

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 10/11 March

6pm Welcomers: D White Gifts: R Parkinson Family Readers: P & G McMeel

Ministers: M&T Harney, K&M McKenzie, G McMeel, M Mills

9am Welcomers: C Morriss, A Bamford Gifts: F Nabong Family Readers: L&M Taggart

Ministers: M Clancey, E Dalton, E Dwyer

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

4 March Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

11 March Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

4 March Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill

11 March Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 11 March: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: This week's Psalm response offers great wisdom: *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.* Use it often this week.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The only coins acceptable in the Temple were half shekels. Roman coins were not acceptable because they were imprinted with the image of the Emperor and the Commandments clearly state that there should be no graven images used by Jews. The money-changers were actually performing a necessary task for the proper functioning of the religious life of Israel. What may Jesus really have been angry about?

The trade in animals was necessary for sacrifice at the Temple. Ordinary people needed to sacrifice for a number of religious reasons; for example, to become ritually clean again after childbirth (See Lk 2:22-25). But this trade was under a monopoly of the wealthy and elite Sadducees who controlled the Temple cult. What may Jesus really have been angry about?

Sharing the Tradition: The gospel readings for the next three weeks are taken from the Gospel of John. John's Gospel was the last one written down, probably close to the end of the first century. The followers of Jesus had had seventy years to contemplate who Jesus was and the meaning of his ministry. Thus we find a very different tone in John from the other three gospels, known as the Synoptics. Each of the gospels for these three weeks reflects in some way on the paschal mystery; that is, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in his own time but also as it continues to be made present and powerful in the faith of the Church in all ages.

Living the Word: For the Jewish people, the Temple was the centre of worship of God. God's dwelling place on Earth was the Holy of Holies. But now Jesus declares himself the new temple. True worship of God is now centred in Jesus himself, the embodiment of God. Members of the Church, the continuing presence of Christ in the world, are sometimes referred to as 'temples' of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage Tip: If one must choose the hardest stage of parenthood, it might be the teen years. They're too big to carry to their room but too young to always make good decisions. Assure your teen that you will always love them – no matter what.

Daily Prayer: Holy is your name, O Lord our God. Incline our hearts to keep your commandments, and school us in the sublime wisdom of the cross, so that, free from sin, which imprisons us in our own self-centredness, we may open ourselves to the gift of your Spirit and become living temples of your love.

A Vocation View: Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

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

*Today we welcome with great joy
Wesley McPherson*

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



"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 of Lent—4th March 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: John Murrhly, Martin Moran, Erin Walsh, Julie White

Anniversaries: Paul Couch, Graeme Murrhly, Anne Jewell, Thomas Kadavil, Esmonde & Ursula Forrest, Richard Walsh, Elsie Kelly, Stan Albert, Geoff Hyland, Dennis O'Keeffe, Robert McKinnon

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	5.00pm
	Wednesday	11.30am Funeral Mass for Julie White
	Thursday	9.30am (Feast of St John of God)
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



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: Ex 20: 1-17/ 1 Cor 1: 22-25/ Jn 2: 13-25
Next Week: 4 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2: 4-10/ Jn 3: 14-21

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*

Because we are human and created in God's image and likeness, we belong to the community of God—God's family. When we are born we are born into a family with the possibility of developing a network of relationships. God created us to live in peace and harmony, to enjoy the wonders of creation, to relate personally to a loving God who comes close to us and wishes us to be free, to be happy and fulfilled, and to build up the community. The book of Genesis speaks of God delighting in all of creation and wanting to be in relationship with humankind.
(Kathy Hogan)

Project Compassion

Bayan is a young girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.** View an inspiring Short film about Bayan at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Prayer of Intercession

For refugees and asylum seekers who inspire us by their journey of hope; may the Catholic community stand up to injustice and be the welcoming face of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **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	30	Hosea
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	187	Communion Song
Recessional	57	City of God

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

From Our Parish Archives: Our School

In the mid-1960's the land on which our church, school and presbytery now stand was purchased by Monsignor O'Connell.

Under the leadership of Monsignor Fiscalini, the first section of Our Lady Help of Christians School was commenced in October 1970. This consisted of four classrooms, administration section, canteen and connecting verandah to the toilet block. It was completed during February, 1970. The contract was carried out by Fotheringhams' Constructions. **The school opened on March 3, 1971**, with Sister Sheila Gleeson (Mary Bertrand) as Principal, with Mrs. Margaret Thompson and Miss Sheila Kealy as the other teachers. At this time the school had an enrolment of 107 in classes from Preparatory to Grade 2. Pupils began their academic career in this new situation, where modern furniture and equipment allowed staff to implement ideas until then quite unknown in this district. In a very short time it was evident that our Catholic Education System had been established on a really worthwhile basis in Warrnambool East. Sound basic attitudes so permeated the system that very quickly all connected with the school became aware of the motives and purpose for its existence and did everything possible to promote these ideals.

The school was blessed and officially opened by His Lordship, Bishop J.D. O'Collins, on Sunday, April 18, 1971. Extensions to the school were commenced in September, 1972, by builder Ron Mitchell, and completed prior to the commencement of the 1973 school year. This extension provided the school with three additional classrooms and a library. The development of our Parish School was due to the astute planning of Monsignor Fiscalini, for which the parishioners of our parish are most grateful. Since the establishment of the school, classes have progressed yearly and children have been provided with many activities inside and outside the school in order to broaden their education. At the end of the current year the first group of students will graduate into junior secondary schools, and this will mark a new era in the life of our parish. Links will soon have to be established between the parish and the schools to which graduates will go to further their education.

The school has been the "Life Blood" of the parish, it has been the place not only for the education of our children, but also for the celebration of the Eucharist, meetings and social occasions. To this point of time Our Lady Help of Christians School has been the very center of our parish life. We are confident that it will be a vital, dynamic cell in the Church of Warrnambool East.

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 March with the Saints "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me." St Patrick (17 March)

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.

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

Stations of the Cross Friday at St Joseph's 7.30pm.

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

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

Redemptorist Mission for the Warrnambool Parishes, April 21-24.

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.

OLHC School appreciates our collecting Coles coupons.

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.

Parish Coordinating Team Wednesday 7.30pm.

Names are welcome for our **Holy Week Ceremonies**. Please fill in the sheets in the foyer.

Today is 'Clean Up Australia Day.'

Thursday is 'International Women's Day.'

2018-2028 International Decade for Action—Water for Sustainable Development.

Reunion Sacred Heart Ballarat East for students and teachers of 1960-66 on Saturday April 14th at "Golden City" Hotel, 427 Sturt St. 11.30am-4.00pm. RSVP by March 30th to barbara.ford1@bigpond.com

If you are between 16 and 29 you are invited to participate in the pre-synodal meeting. A summary will then be presented to Pope Francis. The closing date to **sign up** to the Facebook group, 16th March. The questions that will be asked during the pre-synodal meeting will be available on the Facebook group on Monday, 12th March. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pre.synodal/>

Reconciliation Children A half way review for children and parents on Tuesday 7pm in the Church foyer.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Memorial Service for Martin Moran RIP on Monday 11am. **Coffee** next Sunday after 9am Mass. Hosted by Family Groups.

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"