

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 6/7 April

6pm Welcomers: D White, D Bartlett Gifts: White Family Readers: B Gladman, T Harney

Ministers: K&M McKenzie, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page

9am Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: C&S Cope Family Readers: E Dwyer, D Farley

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

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

31 March Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

7 April Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

COUNTING TEAMS:

31 March Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

7 April Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 7 April: Robert McLaren



 **Making Connections:** Reach out to someone with an invitation, a gesture or a word of forgiveness. This line from the gospel is particularly apt during Lent, the time of repentance. Use it often this week: *Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Forgive me.*

Did You Know?: The son going to 'a distant country' shows that he has turned his back not only on his father but also on his faith. He has left his true heritage behind. His repentance and return becomes all the more poignant. Accepting work with pigs shows just how low the son had sunk because pigs are unclean animals to the Jews and touching them rendered the son unclean as well. By asking for his inheritance, the son was as good as saying to his father, 'I wish you were dead'. This makes the father's forgiveness all the more astounding.

Exploring the Word: The religious leaders at the time of Jesus felt that there was no place for sinners in God's kingdom. This parable shows that there is always hope and a promise of forgiveness for those who repent and turn again to God, and that God never tires of seeking the lost. The father allows his youngest son the freedom to choose his way and make his own mistakes, but he keeps the door of welcome open. Through his journey, this son comes to realise that his fulfilment lies with his father and returns.

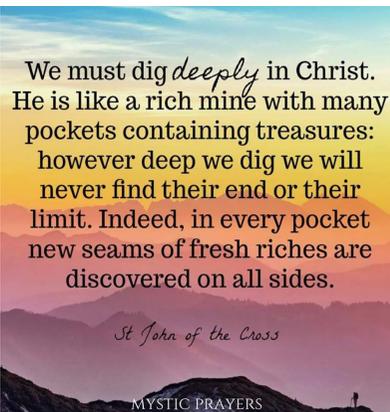
Sharing the Tradition: The unhappiness of both the sons in this parable is ultimately traceable to their distancing themselves from their father. The church names this distancing from God as sin. *'Sin is an offence against reason, truth and right conscience; it is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbour ... It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity'* (CCC §1849).

Symbols and Images: God's abundance is again portrayed in the image of the great feast—the kingdom of heaven is open both to the righteous and to the sinner who repents. God's boundless forgiveness and loving welcome of the penitent are at the core of this parable.

Daily Prayer: O God whose face we long to see, in Christ you come in search of us, judging not by our outward appearance but gazing into our hearts at the light you have kindled. As once you gave Samuel insight to see young David as your shepherd-king, as once you led the man born blind to look on Christ and behold the face of your Anointed, so now clear our vision and focus our sight that all of us, the elect and the baptised, may acknowledge Christ as the Light of the world.

Marriage Tip: Communication is an area where there can always be improvement. Talk with your spouse about ways you can communicate better or times when you don't feel "heard."

Vocational View: Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?



"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

4th Sunday of Lent — 31st 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: Anne Chiller, Doris Jellie, John Wright, Bob Matthey, Kevin McDowall, Chris Burrow, Fr. Leo Baker (Columban)

Anniversaries: Lockie Dobson, Sister Sheila Gleeson RSM, Betty Mahony, John Hingston, Sister Loretto Foley, Monsignor McInerney, Joan Mugavin, Les Jones, Kathleen Magee, Theresa Howard

"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
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	10.00am (Lyndoch Living Chapel)
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am
	Allansford	10.30am

Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy

The Word of God:

This Week: Jos 5: 9a.10-12/ 2 Cor 5: 17-21/ Lk 15: 1-3.11-32

Next Week: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45

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

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

"In everyone there is a zone of solitude that no human intimacy can fill: it is there that God encounters us ... Here, in the hollow of our being, we discover the Risen Christ."

- Brother Roger of Taizé

Pope Francis laments the state of many **neighbourhoods**, which have become places of individualism, isolation, defensiveness, and mistrust. "Jesus desires to pour out an abundance of life upon our cities," he says. Our **neighbourhoods** should connect residents to each other and help us support each other, especially those in need. This **is the Gospel way.** (The Joy of the Gospel, 75)

What can you do this week to foster more connection and community in your neighbourhood?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Keep for Daily Prayer*)



Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **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	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	CWB 621	As Gentle As Silence
Communion	88	Taste and See
	125	Eat This Bread
Recessional	188	Companions on the Journey

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

Buy Chocolates made without Slavery this Easter
Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.” World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate’s Bitter Taste*, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world and the lives of these children by buying only slavery-free chocolates. There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Higgs and OXFAM shops. Chocolatier also produces Fair Trade Easter chocolate. Check the labels on the wrappers. For more information go to www.acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter

Warrnambool Parishes, Looking Forward
With the ageing priests in the Warrnambool District discussions have begun with neighbouring Parishes about the advantages of parishes working together. At combined meetings OLHC Parish is represented by Dion Bartlett, Kim Hilderbrandt and Fr. Lawrie. Merging together to form a new entity is a possibility. Fr. Van De Camp is retiring on May 5th; Fr. Linehan at the end of 2020.

The heart is rich when it is content, and the heart is content when its desires are focused on God.
- St. Miguel Febres Cordero

Project Compassion

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential care, employment and training for First Australians.

That we might learn from our First Australian sisters and brothers the importance of family and that we preserve what is good and true. By God’s grace may we recognise that we are God’s mercy in the world today.

Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins in preparation for a Holy Easter, Thursday 11th April, 7pm at OLHC.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra People and other tribes. We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community upon whose land our parish resides.

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)

Holy Hour Monday 10am.

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

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.

Emmanuel College—“Grow With Us”: March 31st—Emmanuel Expo 1pm-3pm.

Study Theology, the Scriptures, Liturgy on line for five weeks commencing in June. Contact Amanda Smith 0427 748 867. (Dion Bartlett has successfully done these courses)

All Welcome to Lent and Easter Reflections with Sister Mary on **Thursdays** at 7.30pm and **Fridays** at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.

Stations of the Cross Friday 7.30pm at St Joseph’s and Monday 10am at OLHC.

Pilgrimage to the Sacred Shrines of Italy, departing September 1st, 2019, for 21 days. Kathryn O’Connor, from O’Connor Travel World, has over 25 years experience with these in depth Pilgrimages and provides a Chaplain and guide. Brochures in the foyer, contact Bernadette Moloney 0428 112 059.

Next Weekend Daylight Saving ends. Clocks go back one hour on Saturday for Sunday.

Parish Co ordinating Team meets on Wednesday 7.30pm.

Confirmation is offered to children in Grade 3 and above on **Pentecost Sunday** 8/9th June. A Parent Information evening will take place on Wednesday May 8th at 7pm.

Plenary Council Update

The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. More information about the *Listening and Discernment* phase will be available shortly. One of the key aspects of the Plenary Council 2020 is prayer. We ask you to continue to pray the Plenary Council Prayer

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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.