

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 1/2 June

6pm **Welcomers:** G&U O'Toole **Gifts:** P&J Frusher Family **Readers:** R&T Treffry
Ministers: M mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, S Reimert, J Tankard, C White
9am **Welcomers:** J Bouwman, C Cooper **Gifts:** Skilbeck Family **Readers:** G&P Nevill
Ministers: L&T Kenny, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

26 May Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford
 2 June Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

26 May Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy
 2 June Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDONCH: 2 June: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: Try to stand up for someone this week who may be in need of a defender. Take on the role of an advocate. Alternatively, you could try to bring the gift of peace to someone whose heart is troubled or afraid.

Did You Know?: The meaning of the word *advocate* is 'one who is summoned to help another'! Another term commonly used for the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, which comes from a Greek term meaning 'called to the side of' and so has the same meaning as *advocate*. In the Hebrew Scriptures, peace was one of the distinguishing marks of the time of the Messiah—a time when swords would be made into ploughshares (Isaiah 2:4) and the wolf would live with the lamb (Isaiah 11:6). Jesus' gift of peace confirms that he is the longed-for Messiah.

Exploring the Word: Disciples should live out their faith in Jesus' absence: they must keep his word, the word of God. Jesus has promised to send the Advocate or the Holy Spirit, who will continue to unfold the word as the church grows and meets new situations and challenges. In conferring the gift of peace on his disciples, Jesus is preparing them for his departure and his absence. This will be a trial for the disciples, but the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit will help them to understand his return to the Father and to be confident that they too will one day make that journey. How do you cope with the 'absence' of Jesus? In what way do you experience Christ's presence? How do you experience the Spirit in your life?

Sharing the Tradition: The situation of the church has changed again and again through its 2000-year history. In the beginning were periods of persecution and violence; these gave way to a settled period and gradual growth. The church has enjoyed times of strong political support and even political power, and times of threat and decline. At times it has engaged in war to safeguard its position of dominance, and it has distanced itself from political power at other times. The ebbs and flows of the church's understanding of itself and its role in the world are fascinating. Vatican II spoke of how God, who spoke in the past, 'continues to converse' with the church (Dei Verbum §8). Through the Plenary Council 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia hopes to enter more intensely into that divine-human dialogue. What are the challenges facing the church today, and where do you think the guidance of the Spirit is needed now?

Symbols and Images: In the gospels, Jesus promises many times to send the Holy Spirit to be a guide and a help to his followers after his ascension. What do you think the role of the Holy Spirit is in the life of the church today and in your own life?

Daily Prayer: You have promised, O God, to make your home with those who hear your word and put it into practice. Send your Spirit to remind our hearts of all that Jesus has taught us and to make us effective witnesses to your saving plan for all the world.

Marriage Tip: When you are talking to your spouse, make sure your tone and language reflect love. Avoid accusatory or defensive language and use unique language that lets your spouse know s/he is special.

Vocational View: It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but rather a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for May

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

"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

6th Sunday of Easter — 26th May 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: Glenda Carlin, Olga Waits, Kath Korth, Cecile Close, Brian Sanderson, Des Kenna, Brother Faulkner, Betty Wickham

Anniversaries: Frs. Gallagher & Grady, Coral Harney, Sheila Roberts, Mavis Noonan, Patricia Rea



"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	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

*White is the colour of
 rejoicing*

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

The Word of God:

This Week: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29/ Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14: 23-29

Next Week: Acts 1: 1-11/ Heb 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23/ Lk 24: 46-53

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

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



Catholic Education Week

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2019 is *Listen with the Ear of your Heart*. St Benedict instructed his monks to 'Listen by inclining the ear of your heart'. His poetic language is asking us to listen, not just with our ears, but with our hearts to all that comes our way. While we might hear the words with our actual ears, with our hearts we can deeply reflect, discern, and take action if necessary. This theme aligns well with the preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 which has called on the Catholic Church to use 2019 as a year of prayer, discernment and dialogue—to truly listen with the ear of the heart.



*"Life in a Whole new Light and
 Clothed with Power from on High"
 Today we welcome with great joy
 Estelle & Levi Williamson,
 Ruby & Ella Chambers,
 Ally Taulaga, and George Walsh
 who are being baptised into the family
 of God, who is Father, Son and Holy
 Spirit.*



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the king of creation.

HYMNS:

- Entrance 182 Though the Mountains May Fall
- Gifts 114 Be Not Afraid
- Communion 81 We Remember
You Are Mine
- Recessional CWB 793 Peace Prayer of Saint Francis



Mystery Of Faith

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

Confirmation 'God Speaks, We Listen—Background for Adults

The Bible is the record and witness of the covenant (promise) **relationship between God and God's people Israel (Old Testament) and the Church (New Testament)**, in which is revealed and communicated **who God** is and how God acts in history for our salvation. The written texts of the bible convey this relationship and revelation in ways belonging to their literary genre and historical context. The Bible is the Word of God mediated by human words. When these texts are proclaimed **in the liturgy**, in a setting of prayer and openness to the Spirit, **God interacts with us** here and now, **speaking his Word anew** in the midst of the assembly and **inviting our response in faith**.

Blessed are those who see God in every person and help others to see him too.

-Pope Francis

Aid to the Church in Need is organising support for the **rebuilding of Churches in Sri Lanka** and healing their wounds after the suicide bombs causing 250 deaths. An envelope marked 'Sri Lanka' can be placed on the collection plate. *"For what is one of the world's largest networks, the global Catholic community is closely bound by our shared faith. We stand in solidarity beside our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka—from all backgrounds—as they come to terms with this tragedy and begin what must seem an unthinkable healing process."*

2020 Enrolments for Our Lady Help of Christians School
Enrolments open Monday 3rd June and close Friday 21st June

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara 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. "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." (St Ambrose)

Play Group Friday 9am at OLHC School Hall.

Scripture Groups with Sister Mary on Thursday 7.30pm and on Friday 10am in the Meeting Room. All welcome.

Works are progressing well by Bolden Construction for the instalment of a Disabled Toilet and Renovation of our existing toilets. This is possible from Planned Giving and Donations.

Clinical Pastoral Education commences August 8th in Terang. Enquiries 0455 033 321, Bernadette Wurlo.

Like Brother Frank O'Shea's Website www.rubencentre.org

Holy Hour Monday 10am (Rosary, Plenary Council Prayer)

National Volunteer Week Thank you to all our Parishioners who are "Making a World of Difference".

Join our Trafalgar Group Tour to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and the Great Italian Cities. National Warrnambool Travel are taking expressions of interest for their group tour departing in June next year. Call now 5562 1122 or call into 161A Liebig St.

A get together for **all the children** preparing for **Confirmation** and a parent on **Thursday 7pm** in the School Hall.

Fast Day Greetings and prayer have been extended to us by the Parish of St Pius and Sister Helena Lavelle S.J.G. (Subiaco).

A free concert at Trinity College, Colac, Thursday June 13 at 7pm presented by a **Youth Orchestra** from Bataan, The Philippines.

Thank You for all those people who supported this years Biggest Morning Tea, we raised \$1009.

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

Masses at Allansford in June:

June 2nd 10.30am Ascension of the Lord

June 16th 10.30am Trinity Sunday

June 30th 10.30am 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.' (John 15:12)

Jesus, help us to love other people as you love them. Amen.

This week, think of one person you find hard to like and pray for that person.

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.

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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks **National Sorry Day**, when we remember and mark our country's troubled history with First Nations peoples. It is the start of National Reconciliation Week.

The theme of the week this year is, '**Grounded in truth-Walk together with courage**'. The campaign this year calls for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history—understanding the past so that we can build a future together.

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus tells his disciples, 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.'

There's a challenge there for Jesus' followers, to turn their love for Christ into action to keep Christ's message alive in the world. Reconciliation Week is a reminder that if we are able to keep Christ's word—if we are to make a home with God—then we need to reach out with love to our First Nations peoples. Michael McVeigh (*Australian Catholics* Editor)