

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 28/29 April

**6pm** Welcomers: Emmanuel College Gifts: Emmanuel College Readers: Emmanuel College

Ministers: J O'Sullivan, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White

**9am** Welcomers: R&M Brown Gifts: S Brittain Family Readers: T Kenny, F Lamb

Ministers: A Jubb, J O'Grady, K O'Leary

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

22 April D & D

29 April Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

### COUNTING TEAMS:

22 April Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

29 April Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

**COMMUNION TO LYNDONCH:** 29 April: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



**Making Connections:** Who are the people who rely on your care? Extend that care in special ways this week

**Did you Know?:** Points of interest and Catholic lore. The Latin word for shepherd is the root of the word **pastor** which is often used to describe the priest who leads the community. From this Latin root we also derive other terms such as **pastoral** associate, **pastoral** council and **pastoral** care, all of which imply a duty of love and care towards others.

**Exploring the Word:** Jesus' life is freely given for his flock. It is sometimes thought that Jesus died to satisfy the will of the Father imposed on the Son. This is not so. Jesus' gift was a free gift because he responded at all times to that which was most profound in him: the Father's love which he wished to make known to the world. It is a generous, self-giving love for others. In what ways are Christians called to offer the same self-giving love for others?

**Sharing the Tradition: The Liturgy of the Eucharist.** The Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Eucharist, is a great prayer of praise and thanks addressed to **God**. It recalls **Jesus' Passover** from death to life and, in remembering, unleashes the power of that event in our present lives. **The Spirit** is invoked to transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Lord. It is a **Trinitarian** prayer.

**Living the Word:** In Australia, we have visions of vast sheep farms where the flock is contained by fences but this is not the way **shepherds** worked in Jesus' time. Then, **shepherds** wandered the countryside with their sheep in search of pasture and guided them away from dangers like steep ravines or bramble thickets. A **shepherd** who owns the sheep looks after them well because they are his livelihood. In what ways does our community become the body of Christ present in the world?

**Marriage Tip:** Remember your first date? Can you recreate it in some way this week – go to the same place? Watch the same movie? At the least, reminisce together.

**Daily Prayer:** What love you have bestowed on us, O God, that we should be called your children, **born again in Christ by water and the Spirit**. What love you have lavished that we should be gathered into the fold of a **Shepherd** whose life is given freely for us. Keep us safe, make us one, and gather all your scattered children into the one fold of this one **Shepherd**.

**A Vocation View:** This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.



### 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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – 22nd April 2018**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

Child Safety Officer—Dion Bartlett

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Mary Conlan, Brother Cole, Sepp Eric Freitag, Reg Morgan, Sister Aileen Crowe OLSH, Kevin Kearney, Rose Robinson, Sister Anne Arundell RSM, Ursula Renters (Germany), Sister Dominic Foley RSJ, Kath Andrews

**Anniversaries:** William McDowall, Shane McGrath, Mary Atkinson, Frs. Thomas Hurley & John O'Brien, Jim Hyland, Monsignor O'Keefe, Teresa Howard, Sister Irene Hoy, Shirley Gillen, Elsa Beggs, Pat Coghlan, Evelyn O'Sullivan, Veronica Carney, Mavis Fogarty, Deceased Service Personnel

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

<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	10.00am (Redemptorist Mission)
	Tuesday	5.45pm at St Pius (Redemptorist Mission)
	Wednesday	9.30am ANZAC Day
	Thursday	9.30am (St Mark)
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>Allansford</b>	<b>10.30am</b>

*White is the colour of rejoicing*

**The Word of God:** This Week: Acts 4: 8-12/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2/ Jn 10: 11-18  
Next Week: Acts 9: 26-31/ 1 Jn 3: 18-24/ Jn 5: 1-8

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

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

'Jesus we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection. We wonder at the depths of your love for us. May all peoples of Earth receive the good news of your gospel. As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising. May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome Risen Lord. Amen.'  
Source: *Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy*



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."



**Easter Season**—the fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exaltation as one feast day. These are the days, above all others, in which the Alleluia is sung.

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

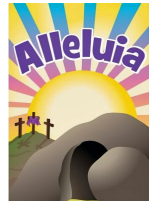


**THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS BECOME THE CORNER-STONE**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord. a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **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.

**HYMNS:**

- Entrance 28 Praise to You
- Gifts 26 The Lord is My Shepherd
- Communion 160 Like a Shepherd
- 49 I Am The Bread of Life
- Recessional CWB 690 Go Now You Are Sent Forth

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

**Redemptorist Mission in Preparation for the Plenary Council 2020**

**Monday** 23rd April: **10am Mass at OLHC**; **7.30pm** Mission Talk and Prayer at **St Pius**  
**Tuesday** 24th April: **5.45pm** Mass at **St Pius**; **7.30pm** Mission Talk and Prayer at **St Joseph's**  
**There will be opportunities for Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Plenary Council**

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a plenary council to be held in two sessions, the first in October 2020 and the second in May 2021. The council will involve representatives of Church communities from all around the nation, including bishops, priests, religious and laity. The role of the plenary council is to provide for the pastoral needs of the people of God in the particular country. So this council will be considering the needs of Australia and how we might fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with people today. In the diocese of Ballarat, we will have opportunities to gather in our local communities for prayer and dialogue, so that we might make our contribution to the plenary council. I invite you to take part in these gatherings, joining together in prayer and learning from the wisdom that the Spirit gives to each one. I invite you to pray the pray for God's blessing on us all. -Paul Bird CSSR, Bishop of Ballarat

**A Prayer for the Plenary Council**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia. May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet. Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

**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)

**Rosters** are available today.

**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.

**"Playgroup"** Places are available at OLHC School.

**Emmanuel College Information Evening**, Monday April 23, 7.30pm, for year 7, 2019. Open Day and Expo, Sunday April 29, 1pm-3.30.

**The Plenary Council 2020** of the Church in Australia has a website for updates: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) OLHC School welcome your Coles Vouchers.

**Thank You** our Project Compassion to date is \$4610.15

**Compliments of the Parish** the latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" News.

**Knox Public Lecture** Wednesday 16 May, 7.30pm. Dr. Jeff Kildea, Professor in Irish Studies at the University of New South Wales. 'What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War' Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr Victoria Pde/Hoddle St, East Melbourne. RSVP: Tuesday 8 May, [jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au) or 9412 3304.

**Save the Date** Illowa Reunion November 17/18.

**Cards** (Solo & Euchre) on Tuesday 1pm in the Church Foyer.

**CBC Catch up** Monday 30 April, 5.30-7pm at the Emmanuel Centre. Guest Speaker: Alumni, Gerard Daffy. RSVP: 5560 0888.

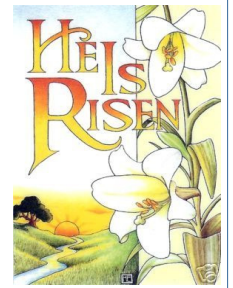
**The Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair** will be held on Saturday 5th May, in the grounds of Xavier College, Kew. **Tickets in the car raffle at \$10.00** each are available from **Peter Jackman 0419 106 734**.

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

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

*Today we welcome with great joy  
Maika Freudenberg & Regi Sobey  
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*"When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God."*  
-St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests



**Confirmation**

Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan marked the beginning of his public ministry. As Baptised Catholics we share fully in this ministry with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Baptism** is the beginning of our sacramental journey and our full initiation into the church community.

**Confirmation confirms our Baptism** and **First Holy Communion** completes our initiation.

*united by the broken body of Christ, we die like the grain of wheat. But by the power of Christ's Passion, we share in His Resurrection and are transformed into bread for the world.*