

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 27/28 July

6pm **Welcomers:** G&U O'Toole **Gifts:** Musico Family **Readers:** J Mahony, J McArdle
Ministers: J Moorfield, S Reimert, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White

9am **Welcomers:** J McCosh, J Zanos **Gifts:** M Fish Family **Readers:** T Kenny, Z Lukeis
Ministers: T Baker, M Clancey, H Goddard

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

21 July Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

28 July Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

21 July Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Maureen & Ron Gillin

28 July Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 28 July: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Reflection on the Gospel-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 10: 38-42)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things".

In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollēn diakonian*), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in the gospel of John.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 21st July 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: Nancy O'Grady, Sister Pauline Fitzpatrick RSM, Joan Williams, Phyllis Brown, Patricia Maywood, Tony O'Toole

Anniversaries: Peter Hargreaves, Maree Hutt (Garner), Kevin Small, Ettie McDougall, Alice Motteram, Barbara O'Brien, Kevin Holscher, Sister Joan Smith, Father Jongebloed, Sister Bridget Lourey, Barry Gore

"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 Anointing of the Sick (K Small, E McDougall, A Motteram)
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (St James)
	Friday	9.30am
		11.30am For Past Students of St Ann's in 'The Stage' Emmanuel College, Ardlie St
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday Sunday	6.00pm 9.00am
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*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

The Word of God:

This Week: Gn 18: 1-10/ Col 1: 24-28/ Lk 10: 38-42

Next Week: Gn 18: 20-32/ Col 2: 12-14/ Lk 11: 1-13

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

'I give you a new commandment—love one another.'

As Jesus prepared the disciples for his approaching departure, he emphasised the commandment to love. There will be a temporary separation in his death, but in their love for one another the disciples will still be able to experience Jesus in their midst.

Moreover, they are to love as Jesus loves, not selectively, **but with a love that extends to all people.** This kind of love will be a sign that they **are** truly **his** disciples **and that he is still living in them.**

May we be ready to receive the abundant love Jesus gives us; then may we let this flow out to others. Lord, help me to see how you live in me as I seek to put your love into action.
(The Madonna)

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

**"Life in a Whole new Light and
Clothed with Power from on High"**
Today we welcome with great joy
**Reuben Riordan, Miles Boyle &
Dulcie Bant**

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Praise the word who lived among us, made us children of the kingdom.

HYMNS:

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	42	Jesus You Are Bread for Us
	74	Come to the Water
Recessional	158	A New Heart for a New World

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6 – *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?* This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Blessed be God ... who has blessed us...;... has chosen us ... has showered the richness of grace upon us ... has made us adopted children ... has chosen us to be the people who would put our hopes in Christ. (We) have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit. -St Paul

This reading is a marvellous hymn of praise to God. Another way to pray the passage would be to imagine God speaking the words to each of us personally. For example,
N..... I have blessed you ... have chosen you.
N..... I have claimed you for my own.
N..... I have stamped you with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection
Is it possible that as you reflect on the blessings the prayer mentions, that there is also some call or challenge to activity, eg to participate in some parish activity? - M Moorward

Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

The Integrity of Justice
That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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

Prayer for Justice
Lord
May we be open to recognise all people as made in your likeness.
May we be open to our deepest yearning for a world alive with your justice and truth.
May we be open to dream of a society where all are treated with respect and, with the power of your spirit, to take the steps to bring it about.
May we be open to building a society where justice and equity abound for all.
Amen

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. *"Because the Son is God from God, in some mysterious way he passes this honour on to us."* (St Cyril)

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

Throughout **Winter** there is an **Appeal** for the St Vincent De Paul Society. Envelopes are available.



Parents who wish to have their **Grade 4 children, and above**, receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist are advised preparation will begin with a **Meeting for Parents only** on **Wednesday 24th July** at 7pm in the Church. **First Communion Sunday** will be **August 31st/September 1st.**

Please Collect Church cleaning, counting, Lyndoch Communion Rosters. Thank you for your leadership by service. There are still some **Planned Giving Envelopes** that need to be collected.

Worth Watching "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

Should you wish to give a gift to **Moiria Kelly** place an envelope on the plate this month marked 'Moiria Kelly and Family.'

Zone Leaders today can pick up **'Links'** from the meeting room at Mass for distribution. This edition includes plans for our Parish International Day of Friendship and Humanity on Sunday 11th August at 9am.

Anointing Mass Tuesday 10am.

Congratulations to Risma Simarmata receiving her First Communion today.

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. Today 'Photography and Migration.'

Thank You to Margaret Williams who has retired from caring for the Parish House over the past 36 years. Kathy Hand has taken Margaret's place.

Scripture Study Thursdays 7.30pm; Fridays 10am. In the Church Meeting Room.

"Unity is strength ... when there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepanek

FINDING PEACE

Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. John 14:27

There is 'danger' in doing anything often, for it's easy to tune out and operate on autopilot, so to speak. We drive to work along the same route every day and sometimes arrive only to realize we remember nothing of our journey. That can be a scary experience. Our most common actions and words, however important, often become thoughtless and meaningless.

As we turn toward one another **at Mass** and offer a **sign of peace**, we have two choices. We can mutter a half-baked 'peace be with you,' or **we can fully embrace the idea that we are Christ for one another, we are bearers of peace to those in our lives.** As we give and receive 'peace,' we can do so with a **smile** and the faith that **Christ really is present in the grasping of hands and exchange of words.**

Jesus, may I find your peace in the person in the pew next to me.

Steve Givens

"When the **Spirit** visits the human word, it becomes **dynamic** like **dynamite**. It is capable of **enlightening** hearts and **destroying** patterns, resistances and walls of **division**. **It opens up** new paths and **expands the boundaries** of God's people."

Listen with the ear of your heart...
We are one **community** with all of **creation**, part of the exuberant **universe** teeming with novelty and **diversity**. Together we emerge out of the fullness of **God's love** and remain held in existence by that love.

Audrey Brown—Director CEOB