

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 17/18 February

6pm Welcomers: C McMeel Family **Gifts:** Musico Family **Readers:** J McArdle, L McKenzie

Ministers: M Page, S Reimert, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffy

9am Welcomers: D Duhnhoven, D Grimshaw **Gifts:** G Howland Family **Readers:** J O'Brien, C Porter

Ministers: J O'Grady, K O'Leary, A Sanderson

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

11 February Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

18 February D & D

COUNTING TEAMS:

11 February Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

18 February Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Ferrara

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 18 February: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: How powerful that action of Jesus is—“Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him”. The love and compassion behind that gesture is almost palpable. It is unlikely that the leper had experienced the intimacy and acceptance of human touch for a long time. This week, reach out and touch someone who needs a sign of acceptance or a gift of compassion.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself ‘outside the community’ and is now forced to ‘stay outside in places where nobody lived.’

Sharing the Tradition: Jesus’ dealings with the leper and with all those who came to him for healing dictate the Church’s attitude to those who find themselves isolated and excluded from the community for whatever reason. The mission of the Church is to be with the sick, the marginalised, the suffering, the excluded. The Church does this in a myriad of ways, both in Australia and in other countries of the world. What groups are on the edge in your community? In our nation? In our world?

Living the Word: How does your parish community reach out to those who are on the edges of society? What ministries are there which offer assistance to those who need help?

Marriage Tip: In marriage, arguments are seldom black and white, “I’m right and you’re wrong.”

Look for the golden mean when you’re on opposite sides.

Daily Prayer: In Jesus you stretch out your hand, O God, to touch the unclean, to love the unlovely and to draw even the most despised and excluded into the circle of your beloved disciples and friends.

Embraced by such love, make us eager to heal others, glad to herald a Saviour whose kingdom includes all.

A Vocation View: Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper." Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

Universal: Say “No” to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Project Compassion Sunday

As we approach the holy season of Lent, may the concern of the Catholic community be one of love and compassion for all members of the human family. Guide us to act in solidarity with those most marginalised and vulnerable to injustice so together we can work for A Just Future for all. Amen.

“You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be so? As long as faith gives me strength I will always be joyful!”

-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, 24 years old, young adult social activist



“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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—11th February 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: Damien Ryan, Patricia Harris, Kevin Goggin, Bertilla Cavarsan, Thelma Lenehan, Precilla Bence, Denis Sheehan, Howard Bowler, Colleen Peacock, Barbara Melican, Marjorie Meade, Tony Kenna

Anniversaries: Agnes O’Keefe, Ruth McKie, Brian Gorman, Fr. Kennelly, Bridget Lane, Marcia Brophy, Greg McKew, Brian Kearney, Michael Finn, Shirley Warren

Mass Times **Monday** 7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 10.00am and 5.00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
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: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46, 1 Cor 10: 31—11:1, Mk 1: 40-45
Next Week: Gn 9: 8-15, 1 Pt 3: 18-22, Mk 1: 12-15

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s second reading, St Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

- ◆ **Lent** begins next Wednesday.
- ◆ **Lent** is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are being baptised.
- ◆ Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

I TURN TO YOU, LORD, IN TIME OF TROUBLE, AND YOU FILL ME WITH THE JOY OF SALVATION.



Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Tree of life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory.

HYMNS:

Entrance	31	Come As You Are
Gifts	80	Sing A New Song
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	28	Praise To You
Recessional	166	Open My Eyes Lord

Mystery Of Faith

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

Project Compassion 2018 Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey. Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk your ways of justice and compassion with all your people.

In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. In this Year of **Youth**, may we support **young people** as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Pope Francis declared 8 February to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, **patron saint of Sudan** and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. Find out more about the campaign at <http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>
Former Parishioner of St Carthage's Allansford, Fr Ted Hart now of Bendigo, was **honored on Australia Day** 'for service to the Catholic Church and to the community'. **Mr. Eric Howard** formally of Dennington was honored "for significant service to road transport safety through consultancy roles, to professional bodies and to the community."

The Rite of Election will take place at the Cathedral **next Saturday** at 12.30pm for Adults preparing for Baptism.

OLHC School appreciates our collecting Coles coupons.

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

Today we welcome with great joy
Ivy Harris

who is being **baptised** into the family of God, who is
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Parish of OLHC financially depends solely on the generosity of our Parishioners. We are grateful for 44 years of giving. **Envelopes** are soon to be made available for the next Financial Quarter. Please indicate if you are in a position to help our Budgeting obvious costs along with levies for Diocesan Services, Adult Education and Supporting the Mission of the Church. Place this form on the collection plate next week, or post to OLHC, Box 97, Warrnambool, 3280.

I/We _____

Of _____

Wish to financially support our Church by using: Envelopes / Direct Debit (Please circle one)

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 February with the Saints "Let us faithfully transmit to those who come after us the example of virtue we have received from those who have come before us."

St Peter Damian (21 February)

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.

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, 7pm, in the Church foyer

Rosters are available today.

Lenten Reflection "Surrender" will be offered in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am, commencing February 15/16. These will be led by Sister Mary. Names are welcome on the sheet provided today in the foyer.

"It is more fruitful to speak to God of men than of God to men." (St Catherine of Siena)

Congratulations to Sister Mary on her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy and Thanks for her being part of our Parish Story as Principal of our School and support to our Parish-Life. Morning Tea will be hosted after 9am Mass today by Family Groups. All Welcome.

Chanel College Geelong Reunion in April for those who attended 1958-1970. Send your email to chanelgeelong@gmail.com

Cards (Euchre & Solo) this Tuesday in the Church foyer from 1pm. **New players** are welcome. **Lessons** on how to play can be arranged. See Pat McKimmie.

Parishioners are welcome for pancakes on Tuesday in the **School Hall** from 8am.

A message of hope for Adult survivors of child abuse and supporters. Monday 7pm-9pm, St. Patrick's Hall, Lyons St, Ballarat. Enquiries: Dianne 0415 057 815.

Five Modern Classrooms at OLHC are now being enjoyed by Grades 1 & 2. These will be officially **Opened and Blessed** on Friday March 9th at 11.30am.

Funeral Mass 11am Monday for Patricia Harris RIP.

Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool is a Child Safe Parish

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