Come to the Water
Communion	6	Lord to Whom Shall We Go
	65	To be Your Bread Now
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light



Mystery Of Faith

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

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May our Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred—or sixty—or thirty fold!

The Eucharist is a sign of unity. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our **transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.**

- Sr. Dianne Bergant

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the World" - Pope Saint John Paul II

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.

Introduction to the Bible every Friday in the Meeting Room at **10am**. During school terms.

Prayer for Seafarers

O Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, Guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, in word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pray for us. -Amen

Pope John Paul II



Fr. Frank Brennan SJ, Lawyer and CEO of Catholic Social Services will **speak** on **"Family Matters"** on Saturday July 22nd, 9.30am at St Pius School. Workshops will follow on Having the **suicide** conversation; Family **violence**; Enriching family **relationships**; Keeping **children** the focus in **blended families**; Building **trust**/listening; **Tuning in to kids**. Concludes 3pm, lunch provided. Enquiries the Bishops Office 5337 7121. (Registrations close 17 July www.2017familymatters.weebly.com) Free. **Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program.** The Program offers formation and study opportunities for lay people in a wide range of short online topics. A subject is done in five weeks of study. You can complete a Certificate of Pastoral Ministry or a Certificate of Youth Ministry. Phone 5337 7125, Amanda Smith, Facilitator, Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program. **Liturgy Training** at St Joseph's 23rd July. Mass at 10.30am, Celebrant Bishop Paul. Workshops for **Readers**; **Funeral Preparation**; **Preparing children for the Sacraments**. Register www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5562 2231.

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 July with the Saints "We must always remind ourselves that we are pilgrims until we arrive at our heavenly homeland." (*St Ignatius of Loyola, 31 July*)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am

First Holy Communion for Children in Grade 4 (and above) will be celebrated on **September 9th and 10th**. Enrolment Sunday **will be 12/13 August**. **Parent Information Session** will be in the Church foyer on Tuesday August 8th at 7pm.

Open New Horizons for **Spreading Joy**. Australian Catholic **Youth Festival** on Sunday 7-9 December www.acyf.org.au

Thanks for the donations to the **St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal** so far. Your donations directly assist the East Warrnambool Community. The School children at OLHC have made an amazing donation of food also at the Poor Man's Mass. Well done. We are already distributing your gifts. **June Update:** Families visited - 66; Food (food share) - \$3640; Financial Vouchers - \$3814.

Food for the Poor to be distributed by the St Vincent De Paul Society can be left in the **Basket** in the foyer.

Please help the **St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal** by putting a marked envelope on the Collection plate. If you would like to be a member contact Peter Allan on 5561 4963.

Enrolments for our Parish School (2018) open on July 17th.

We welcome the Kehoe Family back to St Carthage's in Allansford at 10.30am.

We welcome and Thank Fr Kevin Arundell who will be celebrant at our Masses for the next two weekends.

Dinner for Old Collegians of St Patrick's College Ballarat at the Warrnambool Cally on Sunday August 6th at 7pm.

Evening of Inspiration celebrating the Induction of Inspiring Alumni of Emmanuel College at the Lighthouse Theatre on Friday 28th July with Entertainment from 7.10pm. Phone 5560 0888 during school hours.

Past students of **St Ann's College** are invited to Mass and lunch on Tuesday 26 July at 11am. RSVP 19 July to Candice 5560 0888.

Our Parish Family Groups welcomes all Parishioners to a monthly Social Outing. Contact coordinators Terry & Laine Kenny 5562 4083.

eConference: *'Gospel Leadership in time of Chaos—the Hope of Pope Francis'*. Prominent international and national speakers will reflect on the momentous uncertainties of these times and discuss them in context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. Thursday 10th August 10.30am at St Joseph's Parish Hall.

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

The Body of Christ is not simply something we receive; it is something we become. The bread and wine we share are truly the Body and Blood of Christ, and **we who receive them become one body**—incorporated into Christ and into each other.