

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 24/25 March

6pm Welcomers: R&S Zanos Gifts: C&D Quick Readers: P Morgan, B O'Neill

Ministers: S Reimert, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White

9am Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven Gifts: Skilbeck Family Readers: P Allan, T Baker

Ministers: H Goddard, F Lamb, J O'Grady

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

18 March Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

25 March D&D

COUNTING TEAMS:

18 March Team 3: Terry & Pat King

25 March Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 25 March: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: Make choices for others this week. Die to yourself a little. Repeat this prayer often this week: *Lord, may I die to myself in Jesus so that through him I may have new life.*

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. In the gospels, Jesus often refers to himself as the Son of Man, a mysterious expression that both reveals and conceals his identity. It is a term which comes from the Book of Daniel.

The festival referred to here was the Passover (Jn 12:1). Observant Jews who were able to come from far and wide to celebrate this great festival at the Temple in Jerusalem. The city was overflowing with pilgrims from many lands and regions. Often people stayed outside the city because accommodation was very stretched at the times of the pilgrimage festivals. They came into the city each day to celebrate and then returned outside the walls to sleep, either in a nearby village or, often, under the stars. This is exactly what Jesus did on his final Passover visit to Jerusalem. After celebrating the meal he was returning to Bethany where his friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. On the way, he stopped to pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and there accepted his fate. The Passover is just one of the three great pilgrimage festivals of Judaism.

Sharing the Tradition: Death is a part of life and humans are the only ones of God's creatures who live much of their lives knowing they will die. But for Christians death holds no fear. *Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning...What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through Baptism, the Christian has already 'died with Christ' sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's grace, physical death completes this 'dying with Christ' and so completes our incorporation into him in his redeeming act.* (CCC§1010)

Living the Word: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.' John uses the term 'the hour' to refer to the salvific death and exultation of Jesus. For the first time, in this story, Jesus proclaims that his hour has come. His death is imminent.

Marriage Tip: What do you owe your kids? Toys? An allowance? A mobile phone? No, these are extras to be granted, not entitlements. Love, time, food, clothing, shelter, and safety are the essentials: focus on these.

Daily Prayer: Deep within our hearts, O God, you have written your law, and high upon the cross you have lifted up our salvation, the Savior made perfect in suffering. From the death of that single grain sown in the weary earth, bring forth in this Lenten springtime a rich harvest of life. As the hour of his passion draws near, glorify your name, and in our baptismal renewal, let it be glorified again.

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.

A Vocation View: Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

"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

5th Sunday of Lent—18th 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: Patricia Quigley

Anniversaries: Helen Atkinson, Jim Rea, Tony Clancey, Izez Couch, Frank Clancey, Mary Cameron, Mary Finn, Julie O'Sullivan

Mass Times

Monday	7.30am	at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am	(International Day of Happiness)
Wednesday	9.30am	(Harmony Day)
Thursday	7.30pm	Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins
Friday	9.30am	



THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

PALM SUNDAY

The Word of God: This Week: Jer 31: 31-34/ Heb 5: 7-9/ Jn 12: 20-33
Next Week: Is 50: 4-7/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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

*Violet is a colour
of preparation
and anticipating
joy*



RECONCILIATION:

*For our Children
Becoming Catholic*

The sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with an opportunity to restore relationships and the original state of blessing created by God. This is necessary to rebuild balance and harmony in our relationships with ourselves, with God, with others and the whole of creation.

(Kathy Hogan)

RECONCILIATION for Children:

Tuesday 7pm for Grade 2 and above

Wednesday 7pm for Grade 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church on the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME, O GOD.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. 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	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	94	How Great Thou Art
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	133	Only a Shadow
Recessional	110	Strong and Constant

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

Project Compassion

Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother, after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school, with plans for university.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.

Find Project Compassion resources and films at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Prayer of Intercession

That we remain in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world whom we may never meet face to face.

"Jesus marked out the path for me, and now I am walking in it."

-Blessed Marcel Callo
24 years old, French Young Christian Worker



"One who doesn't live to serve lives for no reason" (St Teresa of Calcutta)



-17 March

The Patron Saint of Ireland, St Patrick is remembered and celebrated on 17 March each year, not only in Ireland,

but around the world, as people hold parades and festivals that celebrate Irish culture. Saint Patrick is said to be from the border of Scotland and England and was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland where he was forced into slavery. According to his autobiographical Confessio, during the 6 years he spent in imprisonment, he became very religious. After a vision led him to stow away on a boat, Patrick escaped to England and went back to his family. There he had a dream that the Irish people were calling him back to teach them about God and this inspired him to become a priest. Twelve years later after studying abroad, he returned to Ireland as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessings. For the twenty years that followed, Saint Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland baptising people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches as he went. He died on 17 March c461, leaving behind an organised Church and an island of Christians.

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 **OLHC Monday 10.00am.**

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.

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@svdp-vic.org.au for more information.

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

Needed Parishioners who could deliver Thanks Giving Envelopes within the Parish. See Father Lawrie or Helen Goddard.

"Playgroup" Places are available at OLHC School.

Need Help to stay at home? Call "Villa Maria Catholic Homes" 1300 919 850.

Emmanuel College Information Evening, April 23 for year 7, 2019. Open Day and Expo, April 29. Book a Tuesday Tour on 5560 0888.

Congratulations to Kevin Wright who was awarded by the Ballarat Catholic Diocese for his service to society and Catholic Schools as a member of St Vincent De Paul. Kevin was nominated by Emmanuel College.

Debribulator Refresher Course April 17th at 7.30pm.

Devine Mercy Devotions St Pius, Sunday April 8th 2.30-4pm.

Australian Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Oct 23-Nov 3. Bookings 02 8912 4818.

Choir Practice for Holy Week after Mass on Thursday (7.30pm) and on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday) 3.30pm. New singers and Musicians are most welcome.

New Vicar General Father Kevin Maloney. Fr Maloney replaces Fr Justin Driscoll.

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"

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Grace Foley, Isla McMahon & Ella Liston** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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