

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 26/27 August

**6pm** Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: M&U Williams Readers: P Morgan, B O'Neill  
 Ministers: R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, P Flynn, D Friebe, B Gladman  
**9am** Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven Gifts: P Aberline Family Readers: E Dwyer, D Farley  
 Ministers: A Jubb, L&T Kenny

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

20 August Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires  
 27 August D&D

### COUNTING TEAMS:

20 August Team 3: Terry & Pat King  
 27 August Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 13 August Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 27 August: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



**Making Connections:** All the readings for this week speak of foreigners who have accepted faith in the one God. The gospel tells of a great learning moment for Jesus. He ignores the pleas of the gentile woman but ultimately, she forces him to recognize that salvation is available to all people who have faith. This would have been a salient message for those in Matthew's community who struggled to come to terms with gentiles entering their community.

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

**Marriage Tip:** What has been a low point in your relationship with your beloved? How did you get through it? If you're still in a desert, ask for help – from your spouse, God, or from a counsellor (no shame in that).

**Daily Prayer:** Let people of every race, language and way of life find our assembly to be a house of prayer for all peoples, where foreigners are welcomed as friends, where strangers are called sisters and brothers.

**A Vocation View:** It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

**Living the Word:** Pray for Christian unity and understanding between all people of goodwill who search for God's truth.

**"Come live life in all its fullness"**

**Help is welcome** for the Warrnambool Community Soup Kitchen operating at St Joseph's on Monday evenings. Phone Cath Lourey 5561 4120 / Mary Lancaster 0409 158 177.

**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.

**The Sisters of Mercy** ask our prayers for a Chapter Meeting of Mercy Sisters from Australia and Papua New Guinea. The Meeting is from 13th August—26th August and is to be held in Sydney. It is a very important Gathering—being only the second following since the Reconfiguration in 2011. Your prayerful involvement will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Warrnambool Mercies.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for August

**Artists.** That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

*"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

**20th Sunday In Ordinary Time—20th August 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:** Elizabeth Maginness, Sr. Aileen Vear CSB, Judy Cain, Barbara Bourke, Mary Mahony

**Anniversaries:** Mary & Francis Forest, Kathleen McGrath, Ellen (Nell) Frusher, Thomas Gleeson, Monsignor O'Connell, Fr. Stan McGrath, Reg Drew

**Mass Times** Monday 10.00am at St Pius  
 Tuesday 10.00am (**Queenship Of Mary**)  
 Wednesday 9.30am  
 Thursday 9.00am  
 Friday 9.30am (Sister Lucilla Prenderville SJG, RIP)  
 Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

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

*Green is the colour of hope and growth*



**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 56: 1.6-7, Rom 11: 13-15.29-32, Mt 15: 21-28  
 Next Week: Is 22: 19-23, Rom 11: 33-36, Mt 16: 13-20

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

**Reconciliation**—Fridays 10.20am, Saturdays at St Pius 10.20am

### 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.

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?



*"In God's heart there are no enemies. God has only sons*

*and daughters." - Pope Francis*

**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.

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



**O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all people praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Speak O Lord, your servant listens, yours the Word of life eternal

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	40	Will You Love Me
Communion	125	Eat This Bread
	187	Communion Song
Recessional	185	Our Supper Invitation

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

*Eucharist—Session 2 Remembering Jesus*

In the last session we reflected on how we gather at Mass to celebrate. We now consider how this “special meal” helps us to remember and give thanks. Like a family meal, the Mass is a time when we gather to share, to talk, to listen and to be nourished: we do this in the presence of Jesus and we learn what it means to follow him.

**AIMS:**

- To help the children become aware that a celebration can recall a past event and make the past present.
- To help the children see the Eucharist as a meal they share in memory of Jesus.
- To assist the children to discover the “remembering” and “thanksgiving” dimensions of the

*“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”* ROMANS 11:29  
God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

**Start children off the way they should go and even when they are old they shall not turn from it.**  
Proverbs 22:6

**Baptism**  
“Through the sacrament of baptism the faithful are incorporated into Christ and into his Church. They are formed into God’s people and they obtain forgiveness of all their sins. They become a new creation and are called, rightly, the children of God.”  
(Rite of Christian Initiation, General

**Eucharist**  
The celebration of the Eucharist is the centre of the entire Christian life, in which Jesus Christ is offered and received, and by which the Church constantly grows. It is the summit and the source of all Christian worship and life, signifying and effecting the unity of the people of God, providing spiritual nourishment, and achieving the building up of the Body of Christ.

**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 August with the Saints** “Wherever we may be let God’s glory absorb our thoughts, deliberations and action.” (St. Mary MacKillop)

**Holy Hour Monday 10.00am**

**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.

*“The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home”* (St Augustine)

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) 1pm on Tuesday in the church foyer.

**Worth Watching** ABC Sunday 11am, “The Staffroom” & 11.30am “Songs of Praise”

**Compliments of the Parish** the Latest Edition of “Our Diocesan Community”

**Assumption College Kilmore** will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2018. Please phone Maria Cleve on 5783 5343 or email [maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au)

**Bishop Paul Bird’s Letter is available explaining what the Diocese is doing to respond to Child Sexual Abuse.**

**Board for Japanese Girls attending Emmanuel College** August 29-

November 18. Information, Lynn Smith 0427 507 990

**Study:** The Sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, liturgy, Church history on line. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867.

**Parenting:** A talk at The Emmanuel Centre Thursday 7pm-8pm by Michael McQueen, “Leading and Connecting with Generation Y” \$5. All welcome.

**Check the Film Clip** made by OLHC School Leaders about the service at Lyndoch and Food Share at [www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au/current-events](http://www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au/current-events) “Prayer and Image” an exhibition of **ICONS** is at the Art Gallery of Ballarat until September 10.

**The Spring Edition** of “Australian Catholics” available today, compliments of the Parish. The theme is “No One Is An Island: The Parish Of The Highway.”

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

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

**How to defeat the proposed euthanasia bill (circulated by Diocesan Office)**

**Some Points:**

- ⇒ The Victorian Government should be spending its time tackling important issues like law and order, not pursuing radical social policies like euthanasia.
- ⇒ Euthanasia turns doctors into life takers and patients into victims. It completely distorts the patient/doctor relationship and undermines the essential trust at the heart of the relationship.
- ⇒ The Government used to stand for protecting society’s most vulnerable, but now they are putting their very lives at risk.
- ⇒ Assisting suicide sends a dangerous message that suicide is an acceptable response to suffering.

**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.

**“Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High”**  
  
Today we welcome with great joy **Lenny Bourke & Luka Jones** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.