

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 9/10 March

6pm Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: G&A Ryan Readers: S Clancey, M Cooper

Ministers: J Moorfield, M Page, S Reinmert, P Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry

9am Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: D&S Anderson Readers: F&P Torpy

Ministers: A Sanderson, C Spencer, J Squires

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

10 March Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

3 March Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Maureen & Ron Gillin

10 March Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 10 March: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Exploring the Word: Jesus offers himself as a model of non-judgement. This, after all, belongs only to God. The disciple must recognise their own short comings and work tirelessly to rectify these so that what issues forth from their hearts are the good fruits that only true goodness of heart can produce. Recognise and nurture the goodness inside us all.

Did You Know?: Parables are often used by Jesus as a teaching tool. They are generally brief stories with a double meaning, and we should read their metaphorical interpretation rather than their literal meaning.

Sharing the Tradition: From earliest times, the church has provided an avenue to encourage the faithful to recognise and deal with our human frailty and weakness. **The sacrament of reconciliation** provides an opportunity to confess our failings before God, seek his **forgiveness** for them and to become reconciled again in his love.

Symbols and Images: The demands of the gospel are both surprising and challenging. Here the emphasis shifts to a need to subject our own conduct to scrutiny. The true disciple is in no position to pass judgement on others but must honestly confront what lies in the depth of his or her own heart.

Daily Prayer: Into the depths of the human heart, O God, you alone can see; only in your judgement do justice and mercy meet in perfect measure. Restrain us from passing judgement on our neighbour, that we may centre our zeal instead on bearing a harvest of goodness from the abundance of our hearts.

Marriage Tip: Marriage requires each spouse to be generous and to forgive, but also to accept gifts and forgiveness from the other. Pray for these graces today.

Vocational View: Since each person speaks from his heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life. Follow Him willingly.

Everyone is invited to respond to the following questions:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?

Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the church, you would like to share?

Responses can be submitted together or individually to :

Plenary Council

PO Box 747, North Sydney 2059

Facebook: Plenary Council 2020

Twitter: @PlenaryCouncil

www.plenarycouncil.com.au

Submissions for the Plenary Council Agenda are to be in by **March 6th.**



Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

"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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time —3rd March 2019

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Ida Cumming, Joyce Templeton, Paddy Lavelle (Ireland), Margaret Shanks, John Arter, Dot McCluskey, Frank Waight, Irene Claridge, Maura Poots
Anniversaries: Stan, Albert & Jeff Hyland, Elsie Kelly, Monsignors O'Brien & McInerney, Sister Ethelreda Boyle, Fathers Henry Nickel SVD and Peter McGrath CP, Patricia Gleeson, Kevin Mugavin, Anne Jewell

"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	5.00pm Shrove Tuesday (M Poots RIP)
	Ash Wednesday	10.00am & 5.15pm
	Thursday	10.00am (Lyndoch Living Chapel)
	Friday	9.30am (Feast of St John of God)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

Reconciliation —Friday 10am;
Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

The Word of God:

This Week: Sir 27: 4-7/ 1 Cor 15: 54-58/ Lk 6: 39-45

Next Week: Dt 26: 4-10/ Rom 10: 8-13/ Lk 4: 1-13

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

Reconciliation—'Love your enemies and do good to them.'

'I have never yet met an enemy whom I did not try to turn into a friend' (Nelson Mandela).

This mentality transforms our world. We choose not to participate in the demonising of others. We decide to welcome strangers as possible friends. We grow in a certain **other-centredness** that gives **oneself to another's benefit**. We possess a love of neighbour which **extends beyond love of kin and love of those who love us**. Our love extends to love of the poor and outcast, the disposed and forsaken.

To use the language of Greg Boyle SJ, we seek to expand the **circle of compassion** until such time as no one stands outside it. (The Madonna)

Order of Mass

The celebration of Mass is the action of Christ and his people, and as such is the centre of the whole Christian life. It is the high point of the action by which Christ sanctifies the world, and by which mankind, with Christ, worships the Father.

We listen to the word of God, and respond by offering ourselves with Christ to his Father. Christ gathers us into his universal sacrifice, which is completed by our sharing in holy communion. At the end of the celebration, we go into the world to be witnesses to Christ in our daily lives, and to bring him to others. By our celebration we commit ourselves to this service.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like a palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the word of truth and life.

Those who love you seek your Truth, Lord, come and make your home within us.

HYMNS:

Entrance	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	48	Seek Ye First
Communion	125	Eat This Bread
	27	Song of the Body of Christ
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

Mystery Of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Bishop Paul Bird will be visiting us over the weekend of March 15-18.

On **Friday 15th** he will visit some homebound and South West Health Care and have a meal at The Junction, Allansford with Allansford Parishioners, Parish Coordinating Team, Finance/Maintenance Committee, Family Group Coordinators, Bereavement Group Reps, and St Vincent De Paul office bearers. Spouses are welcome.

Saturday 16th their will be a Communion Service at Lyndoch Living Chapel at 10am. 2.45pm visit to Opal. 6pm Mass with nibbles afterwards.

Sunday 17th Mass 9am with a cuppa afterwards. Mass 10.30am at Allansford followed by Communion to Gillin Park Residents.

Monday 18th 9.30am Mass with the School and Parishioners for the Feast of St Patrick's day followed by a visit to OLHC School.

Bishop Paul is available to meet Parishioners. Appointments can be made through the Diocesan Office 5337 7121 or Parish Office 5561 1533.



*Wedding Bells for
Amanda
Primmer &
Sam Monk*



Project Compassion Sunday—2-3 March

In the coming weeks, we have the privilege of walking with some of our sisters and brothers who participate in Caritas programs, and who feature in the Project Compassion stories this year. How might we learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another and for the common good of our one human family?

As the season of **Lent approaches**, we might consider: What could we do to commit ourselves to the flourishing of hope in our time? How can we give **Lent 100%**?

As we prepare for the **season of Lent**, may we shine on the world like bright stars, with hearts full of love and compassion for our one human family. Let our prayer, fasting and almsgiving be fruitful signs of your mercy in the world.

We are the Catholic Church in the Ballarat Diocese we gather in the name of Jesus • from the Murray to the sea in interwoven faith communities. • Spirit filled we celebrate and share our journey • reaching out to nurture all God's people. (Diocesan Vision Statement 2005)

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

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. Masses 10am and 5.15pm. Reflections led by Sr. Mary on Lent and Easter will begin on Thursday 7th at 7.30pm and Friday 8th at 10am in the Meeting Room.

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 everyday with the saints. *"Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me..."* (St Patrick, 18 March)

Training for Special Ministers of the Eucharist is being offered April 7th at 3.30pm. Enquiries to Father Lawrie.

2019 Palms Mission Tours to Timor - Leste, Samoa, Myanmar. Phone Robert 02 9560 5333.

Holy Hour Adoration. Monday 10am.

Compliments of the Parish the autumn edition of "Australian Catholics".

Retreat in Daily Life—Conducted by a Jesuit Priest April 29-May 25. Theme "Inner Peace In Divine Love". Application forms are at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul are looking for a cleaner every Friday morning for one hour to clean two bathrooms (only) at the Vincent Respite House at 3 Japan St. If you know of anybody that can help out let us know—remuneration is offered. Further information ring Jack Daffy 5562 2372 or John O'Sullivan 0447 510 989.

Morning Tea next Sunday after 9am Mass. Hosts—the Kenny and Glynn Family Groups. A plate is welcome.

Congratulations and Thanks to John and Maureen Walters who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Parish Coordinating Team meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm.

Emmanuel College: March 26th—Year 7 2020 Information Session. 7.30pm in the Emmanuel Centre. March 31st—Emmanuel Expo 1pm-3pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com.EC2020>

Lent 2019 with Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy.

Be inspired. Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. FREE www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent or call 1300 734 880.

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia. The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served. In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

STATEMENT FROM Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat

The news of Cardinal Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is particularly disturbing to the people of our diocese of Ballarat where George Pell grew up and where he served in his early years. I express my sympathies to all those who are distressed by this news, including those who have suffered so much because of abuse. Cardinal Pell has lodged an appeal. I do not intend to make any further comment on the case while the appeal process is ongoing. We will continue to offer help to anyone who has suffered abuse. We will also continue our commitment to keeping children safe today.

