

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 24/25 February**

**6pm** Welcomers: G&U O'Toole Gifts: G&U O'Toole Readers: G&M McDonald  
 Ministers: C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier  
**9am** Welcomers: J McCosh, T McCutcheon Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: C Morriss, C Spencer  
 Ministers: C Spencer, M&T Taggart

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**  
 18 February D & D  
 25 February Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

18 February Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perara  
 25 February Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 25 February: Louise & Michael Taggart



**Making Connections:** How do you experience 'the wilderness' in your life? What are the 'wild beasts' for you in this place? Who or what looks after you?

**Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore.** Lent lasts for forty days in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. Each Lent all the baptised are expected to adopt the three Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to those in need.

**Sharing the Tradition:** What is the meaning of 'penance'? Discuss appropriate expressions of 'penance' during Lent, including the possibility of 'taking on' rather than 'giving up'.

**Living the Word:** The image of the **desert** evokes thoughts of confronting life in all its rawness. The starkness of the landscape of the Judean **wilderness** is almost overwhelming. In the **desert** life can be stripped back to its most basic requirements and so it is easier to identify what is really important in our lives. Lent symbolically invites us **into the desert**, to reflect on what is really important and to live more simply in closer union with God.

**Marriage Tip:** Have fun, *often*. Go out on a date. Watch a movie. Get away for a night alone. If you have kids, get a babysitter. You should date at least once a month; once a week is best. Don't expect a time slot for a date to fall out of the sky; you'll both have to be intentional about scheduling time alone.

**Daily Prayer:** Your bow, O God, is set in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between you and the earth. The cross of Christ is traced on our foreheads, a sign of the mystery that seals our lives. Bring us through these forty days in the power of Christ's

- ◆ 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.

victory as at the font of living water the elect find new birth, the penitent find pardon, and all of us rejoice.

**A Vocation View:** Lent: the Springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling.



"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

Pope Francis, Tweet, 26 April 2013



**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.

*"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**

**1st Sunday of Lent—18th February 2018**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Ron Wormwald, John Beard, Veronica Bourke  
**Anniversaries:** Peter Crowe, Peter Tobin, Sister Brigid Ryan, Brian Kearney, Francis O'Rourke, Ellen Greene, Veronica O'Keeffe, Mick O'Keeffe

**Mass Times** Tuesday 10.00am (Peter Crowe RIP)  
 Wednesday 9.30am  
 Thursday 9.30am (Chair of St Peter, Apostle)  
 Friday 9.30am (Fast Day for South Sudan)



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

*Violet is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*

**The Word of God:** This Week: Gn 9: 8-15/ 1 Pt 3: 18-22/ Mk 1: 12-15  
 Next Week: Gn 22: 1-2.9a.10-13.15-18/ Rom 8: 31b-34/ Mk 9: 2-10

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

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



*Reconciliation: Enrolment  
 Sunday  
 Becoming Catholic*

God created us to live in peace and harmony. To enjoy the wonders of creation and to relate personally to a loving God.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with an opportunity to restore relationships and the original state of blessing created by God. -Kathy Horan.

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Ethan Jacobs & Willow Hill** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Project Compassion**

In Nepal, Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities.**

**Prayer of Intercession**

For our sisters and brothers around the world who are journeying out of the wilderness to 'a just future', that their desire to serve their community be an example for us to follow.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; glory to our God.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	31	Come As You Are
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	6	Lord To Whom Shall We Go?
	125	Eat This Bread
Recessional	158	A New Heart for a New World

**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

**The Rite of Election** took place at the Cathedral yesterday for Adults preparing for Baptism.

**OLHC School** appreciates our collecting Coles coupons.

**Our Lady's Parish School** welcomes volunteers to help and support our students in the classroom. Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting more information can contact Genevieve Howland on 5562 5559. We require you to have a Working With Children check and can assist you with this process. There will be a helper information session on Monday 26th Feb, 9am-11am at the school.

**Training to be Special Ministers of the Eucharist is now being offered.** Special Ministers help with Communion at Masses, take Communion to the housebound and nursing homes. Expressions of interest can be given to Father Lawrie or John O'Sullivan.

**Redemptorist Mission** for the Warrnambool Parishes, April 21-26.

**"All Gods Creation is very Good"** World Day of Prayer at St Pius, Friday March 2nd, 1.30pm.

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins in preparation for Easter: Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm**

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.

**Rosters are available today.**

**Lenten Reflection** "Surrender" is offered in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am. These are led by Sister Mary. Names are welcome on the sheet provided today in the foyer.

**Holy Hour Monday at 10am** *"It is more fruitful to speak to God of men than of God to men."* (St Catherine of Siena)

**Stations of the Cross** Mondays at 10am; Fridays at St Joseph's 7pm.

**Holy Hour** Monday at 10am

**Accommodation** (A room) available in Bacchus Marsh, Ph: 0428 265 951.

**Public Lecture "Reconciliation: A Lifelong Invitation"** 26th Feb. By Sister Maryanne Confoy RSC at 175 Royal Pde, Parkville. 6pm-8pm. RSVP 9448 8276.

**Happy Chinese New Year** It is the year of the Dog. Thank God for our pet dogs, farm dogs and greyhounds.

**"If you want peace, work for justice."** (Pope Paul VI)

**20 February—World Day of Social Justice** Social Justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. **Social Justice Group Tuesday 20th Feb**, 7pm St Joseph's Hall (World Day of Social Justice)

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