

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 9/10 September

6pm Welcomers: OLHC School Gifts: Beks Family Readers: M Atkinson, C Bolte
 Ministers: E McDonough, F Moloney, J Moorfield, P&M Morgan, S Reimert
9am Welcomers: J O'Grady, J Zano Gifts: M BarnesFamily Readers: T Kenny, F Lamb
 Ministers: C Spencer, P Allan, T Baker

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

3 September Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler
 10 September Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

COUNTING TEAMS:

3 September Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy
 10 September Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 27 August Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 10 September: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. It reminds us immediately of the death of Jesus through which he won eternal life but it also reminds us of our own struggles and sufferings. 'We all have our own cross to bear'. St Rose of Lima, a young South American saint of the 17th century, said, 'Apart from the cross there is no ladder to heaven'. What do you think she meant by this? Do you know others who are burdened by a cross at the moment? Try to lift a burden from someone this week.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

Marriage Tip: Technology and media are useful for connecting and inspiration but they can also rob you of precious couple time. Set family rules for tech, and stick to them.

Daily Prayer: Not by power and popularity, O God, but in suffering and self-sacrifice did Jesus fulfil his call as our Messiah, showing us the cost of discipleship. Do not let us stumble at so daunting a prospect, nor set our minds on the human wisdom that seeks an easier way; but let us deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow with courage where Jesus leads.

A Vocation View: Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

Pope Francis Day of Prayer and Penance

In 2016, following a proposal from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Holy Father established a 'Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse and to ask God for a greater awareness of the responsibility of the members of the Church towards the underage people entrusted to them'. Here in Australia, this second-stated purpose is already a focus of **Child Protection Sunday**, which is observed each year on the **second Sunday in September**. Therefore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided to observe the Day of prayer and penance for the victims of sexual abuse next Sunday.

The Mercy Sisters are grateful for your prayerful support during our recent Chapter. A new Leadership Team has been elected and we will be led into our future by this new group after their induction in mid December.

"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."

**Ballarat Clergy Support fund—
Collection for sick and retired Priests**

The Ballarat Clergy Support fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductable.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US - THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



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



PARISH BULLETIN

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time—3rd September 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: Michael Pye, Darren Groves, Theresa Barton, Madeline Carroll, Elena Brennan, Estrella Jayme, Mary Borg, Liesel Gunn, Donald Hansen, Nance McNiece, Brian Chapman

Anniversaries: Fr. Markey, Geoff Currer, Megan O'Neill, John Jansen, Maureen Trigg, Ivan Sanderson, Maurice Noonan, Vern Walsh, Leo Couch, Our Deceased Fathers & Grandfathers

Green is the colour of hope and growth

Mass Times Tuesday 10.00am (Estrella Jayme RIP) **International Day of Charity (UN)**

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel

Friday 9.30am **Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday 1.30pm (With the Philippine Community in the Allansford Hall)

THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday Sunday

6.00pm 9.00am



The Word of God: This Week: Jer 20: 7-9, Rom 12: 1-2, Mt 16: 21-27

Next Week: Ez 33: 7-9, Rom 13: 8-10, Mt 18: 15-20

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am

Leunig—A Spring Prayer

Dear God,
 We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms and bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap,
 the fragrance of growth,
 the invention of the wheel barrow,
 we give thanks.
 We celebrate and give thanks. Amen!



September, A Catholic Season of Creation

St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Pope Francis Laudato Si' #12



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" MATTHEW 16:26
 St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Keep for Daily Prayer*)



My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you, like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Word of Truth and Life.
Be our way, Lord, be our truth, Lord, be our hope of life eternal.

HYMNS:

Entrance	74	Come to the Water
Gifts	28	Praise to You
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	27	Song of the Body of Christ
Recessional	130	They'll Know We Are Christians

Mystery Of Faith

When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O
Lord, until you come again.

Eucharist—Session 4 Called and Sent Out

In the last session we reflected on the ways in which Jesus is present when we celebrate Mass. In this session we are reminded that at the end of Mass we are sent out "to love and serve the Lord". As fully initiated Christians we are called into action: we are sent out to follow the example of Jesus.

AIMS:

1. To reflect with the children on how Jesus calls his disciples to a life of love and service.
2. To help the children appreciate that one of the demands of sharing the Eucharist is the call to serve others in love.
3. To enable the children to identify ways in which they can love God and love one another.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further information about the Social Justice Statement, visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

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.

"Come live life in all its fullness"

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 Introduction, n.1)

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. (Canon 897)

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 September with the Saints *"What is easier, sweeter, more pleasant, than to love goodness, beauty, and love the fullness of which you are, O Lord, my God?"* (St. Robert, 17th Sept)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home"

(St Augustine)

Worth Watching ABC Sunday 11.00am, "Last Witnesses Child Survivors of the Holocaust Community" & 11.30am "Songs of Praise"

Compliments of the Parish the Latest Edition of "Our Diocesan Community"

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

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.

"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."

St John of God Hospital is seeking **volunteers**. Join a group of caregivers. Ask for a volunteer pack at the reception desk.

New Liturgy Rosters Available Today.

The Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee have had plans drawn up for a disabled toilet and renovation of our existing toilets. Plans can be seen on the notice board.

Parish Coordinating Team Meeting Wednesday 7.30pm for Paul Torpy, John Tankard, Marian Bugge, Theresa Bant, Dion Bartlett, John O'Sullivan, Catherine White, Rachel Kelly, Fr. Lawrie.

Parish Family Groups have been a feature of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish for Thirty Years. We celebrate the Family Spirit in our Parish Family, and we thank all who have given themselves for their Family Group. Every Family and everybody are cordially welcome to a monthly social occasion with a Family Group. See Father Lawrie or Laine and Terry Kenny for more details.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017 Once again OLHC School are participating in the Earn and Learn Program. Through this program our School has the chance to get new educational resources. Each time you shop at Woolworths you will be given a sticker for every ten dollars you spend. Please collect the stickers and place them in the box at the church. Thank you for your support.

Understanding the Reformation Lecturer: David Schütz, Friday 7.30pm to Sunday 3pm, September 22-24, Nazareth House, Ballarat, Cost \$95.

Enquiries: Maureen van der Linden, 0431 273 953. RSVP Friday September 15.

Introduction to the Bible

every Friday in the Meeting Room at **10am**.

The celebration of the **Eucharist is a "glorious exchange"** - we offer what God has first given to us, and, in receiving those offerings back, **we receive God's very self**.

"Be sealed with the Holy Spirit"
Congratulations to:

Morgan Cook, Rhea Sony, Hudson Steel, Millen Buckle-Perkins, Lucy Board, Claudia White & Angus White

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

Parishes. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.