

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 3/4 February

**6pm** Welcomers: P&J Frusher Family Gifts: M McCulloch Family Readers: B Gladman, S Hogan

Ministers: D Friebe, M&T Harney, K Loudon, K&M McKenzie

**9am** Welcomers: A Bamford, C Cooper Gifts: M Fish Family Readers: T Kenny, F Lamb

Ministers: E Dalton, E Dwyer, A Jubb

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

28 January Group5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

4 February Group6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires

### COUNTING TEAMS:

28 January Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

4 February Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerald Peoples

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 4 February: Colin Ryan



**Making Connections:** Illness is frequently used in the gospels as a symbol of the state in which all human beings find themselves. Spiritually, all of us are somehow afflicted. The healing of the sick and afflicted is a sign of how Jesus can liberate people from all that burdens them. This is not to suggest that suffering will magically disappear, but that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Jesus challenged the evil which oppressed people in his time. This week, speak out, publicly or privately, against oppression or an evil in our world. Confront evil at all levels this week, wherever you may encounter it. Become part of lifting the burden from others.

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often presented in confrontational situations with evil spirits, with the Jewish authorities and even with his own disciples when they fail to understand who he is and what his mission entails.

**Exploring the Word:** This is the first of the miracles of Jesus recounted in Mark's Gospel and is a significant introduction to the **person of Jesus** and the **power he possesses**. Only a few verses earlier, at **his baptism**, Jesus had been revealed as the **beloved Son of God**. In this short text, Mark contrasts Jesus and the authority of his teaching with that of the scribes. Jesus teaches in such a way that he makes a deep impression on his hearers. Clearly, this is because his **authority** and his **wisdom** come **from God**. Whilst his human audience may still be unclear as to the true identity of Jesus, this is not the case with his 'other-worldly' audience: the unclean spirits know exactly who Jesus is—the Holy One of God—and they recognise his authority and obey his command. They know that the **power of the Almighty is greater** than the power of the evil one.

**Marriage Tip:** After you are blessed with a child (or children), you may think you don't have time or money for a regular date night. Do it anyway. Think of it as an **investment** in your marriage.

**Daily Prayer:** In Christ your Son, O God, you impart to us a new teaching from one who speaks with authority, for Jesus in the **unique master of wisdom**, and our only liberator from the forces of evil. Make us **convinced and courageous** in professing our faith, so that by word and deed we may proclaim the truth and **bear witness to the happiness enjoyed** by those **who** centre their lives and put all their **trust in you**.

**A Vocation View:** People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. **The Church needs bold teachers and preachers**. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

### 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.

*Plant a seed as a reminder that new things come to birth in our hearts as we celebrate Jesus, Emmanuel.*

*"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

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—28th January 2018**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Amanda Bourke, Harry Tait, Anne Packer, Rita Spehr, Kevin Kearney

**Anniversaries:** Brian Crichton, K.M. Lynch, Ruby Quinn, Brian Sawh, Fr.

Frank Harney, Sister Brendan Horan, Monsignor Galligan, Nonie Walsh,

Michael Miller, Douglas & Veronica Conn, Harold McConnell

**Mass Times Monday** 9.00am at St Pius for **Catholic School Staff**

Tuesday 10.00am

Wednesday 9.30am (St John Bosco)

Thursday 10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel (KM Lynch RIP)

**Friday** 9.30am Presentation of the Lord (Anne Packer RIP) (Michael Miller RIP)

Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

**THE LORD'S DAY** **Saturday** 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 9.00am  
**Allansford** 10.30am



*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

**The Word of God:** This Week: Dt 18: 15-20, 1 Cor 7: 32-35, Mk 1: 21-28

Next Week: Jb 7: 1-4.6-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-19.22-23, Mk 1: 29-39

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

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

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?



"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."

-St Dominic Savio, 14 years old, adolescent student of St John Bosco

### 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)*



**IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people of his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert. **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 Christ Be Our Light
- Communion 81 We Remember
- CWB 748 Micah's Theme
- Recessional 114 Be Not Afraid

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**Christ Be Our Light**

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Opening of the School Year*

*Dear God,  
The holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start: a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home.*



We are invited to grow in Christ toward an expansive, inclusive love for one another: faithful in giving and receiving unselfish love.

**Live your Faith join St Vincent de Paul Society**, Our Lady Help of Christians. **Helping** Families and individuals **rebuild** their lives. Join us, and put your faith into action by standing side-by-side with people experiencing disadvantage.

**Enrich your faith** in a spirit of **Community**; Gain personal satisfaction and social interaction by working with like-minded people; **Share** and/or develop new skills, local knowledge and grow in the face of new challenges; Support, in the company of experienced members, vulnerable people.

To find out more, or express interest in joining the Society, **talk to Peter Allen** 0409 178 843.

**Preparing for the 2020 Plenary Council**

Prior to the 2020 Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church, 2018 and 2019 will be preparatory years in the **Diocese of Ballarat**. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is planning to support **gatherings at parish and regional level** throughout these years. Bishop Paul has announced a **Diocesan Mission** to prepare spiritually for the Plenary Council. This Mission will be held across the Diocese in 2018, **April 23rd-May 7th**, which is during the Easter Season, **invoking the Holy Spirit**. Twelve Redemptorists will be available to the Diocese, with four in each three zones. Fr Glen de Cruz CSsR will coordinate the involvement of the Redemptorists in this 2018 spiritual preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council.

**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)

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.

**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](http://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](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or 9890 1101.

**Cards** Euchre & Solo in the church foyer on Tuesday 1pm. All Welcome.

**Rosters** are available today.

**Funeral Liturgy** 11am Monday for Amanda Bourke.

"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