

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 27/28 January

6pm Welcomers: D&D Fraser Gifts: G El Hage Family Readers: M&S Clancey
 Ministers: m Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, L Flaherty
9am Welcomers: J O'Grady, J Zanos Gifts: D Duynhoven Readers: J Fish, P Franc
 Ministers: H Goddard, B Byrne, M Clancey

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

21 January D & D
 28 January Group5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

COUNTING TEAMS:

21 January Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy
 28 January Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 28 January: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: What have you 'left behind' to follow Christ? Let go of something that makes it difficult for you to follow Christ.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21km long and 13km wide. Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Exploring the Word: This week we return to the Gospel of Mark which will be the main source of readings through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year. Mark's Gospel was the first of the accounts of Jesus' ministry to be written down. It is widely accepted that it was written about 65-70AD for a community in Rome where Christians were undergoing persecution because of their faith. Because of this setting, Mark often recalls stories which give great hope to people and encourage them to stay firm in their faith in the face of opposition. In this gospel, the disciples do not make excuses or delay. They simply leave everything to follow Jesus. They are immediately drawn to the words and person of Jesus; nothing else is as important as the Kingdom of God and the One who preaches it. The disciples undergo conversion and take up a whole new way of life. What are the signs of conversion in yourself?

Sharing the Tradition: The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'

Living the Word: Images associated with boats and fishing are common in Christianity. The Church is often represented as a boat carrying all in it across stormy seas. Just as the nets of the fishermen of Galilee were flung wide to catch many fish, the Church is open to all; none are excluded from the invitation to the Kingdom.

Marriage Tip: The early years of marriage require adjustments and compromises. "My way is the right way" will only lock you into fights. Make sure it's not always you or your spouse yielding to the will of the other.

Daily Prayer: The time is fulfilled, O God, your kingdom comes near and Christ bids us follow and join in your work of compassion. Let this call move our hearts and kindle our spirits, so that, leaving

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

other paths and gods, we may follow where Jesus leads and proclaim the good news of the kingdom.

A Vocation View: Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say, 'Come, follow Me.'

"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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—21st January 2018

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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: Jim Hand, Cathy O'Loughlin, Monica Morgan, Bill Hill-Peters, Josephine Zampiere, Bernard Russell, Ann Moloney (Birregurra)

Anniversaries: John Malone, Marie Lynch, Sister Patrick O'Brien, Jim O'Donnell, Dorothy Finn, Thomas O'Toole, Tom Toohey, Sister Philip Gleeson

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am (St Francis de Sales)
	Thursday	9.30am (Conversion of St Paul)
	Friday	9.30am AUSTRALIA DAY
	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: Jon 3: 1-5.10, 1 Cor 7: 29-31, Mk 1: 14-20
Next Week: Dt 18: 15-20, 1 Cor 7: 32-35, Mk 1: 21-28

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am, Saturdays at St Pius 10.20am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?



*"Dear young people,
let yourselves be
taken over by the
light of Christ, and
spread that light
wherever you are."*

-Saint Pope John Paul II

Missionary Call to Evangelize

We are called to be evangelizers. In baptism and confirmation, we are anointed, as was Jesus in his baptism. We are commissioned to be prophets who announce the Good News of the Gospel. Therefore, the call to bring others to Jesus is not limited to missionaries or those with an outgoing personality. The Second Vatican Council is unequivocal about it—in both deed and word, each of us is called to be a witness. We are to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. We are to make clear that he is the one who fulfils all the hopes and aspirations of every person on the face of the planet. It is not enough to preoccupy ourselves with getting to heaven. No, we are also called to do all we can to bring others along with us.
(Dr. M. D'Ambrosio)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD



Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Praise the word of Truth and Life.

Praise the Word who lived among us made us children of the kingdom.

HYMNS:

Entrance	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	80	Sing a New Song
Communion	27	Song of the Body of Christ
	1	A Shepherd I'll Be
Recessional	5	Galilee Song

Mystery Of Faith

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

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." MARK 1:11
As we come into a church, we dip our fingers in the **Holy water font** and bless ourselves. We do it by habit, often without **reflecting** on what we are doing. When I was growing up, it was not unusual for Catholic families to place a little Holy water font in the bedroom. Do you ever connect any of this with **your Baptism**?

The Holy water font is really a **mini-baptismal font**. We take the Holy water to remind us that, at our **Baptism**, we were initiated as a disciple of Jesus Christ, receiving the saving benefit of what Jesus did for the whole world on Calvary. **Our Baptism** was the first day of our individual salvation.

Even though John the Baptist felt uneasy baptising Jesus, **the Baptism of Jesus** was his **public** inauguration for his mission, **defining him** as God's Son, the Beloved, who enjoyed the Lord's favour. People are often defined by what official position they have in the community (eg, Prime Minister), or defined from history (eg, Alexander the Great, William the Conqueror, John the Baptist). So too, Jesus Christ, **the "anointed one"**, received his office at his **Baptism**. This throws light on our own **Baptism which defines us publicly** in our relationship with God and with one another in the Church community. So, we pray "Our" Father, not "My" Father. **We are defined** as a child of God, adopted into God's family and sharing God's mission. **Our Baptism enrolls us** in the public office of being a Catholic Christian. Think of this **next time** you take Holy water **entering** the church.

*Our Heavenly Father, as you adopted children reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may we be **always conscious of our public office** as Catholic Christians sharing your mission. Amen.*

Bishop Peter Ingham (Wollongong)

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

Today we welcome with great joy
Lewis Shortt & Maeve McMahon
who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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 January with the Saints "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to someone who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." (St Gregory Narianzen, 2 January)

Holy Hour on Monday 10am

You are **welcome** to join a **Parish Family Group** for a monthly social occasion. See Louise Taggart, Sue Smith or Fr. Lawrie.

Study Online—sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, pastoral care and liturgy. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office on 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867. The courses go for 5 weeks.

Open Daily "The Mary MacKillop School House and Museum at Penola, S.A.

Be a **Hospice Volunteer**, Phone Fred Chatfield 0488 271 224.

Compliments of Catholic Mission 2018 Diary.

A Play Group at Our Lady Help of Christians School is being offered this year. Phone the school on 5562 5559.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered in 1st Term for students in Grades 2 & 6. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, February 15th in the Church.

"Pipping into the Soul" a conversation at the National Gallery of Victoria, Saturday 10 February 11am-1pm. Educator and Artist David Menzies will speak on art and hope, suffering and the ordinariness of life. Bookings www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director? The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9am-5pm) over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual directors-in-formation become more and more attuned to the movement of God's spirit in themselves and in their directees. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Further info: holsc@bigpond.com or 9890 1101.

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



The simplest things can bring such joy
A kiss, a hug, a cuddly toy

A sound of a new born's first cry
What joy, could anyone deny?
A child's soft breath upon your cheek
As in your arms they gently sleep

The warmth of the sun upon your face
Brings joy impossible to erase
The stars that twinkle high above
Evoke feelings of joy, wonder and love

A gift at Christmas O Holy Night
Can bring such joy, such great delight
A song of joy for all to sing
What joy and happiness can bring

A reunion with a friend of old
Recalls joys of memories retold
A friend in time of sorrow may arrive
To guarantee joy will revive

On every day use every ploy
To discover a moment of pure joy
Throughout your life find joy each day
Share it with others, with you it will stay

Brian Kavanagh 2017