

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 15/16 September

6pm Welcomers: Beks Family Gifts: M McCulloch Family Readers: B Kavanagh, G Kirby

Ministers: M&T Harney, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield

9am Welcomers: R&M Brown Gifts: M Fish Family Readers: T Baker, B Bourke

Ministers: A Sanderson, C Spencer, J Squires

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

9 September Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

16 September Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

9 September Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

16 September Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 16 September: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: In this gospel, physical deafness could be seen as a symbol of being closed off from the world around us. Are there voices you do not hear, or do not hear well enough, in your family or workplace; in our nation or our world? Are we always attentive enough to those who have something to say to us?

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Tyre and Sidon are cities on the Mediterranean coast in the far north of Israel, now southern Lebanon. They were the leading cities of the Phoenicians. This was not Jewish territory. Jesus entered the realm of Gentiles. The Decapolis was a federation of ten cities with a largely Greek culture. Most were in the area of the eastern side of the Jordan River to the South of the Sea of Galilee. 'Ephphatha' is an Aramaic word. Aramaic was a commonly spoken Semitic language and probably the language spoken by Jesus. The deaf hearing and the dumb speaking are signs of the coming of the Messiah and the advent of the kingdom of God. Jesus the Messiah is bringing the kingdom of God to fulfillment now!

Exploring the Word: Following the route as outlined, Jesus would not have set foot on Jewish territory. He remains in Gentile land. The healing offered by the good news is for all people to access. The miracle is not wrought by the use of gestures alone. To these gestures are added Jesus' gaze towards heaven, a sign of his union with God, and the commanding word of Jesus. It is this combination of the actions and the words of Jesus which produce the results. This man is now open to a whole new way of living in the world, no longer dependant on others but free to take his place in the community. Jesus had clashed with the religious leadership of Israel. In this text, however, we see that it is the Gentiles who recognise Jesus and are open to his message and ministry.

Sharing the Tradition: Jesus used both word and action to bring about this miracle. The symbolic actions are indications of a deeper reality at work. The words are another expression of that deeper reality. The Church continues to use both words and actions to convey the deeper reality of God's love and presence in our lives and our world. The liturgy is full of symbolic actions and rituals gestures: the sign of the cross, kneeling, standing, raising the host and chalice, striking the breast, signing forehead, lips and breast with a cross before the gospel is read, bowing to the tabernacle or altar, the sign of peace. The sacraments of the Church are administered using both gesture and word as well as material symbols like oil, water, bread, wine, a ring.

Symbols & Images: Jesus could have healed this man with words alone but he chooses to use gestures as well. The actions are a sign of what is taking place. Ritual gestures continue to be a rich means of communication in the Church.

Living the Word: Pray for openness to the word and action of God in your life.

Daily Prayer: O strong and faithful God, open our eyes to your presence everywhere. Unstop our ears to hear the challenge of your word. Loose our tongues in songs of praise and fearless witness to your justice.

Marriage Tip: Psychologically, negative messages are more powerful than positive ones. If you've been hard on yourself lately, list three things you did well today. It'll make you a more pleasant person for your spouse to be around.

Vocational View: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.



Creation Season



*Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
East Warrnambool - Allansford
'A Star in the East'*



PARISH BULLETIN

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —9th September 2018

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Joan Nicholson, Trevor Wild, Jimmy Johnstone, Terry Flanagan, Annie Kenna, Brenda Gleeson, Peter Ryan

Anniversaries: Sisters Vincent Mannes & Isobel Murray, Fathers John Russell, Taffe & Markey, Sister Husstler, Jim McCarthy, Molly Slattery, Bruce Everard, Sylvie Jules Watty
"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)

Mass Times Tuesday 10.00am (Sister Husstler RIP)
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am (St John Chrysostom)
Friday 9.30am (Triumph of the Cross)



**THE LORD'S
DAY** Saturday
Sunday
Allansford

**6.00pm
9.00am
10.30am**



*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

The Word of God: This Week: Is 35: 4-7a/ Jas 2: 1-5/ Mk 7: 31-37

Next Week: Is 50: 5-9a/ Jas 2: 14-18/ Mk 8: 27-35

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

Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am

Season of Creation

'In approaching the 'Season of Creation' I would like to reflect on the fact that we live in an evolving and expanding universe where nothing is entirely fixed, unchanging or predictable, all is in process of Becoming. The process of evolution, of God's creative energy

constantly flaring forth in newness, is the essence of mystery. "The universe as a whole in all its manifold

relationships shows forth the inexhaustible richness of God" (LS 86). Our

Common Home is abundantly endowed for the good of all life.

These resources, while abundant, are finite, and therefore need responsible management in co-operation with Earth's processes.

"Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God" (LS 84)

...' (Nellie McLaughlin rsm)



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the word of Truth and Life.

Be our way Lord, be our truth Lord, be our hope of life eternal.

HYMNS:

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	81	We Remember
	186	The Light of Christ
Recessional	166	Open My Eyes



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

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests—today

Last year our parish contributed \$1326.65 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1561.80 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelopes provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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

Today we welcome with great joy

Aurora Suringa

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



"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy." (GC32)

-Pope Francis

Apostolic Gaudete Et Exultate

On a Call to Holiness in Today's World



Today is Child Protection Sunday both as a Church and as a Nation we have faced the terrible truth that we failed our children and have now embarked on a new path. "The Church to which Jesus calls us is one whose people speak freely, children play safely, and life is lived transparently. We pray for the parish communities in which our children are nurtured. May we treasure our children, be vigilant and fearless in protecting them from harm, and live as a community in which all may speak

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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 September with the Saints "Prayer is the oxygen of the soul." St. Padre Pio (23rd Sept)

You can receive your **Parish Rosters** by email olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au

New Rosters available today for Cleaners, Counters, Special Ministers for Lyndoch Living, Mass.

Holy Hour Monday 10am.

Bible Study Thursday 7.30pm and Friday 10am with Sr. Mary in the Parish Meeting Room.

Morning Coffee after 9am Mass. Hosts-Parish Family groups.

Salesian Missions Australia has established an **Appeal** to assist the people of **KERALA, INDIA** in emergency from flooding. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Salesians Mission Office, PO Box 264, Ascot Vale, 3032; Phone 9377 6060 or placed in a marked envelope on the Offering Plate.

Campion Centre for Ignatian Spirituality: Pilgrimage—In the footsteps of Ignatius 27 Sep—15 Oct, 2019. Paris-Spain-Rome-Venice. Expressions of Interest: Colleen Leonard sgs by 31 Sep 2018.

Further information: www.campion.asn.au / cleonard@goodsams.org.au

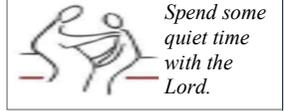
Fashion Parade Featuring Daizy Boutique Fashions and Make up by Nutrimetics in aid of St. John of God Auxiliary, Hammond Hall, Henna St, 30th Sep @ 2.00pm, \$20. Includes champagne, lucky entrance ticket, Devonshire tea. Contact Pat King: 5562 5093

Pick My Project Emmanuel College together with Lyndoch Living and Mercy Place, is aiming to be one of the first partnerships to establish Cycling Without Age in schools. Vote before 17 Sep to show your support. Visit www.cyclingwithoutage.org for more information.

Season of Creation Sep 1-Oct 10 "Walking Together".

Social Justice Sunday Sep 30 "A place to call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land".

Cards (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer. All Welcome.



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



Congratulations to Mr John O'Sullivan, Teacher at Emmanuel College and Member of our Parish Co ordinating Team, receiving the Diocesan Scholarship to study "Catholic Identity in Our Schools" at Boston University.

"We come together in all our diversity and we celebrate our unity."

OLHC Keeping faith with you



Share your story, your voice is needed.

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"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."