

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 3/4 March

6pm Welcomers: OLHC School Gifts: OLHC School Readers: P McKimmie, N McLaren
 Ministers: R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, L Flaherty, D Friebe, B Gladman
9am Welcomers: J O'Grady, J Zanos Gifts: D Lloyd Family Readers: S Smits, H Godfrey
 Ministers: P Allan, T Baker, B Byrne

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

25 February Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith
 4 March Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

25 February Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross
 4 March Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 4 March: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: 'It is wonderful for us to be here.' Is this how you feel?

O God, you have commanded us to listen to your beloved son. Be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The three disciples who witness Jesus' glory in this episode are the same three who will witness his agony on the Mount of Olives on the night before he died. Jesus is joined by Elijah and Moses in this episode. They represent the Prophets and the Law, major sections of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Sharing the Tradition: Christians believe that Christ is the definitive revelation of God. Our clearest insight into the mystery of God and our strongest hope for union with God is Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Living the Word: In Scripture, **mountains** are often the places where God communicates with human beings. **High places** are holy places. Moses and Elijah both experienced God's presence and action on **mountain tops**. This gospel has common elements with those stories—overshadowing cloud, awe and majesty, brilliant clothing, fear—to describe the manifestation of God. Here God is manifest in the person of Christ himself!

Marriage Tip: What is the greatest temptation to your marriage? Overwork? Inattentiveness? Sports? Technology? Worry about finances, the kids, security? Face it together.

Daily Prayer: God of Abraham and of Jesus, on the holy mountain you have provided a lamb for the atonement of our sin, an intercessor to plead for your people, a beloved Son, transfigured, as the pledge of

- ◆ **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.

our salvation. It is good for us to be here! Let us listen to your Son and bear witness in the world to that love from which nothing can separate us.

A Vocation View: If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at **Abraham** - called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

"At this point I have nothing left, but I still have my heart and with that I can always love."

-Blessed Chiara Badano, 18 years old, 20th Century teenager



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

2nd Sunday of Lent—25th 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: Bruce Nelson, Billy Graham

Anniversaries: Annette Conn-Davies, Molly Cox, John O'Leary, Annie Lindsay, Monsignors O'Brien & McInerney, Sister Ethelreda Boyle, Thomas Karras

Mass Times

Monday	7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	10.00am (Lyndoch Living Chapel)
Friday	9.30am (for Primary Producers)



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

Violet is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy

The Word of God: This Week: Gn 22: 1-2.9a.10-13.15-18/ Rom 8: 31b-34/ Mk 9: 2-10
Next Week: Ex 20: 1-17/ 1 Cor 1: 22-25/ Jn 2: 13-25

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by

Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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



RECONCILIATION:

*For our Children
Becoming Catholic*

The sacrament of Reconciliation underwent significant changes after the Second Vatican Council. Reconciliation was named as a sacrament of healing. What has been reclaimed and reaffirmed in this sacrament is the constant truth of God's love and forgiveness for the times we fail and need forgiveness. God's love for us is expressed in mercy, compassion, forgiveness and peace. For this reason, we can truly talk about celebrating Reconciliation: what we celebrate is God's love and delight in us, even when we make poor choices that result in sinfulness.
(Kathy Hogan)

Project Compassion

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Cambodia to build a just future for their families and their communities.**

View a short film about Rattanak at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Prayer of Intercession

We pray for the work of Caritas Australia and its partners in Cambodia, and for the courage and tenacity of people like Rattanak who are transforming their lives and helping us to see the potential and possibilities of a world where everyone is included.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make. I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **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	186	The Light of Christ
Gifts	16	Glory and Praise
Communion	40	Will You Love Me?
	CWB 615	A New Commandment
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

Mystery Of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, 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.

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. **Can you help? The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Programme** for primary school-aged students which began last year at St Pius Primary School was a great success due to the wonderful team of volunteer tutors who took part. This year we intend to expand the project to include students from other schools and thus we need more volunteers. **You do NOT need to be a teacher.** Contact Christina Worrall on 0447 156 690 or Christina.worrall@sudp-vic.org.au for more information.

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

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

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 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. **Thank you** for your generosity and consideration

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.

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 7.30pm.

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

Cards (Solo & Euchre) will be in St Joseph's Hall on Tuesday at 1pm.

Next Saturday 3rd March is the 44th Anniversary of the opening of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School. On the following Friday, March 9th, the Blessing and Opening of a block of five new classrooms will take place at 11.30am. Parishioners are invited.

Please collect your Parish Giving Envelopes today. It will save us the expensive postage. Thank you for your generosity.

Compliments of the Parish The Autumn Edition of "Australian Catholics." Theme is 'Prophetic Voices.'

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.**

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.

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

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

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