

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 4/5 May

6pm Welcomers: Downard/Magugat Gifts: J Bouwman Readers: P McKimmie, N McLaren

Ministers: M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, S Reimert, J Tankard, T Treffry

9am Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: Fitzpatrick/Vielhabor Readers: L McKenzie, J O'Brien

Ministers: A Jubb, L&T Kenny

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

28 April Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

5 May Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

28 April Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

5 May Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces/Minn Cooper

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 5 May: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week. Repeat Thomas' acclamation of faith this week: *'My Lord and my God'*.

Did You Know?: The period from Easter 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. The next few weeks feature readings from John's Gospel, the last of the written canonical gospels. While the

Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are read through the normal three-year cycle, John is featured in particular seasons throughout the normal cycle.

Exploring the Word: This gospel is one of transformation. The fear of the disciples, locked in their upper room and huddled in upon themselves, is transformed by the gift of peace that Jesus brings and his giving of the Spirit to strengthen them on their way. The doubt of Thomas is transformed by his encounter with the risen Lord. With this transformation, however, comes responsibility. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, now, too, the disciples are sent into the world to act as Jesus did. 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 and touches Jesus. Jesus must fulfil the expectations that Thomas has! Are there times when we expect God to act as we wish rather than being open to the presence of the risen Christ in unexpected ways? In what ways does the world need the peace of Christ today?

Sharing the Tradition: *'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'* Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin simply because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

Symbols and Images: It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch goes beyond verifying physical presence. It can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of support or compassion.

Daily Prayer: On this Lord's Day, we come together, O God, to proclaim the Living One, the first and the Last, who now is forever alive. Open our hearts to the Spirit Jesus breathes on us. Help us, who have not seen, to believe; send us, as you have sent Jesus, to greet the world with the Easter word of peace and to share with all the Spirit's new life of forgiveness.

Marriage Tip: Of all of the things you have to do today, is time with your spouse a priority? Be sure to give him or her the attention he or she deserves.

Vocational View: You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

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

"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

2nd Sunday of Easter — 28th April 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: Baylee Rogers, Celie Dalton, Mary Fox, Ross & Andrew Powell, Those killed in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, Taylor O'Keeffe, Joan Taylor, Moira Perry

Anniversaries: Bart Van Son, Anne Kuttner, Olive O'Donnell, Marjorie Smith, Rita Van Kempen, Deceased Service Men & Women, Fathers Jim Hyland, Tom Brophy, Billy Downard, Patrick Coghlan, Jim Gribbin

"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 Chapel
	Friday	5.00pm
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



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



The Word of God:

This Week: Acts 5: 12-16/ Rv 1: 9-11a.12-13.17-19/ Jn 20: 19-31

Next Week: Acts 5: 27-32.40-41/ Rv 5: 11-1/ Jn 21: 1-19

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

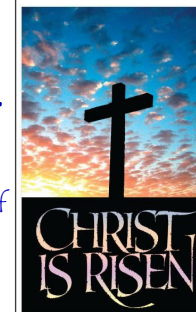
Reconciliation —Friday 10.30am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

*White is the colour of
rejoicing*

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

*Today we welcome with great joy
Halle Smedts, Lachlan Goodwin, Charlie
Madden, Neili & Ruvi Gamage,
Maisy & Archie Adams*

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



**A message about Easter from
Pope Francis:**

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust; he is life! If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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 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 be glad. **R.**



O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to his name.
Spread the good news over all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

Mystery Of Faith

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

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.

HYMNS:

Entrance		
Gifts	63	We Walk By Faith
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	64	We Have Been Told
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

Love begins by taking care of the closest ones—the ones at home.
- St Teresa of Kolkata

“Christian Initiation incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people. In Baptism, God adopts us as children and makes us a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. As we are signed with the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, God brings us to the full stature of the Lord Jesus to continue his mission in the world. At the table of the Eucharist, we are fed on the sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, and, with the whole Church, take part in the saving offering of Christ on the cross. In Sunday Mass, those who have been initiated are continually affirmed by the word of God and affirmed in their belonging to the Church, the Body of Christ.”

Second Sunday of Easter

After the resurrection, Jesus stood in front of his disciples and said ‘Peace be with you.’ The disciples were filled with joy! (John 20:21)
Jesus, fill us with your peace and joy! Amen
Place a ‘peace’ symbol somewhere in your home to remind you to be peacemakers not peace breakers.
Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed, so with courage and confidence let us press forward on our journey and in our mission.

Plenary Post: The end of the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council last month in some ways marked a public “pause” in the process, allowing people of God to focus on preparing for and celebrating the great feast and season of Easter. During this period, significant work is taking place to review and analyse the submissions and lay the groundwork for the second phase: Listening and Discernment. The National Centre for Pastoral Research is conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes. The Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will then work with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment.

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. “If you are what you should be you will set the whole world ablaze” (St Catherine of Siena, April 20)

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.

Commissioning New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be taking place during our Masses. They are Leonora & Sharna Jenkins.

To meet our **Financial responsibilities** as a Parish it is **necessary** to send out our **Thanksgiving Statements**. Please save postage costs by picking up your statement.

Divine Mercy Devotions at St Pius 2.30pm today.

Thank you for your contribution to Project Compassion. Given to date \$ 4099.15. “**Let us be lights of hope**” (Pope Francis).

Finance/Maintenance Meeting Tuesday 7.30pm.

Parish Co ordinating Team Meeting Wednesday 7.30pm.

Play Group Friday 9am at OLHC School Hall.

Holy Week Thank You to all who helped with the Ceremonies from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday morning.

Liturgy Formation led by the Diocese at **Camperdown on Sunday May 26th** 11am-4.30pm (Free) Including Mass at 11am (Celebrant Bishop Paul) at St. Patrick’s. A talk by Bishop Paul on Pastoral Care. **Workshops** on Praying Scripture in the Liturgy. An overview on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the Role of the Parish. Prayer of the Church. See Fr Lawrie for Registration.

Movie “Poms” 10.30am, Thursday 9th May at The Capitol Cinema to support **St John of God Auxiliary \$20**. Contact Pat King 5562 5093.

Our “Good Friday” collection for the work of the Church in “The Holy Land” was \$792.70. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—led by John Fitzgerald, 28 May-10 June, 2020. Colleen Duffy from Harvest Travel (Sydney) will give a presentation next Sunday, 5th May at 11.30am in St Joseph’s Hall.

Scripture Groups will recommence 9/10 May.

“The work of the Lord needs more hands and more hearts”

2nd Sunday of Easter

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21)

Peace—the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

To all at OLHC,
I was out photographing your window today by Anne Wines. What a beautiful depiction it is, and what talent. It is a classy, sensitive, beautiful memory of what Jesus did for us. Also your precious children are to be congratulated for their display. What a wonderful, pertinent appreciation of Easter. God bless you all, Jenny Arms.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention” - Oscar Wilde

Pope’s Prayer Intentions for April

Doctors and their Collaborators in War-Torn Areas For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

