

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 5/6 August

6pm Welcomers: D&D Fraser Gifts: G&A Ryan Readers: L McKenzie, N McLaren

Ministers: B Gladman, M Harney, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield

9am Welcomers: J O'Grady, J Zanos Gifts: Nabong Family Readers: F&P Torpy

Ministers: A Sanderson, C Spencer, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

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

COUNTING TEAMS:

30 July Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

6 August Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 30 July Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 6 August: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: The image of treasure dominates this text. Jesus sees the search for God as part of the journey of people in all walks of life, because everyone is searching for 'treasure' in their lives. We need to have discerning hearts so that we can recognise what is real treasure and then give our whole lives to it.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The householder who brings out things both old and new may be a reference to people like Matthew himself, who, as well as receiving the teachings of Jesus and believing in him, also retain a profound respect for the Law and traditions of Judaism.

Marriage Tip: Doing things together is good, but depending on your personality some spouses can feel smothered. Do you have enough alone time or personal hobbies to refresh your spirit and bring a renewed you and new ideas to your marriage?

Daily Prayer: Many the paths by which you lead us, and wide the net that gathers us in. Teach us to refrain from judging others, that we may attend to our own commitment and be trained by your Son for the kingdom of heaven.

A Vocation View: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.



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The "home" represents the most precious human treasures, that of the encounter, that of relations among people, different in age, culture and history, but who live together and together help one another to grow. For this reason, the "home" is a crucial place in life, where life grows and can be fulfilled, because it is a place in which every person learns to receive love and to give love.
-Pope Francis

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—30th July 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

*"I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"
JN 14, 18.*

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Sister Antonette Russo RSM, Sister Lucilla Prendiville SJG, Father Kevin Penry SJ, Michael O'Donnell, Tim Buckley, John Van Duynhoven, Maree Mahoney

Anniversaries: Frs. Dan Meagher & Mulcahy, Sisters Dorothy Finnigan & Magdalen Conway, Joan Sinnott, Grace Roache, Barry Bermingham, Elizabeth & Lachlan McDonald, Michael & Loreto Melican, Jese Brooks, Gertrude Brooks

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 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
Allansford 10.30am

The Word of God: This Week: 1 Kgs 3: 5.7-12, Rom 8: 28-30, Mt 13: 44-52
Next Week: Dn 7: 9-10.13-14, 2 Pt 1: 16-19, Mt 17: 1-9

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

**"I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the
waters to create many ripples."**

St Teresa of Calcutta



*Green is the colour of hope
and growth*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS.



My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **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	80	Sing a New Song
Gifts	CWB 793	Peace Prayer of St Francis
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	64	We Have Been Told
Recessional	57	City of God

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

Pope—'You can't have a closed heart if you want to understand Jesus'.

In order to understand Jesus, we cannot have closed hearts, but rather need those that are courageous and forward-looking. Pope Francis stressed that 'no one can buy faith,' for it is 'a gift that changes our life.'

Must Open Our Hearts - In order to really understand Jesus, he underscored, we cannot have a "closed heart," and rather, need to follow the path of forgiveness and humiliation. To illustrate what it means to *really* have faith, the Pope turned to the people, who were ready to do anything to get closer to Jesus, taking whatever risks may have come their way. So confident they were in Him and His healing, they overcrowded and surrounded the home where the Lord would heal. He also reminded them that the roof had to be opened for the paralyzed man to be lowered into the home.

Need for Courageous, Forward-looking Hearts - "They had faith," the Pope exclaimed, "the same faith as that lady who, also in a crowd, arranged to touch the hem of Jesus' garment, Jesus' robe, when He was going to the house of Jairus, that she too might be healed." He observed this was the same faith of the centurion, who wished for his servant to be healed. "Strong faith, courageous, forward-looking," the Holy Father said, "hearts to faith."

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.



**Do not regret Growing old.
It is a Privilege
denied to many**

Introduction to the Bible every Friday in the Meeting Room at 10am.

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."

Stanley Horowitz

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.

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. 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 are now open.

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

Thank you to Fr. Kevin Arundell for being Celebrant for these three weeks. Fr. Kevin will be with us again September 16/17.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage, 8-18 November. Commencing in Melbourne. Further information mmp.nationalpilgrimage@sosj.org.au or 02 89124845.

Next Sunday is *The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*. There will be **Mass at Allansford at 10.30am.**

Today is *International Day of Friendship*.

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home"
(St Augustine)

New Marist Prayer App Goes Live The free app will have wide appeal to all people who are attracted to a Marian way of praying. "As Marists, we look to Mary to be the model both for our spiritual lives and for the way of doing ministry and community... The original Marist dream was that the Church would be re-vitalized by its turning to Mary." The app is freely available to download on Android and Apple devices at GooglePlay and the Apple App Store. **Search for "Marist Daily Prayer"**

LIGHTING A FIRE THAT BURNS OUR INDIFFERENCE

In the preaching of the Word of God, Jesus wishes that the divine flame would set the hearts of people on fire. The Word of God that Jesus preaches is like a sword that cuts, a fire that burns and purifies. It confronts people into taking decisions. Jesus breaks the false peace of indifference, superficiality, and compromise that would place God in the same level with idols, love in the same level with egoism. He wants people to choose the Gospel despite the cost.

As Robert Kennedy once said, "*Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends a tiny ripple of hope.*"

- Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

Pope Francis of Harmony in the Family

"Just by a small gesture, a little something, harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family".

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The Joy of Love 2016