

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 14/15 April

6pm Welcomers: Conheady Family Gifts: S Ryan Family Readers: R&T Treffry

Ministers: M&T Harney, K&M McKenzie, M Mills, F Moloney

9am Welcomers: C Morriss, J Zanos Gifts: K Anderson Family Readers: D Farley, J Fish

Ministers: T Baker, B Byrne, M Clancey

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

8 April Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

15 April Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

COUNTING TEAMS:

8 April Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

15 April Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 15 April: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: Look for ways in which a simple touch can convey friendship, compassion or healing this week.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle. There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India. In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means 'twin'.

Exploring the Word: This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples is transformed by the gift of peace and the doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Jesus. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen but are sent to continue the mission of Jesus in the world: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' When Thomas is told by his companions that they have seen Jesus, he places his own conditions on faith. He will not believe unless he sees. Jesus must fulfil the expectation that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is. Are there times when we expect God to behave as we want rather than being open to the presence of the risen Christ in unexpected ways?

Marriage Tip: Many married couples' lives are hectic. Take a rest break today. Yes, you may have responsibilities, but if you can't find time to rest today, commit to doing it some day this week. Rest in each other's arms for a moment, or an hour.

Daily Prayer: By the grace of your Spirit, help us to recognise the Lord who comes into our assembly and stands among us, so that as a community of believers, one in mind and heart, we may with great power give our testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Vocation View: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. This has been the meaning of life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me,

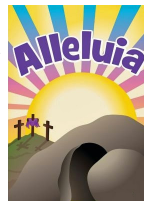
"Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young. Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young! Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest."

-Saint John Bosco, Patron saint of young people



Pope's Prayer Intentions for April
For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



"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

Second Sunday of Easter — 8th April 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: Sister Sheila (Bertrand) Gleeson RSM, Gerald Callahan, Bob Collins, Betty Mahony, John Hardy

Anniversaries: Mary Schultz (Ahearn), Sister Margaret Houlihan RSM, Sister Christina Watt, Dot Davies, Norma Magpayo, Lachlan Dobson

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)



Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am ANOINTING MASS
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

White is the colour of rejoicing

The Word of God: This Week: Acts 4: 32-35/ 1 Jn 5: 1-6/ Jn 20: 19-31
Next Week: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2: 1-5a/ Lk 24: 35-48

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Friday 10.30am;
Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

Second Sunday of Easter

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

"The Cross to me is certain salvation. The Cross is that which I ever adore. The Cross of the Lord is with me. The Cross is my refuge."
- St Thomas Aquinas



"Our times are often dark and troubled. May the peaceful light of the risen Christ shine upon us. Where there is darkness, may Christ bring a gentle light. Where people are troubled, may Christ bring them peace. Happy Easter!"
-Paul Bird CSsR-Bishop of Ballarat

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVER-LASTING.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Now He is the living Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen: he has conquered death—opened heaven to all believers.

Mystery Of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

HYMNS:

Entrance	135	Morning Has Broken
Gifts	63	We Walk By Faith
Communion	185	Our Supper Invitation
	88	Taste and See
Recessional	124	Let Heaven Rejoice

Easter Message

I've been thinking what life would be like without Easter. You might say it would mean one less holiday and not much more. In fact, despite the odd escapist pleasure, life would be one long and dark Calvary. That's the kind of living death many people know, a life without Easter. In the end, that's the definition of paganism—keeping in mind that pagans aren't bad people, just people who find no real hope and hence real life difficult or impossible. As St Paul says of us Christians, we are the most pathetic people of all if Jesus isn't risen from the dead. But once he does rise and once we believe he rises, then everything changes—not suddenly or magically but slowly and deep down where the victory of Easter is unstoppable. We have the peace of those who know how the story ends. On the way to that ending, there are and will be agonies of every kind, as we see daily around the world, and less frequently perhaps in our own life. But the agony of Calvary will give way to the joy of Easter. All the blood and tears of the world, gathered up in the Cross, will give birth to the songs of joy which are unique to Easter, music that reaches beyond all our disappointment, disillusionment and depression. The world without Easter would be a tomb. **The world with Easter is a womb teeming with a life bigger than death. Happy Easter.**



- Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Brisbane)

SVDP Report for last ten weeks

Families assisted with food and food vouchers, 185. Voucher costs \$13,270, Food Share \$8080. Many families were assisted with purchase of school requirements eg. Books and uniforms. Emmanuel College Young Vincentians and OLHC School Mini Vinnies donations contributed to a large portion of this assistance. **YOUNG PEOPLE HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Thank you all for your continued support. If you know of anyone in need perhaps you could suggest he or she could ring SVDP centre on 5561 0767.

7 April—World Health Day

For World Health Day 2018, the World Health Organisation (WHO) calls on world leaders to take concrete steps to move towards universal health coverage (UHC). This means ensuring that everyone, everywhere can access quality health services without facing financial hardship, as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals all countries agreed in 2015. Where health systems fail to provide adequate financial protection, people are forced to choose between health care and other basic needs. This undermines access to services, lowers health status, deepens poverty and exacerbates inequalities.

World Health Day



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

Today we welcome with great joy **Rafferty Lynch, Aubree Thompson, Eleanor & Maeve Bourke** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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 April with the Saints "God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth." St Catherine of Sienna (29 April)

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.

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.

"Playgroup" Places are available at OLHC School.

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

Debribrator Refresher Course April 17th at 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Devotions St Pius, Today 2.30-4pm.

The Plenary Council 2020 of the Church in Australia has a website for updates: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

OLHC School welcome your Coles Vouchers.

Confirmation will be celebrated for Children in Grade 3 and above on May 26/27. Parents are asked to **enroll** their children in the Church Foyer on Wednesday 18th April at 7pm, before Parent Information at 7.15pm.

Thank You our Project Compassion to date is \$4466.85

Anointing Mass for the sick and frail with the newly blessed Oil will take place on **Tuesday April 10th** at 10am.

Coffee in the foyer **today** after 9am Mass. All welcome.

Thanks to the hospitality of Parish Family Groups.

Thank you to all who gave the extra help necessary for our Holy Week Ceremonies. Participation in them is 'the source and the summit of our Christian Spirit.' The same can be said for all our Masses and Sacraments. Your Services are most appreciated "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." (Saint Theresa of Calcutta)

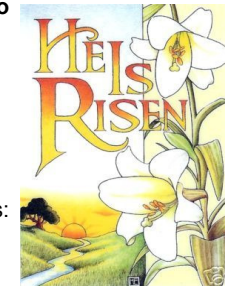
Thank you our Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places in Israel and Palestine was \$784.75.

Cards (Solo & Euchre) 1pm Tuesday in the church foyer. All welcome.

Funeral Masses Monday: 11am, Betty Mahony at OLHC; 1pm, Sister Sheila (Bertrand) Gleeson RSM at St Joseph's (First Principal of OLHC)

Fr Lawrie on behalf of Bishop Paul and the Priests of Ballarat expresses **gratitude** for The Easter Offerings which with the Sunday Collection supports our daily living, petrol, household expenses, etc.

St John of God Hospital Ballarat Past Trainees are having their reunion on Saturday April 14th at the Ballarat Golf Club from 11am. Tickets \$55.00, ph Geraldine Vagg: 0418 554 096.



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

The Prayer of St Patrick

"I bind to myself today the might of Christ's Crucifixion with that of his Burial. The might of His Resurrection with that of His Ascension."