

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 18/19 November**

**6pm** Welcomers: C McMeel Family **Gifts:** B&B Gladman **Readers:** G&M McDonald

**Ministers:** M Page, S Reimert, P Smith, C Smith, T Treffry, c White, D White

**9am** Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven **Gifts:** D Lloyd Family **Readers:** P Franc, T Kenny

**Ministers:** P Allan, M&L Taggart

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**

12 November Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

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

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

12 November Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

19 November Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 5 November Group 2: Peter Kenna

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 19 November: Louise & Michael Taggart



**Making Connections:** The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil, the way we live our lives, cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready.

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return. Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mk 2:19-20) and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

**Living the Word:** What opportunities for prayer, reflection or retreat are offered within your community to help keep track of life's priorities?

**Marriage Tip:** When was the last time the two of you laughed so hard you cried? Think of a way to help your honey laugh today – even if it's embarrassing.

**Daily Prayer:** Lady Wisdom, O God, bids us keep watch, for she is surely found by those who seek her; and your Son warns us to keep awake for the Bridegroom's return. Because we know not the day nor the hour, keep us ready as history's vigil unfolds. Let the light we were given at baptism shine bright, your church resplendent with justice and love.

**A Vocation View:** We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare ourselves even more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!



**Pope's Prayer Intentions for November Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions

**"Do not think of the faults of others but of what is good in them and faulty in thyself."**  
- St Teresa of Ávila

**"Charity brings to life again those who are spiritually dead."**  
-St Thomas Aquinas

**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**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—12th November 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:** Bill Clancey, Bridget Dowlin, Mason Jennings-Rethus, Graham Dyson  
**Anniversaries:** Agnes McMahon, John Jewell, Fr. Serzants, Tim Cooper, Sean Doran, Rebecca McKenzie, Olivia & Caroline Wright, Deceased Service Men & Women, Bob Warren, Brian Shanahan

<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	9.30am Funeral—Val Sell RIP
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (St Margaret of Scotland)
	Friday	9.30am (St Elizabeth of Hungary)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

**THE LORD'S DAY**

**Saturday  
Sunday  
Allansford**

**6.00pm  
9.00am  
10.30am November 19th**



**The Word of God:** This Week: Wis 6: 12-16, 1 Thes 4: 13-18, Mt 25: 1-13  
Next Week: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5: 1-6, Mt 25: 14-30

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

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

"Links" is available for our Zone Leaders to distribute to Messengers. With Appreciation. Our Invitation to the Parish Flower Festival is included. (The Parish Coordinators)

**Exam Prayer**

Loving God,

Be with me as I enter this exam.  
Still my heart and open my mind.

Help me to write with confidence  
and allow me to demonstrate  
all that I have learned.

Thank you for the many people  
who have prepared me for this time  
and thank you for the opportunity to  
bring my learning to this moment.

Be with me,  
as I enter this exam time.  
Amen.

**Discipleship is a Call**

The church community of Christ's disciples.....Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a 'constant setting out' with Jesus in order to know how and where the Master lives.

*Pope Francis, 7th September 2017*

The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues His mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity and as the Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere.

*Pope Francis, 21st October 2017*

**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**

On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, Praise the Word of Truth and Life.  
Living water, we are thirsting for the life that you have promised.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	74	Come to the Water
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	81	We Remember
Recessional	80	Sing a New Song

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

*OLHC 1975-2017, A Movement for a Better World Parish*

*Let us love, not with words but with deeds - -Pope Francis*

**What is the World Day of the Poor?**

\* In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this as the "World Day of the Poor." It will be celebrated on the thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent each year). **The inaugural World Day of the Poor is Sunday, 19 November 2017.**

\* "It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how **poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel** and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16: 19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This

Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."

- Pope Francis



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

Today we welcome with great joy  
**Archie McMillan**  
who is being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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

**Lost, All in Wonder**

Jesus, whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest forever with thy glory's sight.  
- Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

**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 November with the Saints** "It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to us and we draw near to God." (St Albert the Great, 15th November)

**Holy Hour Monday 2.00pm.**

**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.

**Parish Dates:**

**Rose Show and Flower Festival** "Imagine If..." November 24th-26th.

**Anointing Mass and Seniors High Christmas Afternoon Tea** December 13th at 1.30pm. A Pastoral letter 9/10/17 to the Catholics of Victoria on the 'Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill' is available in the foyer.

Today the **St John of God Auxiliary** will be selling Raffle tickets for their Christmas Hamper & \$500 of Petrol.

**Coffee** for all after 9am Mass **today** will be provided by our Parish Family Groups.

**St John of God Auxiliary:** Movie screening, 'Murder on the Orient Express'. Tuesday 14th November 10.00am at Capitol Theatre. \$15 includes morning tea. Tickets available Pat 5562 7200. All welcome.

**Leadership for Mission** is a sponsored, two-year, part time program commencing in February 2018. Applications are being sought from **women** across Australia aged **between the ages of 25-35**, with diverse personal and professional experiences. For more information contact Andrea Dean [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au)

**Some Interesting Statistics** from East Warrnambool SVDP quarterly figures:

212 homes visited. Assisted 305 adults and 275 children. In the past MONTH alone, 62 families. Food share assistance \$2430. Food vouchers \$3930. NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING. Thank you for your continued support.

**Compliments of the Parish** the latest edition of 'Our Diocesan Community' and 'Australian Catholics'.

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

**Next Sunday** is "**World Day of the Poor**" as named by Pope Francis.

**Raffle** for the St Vincent De Paul Society will be conducted and drawn at our Rose Show and Flower Festival Nov 24-26. Donations of prizes are welcome.

**Thank you** to Sue Smith for Our Parish Shrine of Remembrance.

**A Host of Local Choirs** will sing on November 19th, 5pm at the Anglican church \$5.

**Safe Church Awareness Workshop** next Saturday 9.30am-4pm at Gateway Church of Christ \$30.

Online registration by Thursday [www.churchesofchrist.org.au/scaw](http://www.churchesofchrist.org.au/scaw) Enquiries: Dion Bartlett.

**Opal Nursing Home** welcomes volunteers to visit their residents. See Fr. Lawrie.

**Pastoral Care Education:** An extended part time program will commence in February and conclude in November 2018 at St Thomas' Parish Terang once a fortnight on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. At least four hours of weekly pastoral practice has been made available at Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool. Please contact Bernadette Wurlo 0417 573 258.

**OXFAM** Australia (Warrnambool) Open Gardens Fundraiser Nov 19, J McCluggage, 206 Swans Ln, Allansford & R McLeod, Cooromook Rd, Grassmere.

**Invitation** to a commemorative gathering celebrating the Warrnambool and Terang part of the story of 160 years since the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in Victoria and Tasmania. We will begin at **11am on Tuesday November 14 at Emmanuel College**, then go to the cemetery where fifty-one Sisters are buried. Entry to Emmanuel College is by the front door of the Convent building in Botanic Rd.

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