

## ROSTERS

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### LITURGY for 17/18 August

**6pm** Welcomers: D White, D Bartlett Gifts: G&A Ryan Readers: G McMeel, F O'Connor

Ministers: M&T Harney, K&M McKenzie, F Moloney, J Moorfield

**9am** Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: G Howland Family Readers: G&P Nevill

Ministers: C Swarbrick, M&L Taggart

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

11 August Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

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

### COUNTING TEAMS:

11 August Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

18 August Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 18 August: Colin Ryan



## Reflection on the Gospel-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 12:32-48; shorter form 12:35-40)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kingdom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (eleēmosunē). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 11th August 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:** Lawrence Kermond, Sister Mary Lanigan RSJ, Sister Marie Miller RSJ, Joan Guyatt, Dr. Stuart Smith

**Anniversaries:** Leanne Harris, Barbara Bourke, Margaret Hand, Wally Hamond, John Umbers, Judy McDowall, Father Kiniry, Sister Marjory Gapes RSM, Kit Crawford, Mary O'Connor, Carly Deverall

*"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)*

<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am (St Maximilian Kolbe)
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am Assumption of Mary</b>
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



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

*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

### The Word of God:

This Week: Wis 18: 6-9/ Heb 11: 1-2.8-19/ Lk 12: 32-48

Next Week: Jer 38: 4-6.8-10/ Heb 12: 1-4/ Lk 12: 49-53

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

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

## Eucharist—Background for Adults

Celebrating Sunday Eucharist, commonly called the Mass, Catholics gather as a faith community to celebrate God's life giving presence in our world and especially the presence of Jesus Christ. An important role of this gathering is to meet Jesus who speaks to us in the Scriptures by listening to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings. We know this as the Liturgy of the Word—the first part of the Mass. The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As Catholics we are called to be present and participate at the Sunday Eucharist—so that we can be nourished by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

When we celebrate the Eucharist (Mass), we believe that Christ is present in:

- The community that gathers;
- The Word that is proclaimed;
- The consecrated bread and wine;
- The priest who presides.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

We shall watch, Lord, we shall pray, Lord, for we know not when you cometh.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	80	Sing a New Song
Communion	125	Eat This Bread
	42	Jesus You Are Bread for Us
Recessional	57	City of God

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

*Mother Mary MacKillop*

It is noted here that another woman known for her great works of Christian charity, Mother Mary MacKillop (St Mary MacKillop), visited the Warrnambool district in June 1899. She and another Sister of St Joseph, Sister Gertrude, came by train to Warrnambool. They were met at the station by Harriet (Henrietta) O'Brien and her two daughters, Irene and Mona, aged about 11 and 6 respectively. Mother Mary recorded in her diary that there was 'great joy over our coming'. She also recorded that the day before she came to Warrnambool she had purchased boots at Foys Store in Melbourne at a cost of ten shillings so she was obviously expecting to be doing a lot of walking. Mother Mary was on one of her many tours into the country to visit the homes of those who had fostered out children from the Melbourne children's homes of the Sisters of St Joseph (the order of nuns Mother Mary had founded). She always made personal visits as often as possible to ensure the children were well cared for.

(An extract from "Silent Lives" Women of Warrnambool and District 1840-1910. Written by Elizabeth O'Callaghan 2018 winner Victorian Community History Award.

**Marriage Tip:** All relationships are unique; avoid comparing your marriage to other marriages, and remember to appreciate your spouse for who he/she is.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for August**

**Families, Schools of Human Development**  
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human development".

**12 August—World Youth Day**

There are currently 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24 in the world. This is the largest youth population ever. But 1 in 10 of the world's children live in conflict zones and 24 million of them are out of school. Political instability, labour market challenges and limited space for political and civic participation have led to increasing isolation of youth in societies. 12 August was first designated International Youth Day by the UN General Assembly in 1999, and serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth. The theme for this year is 'Transforming Education'. It will highlight the efforts to make education more inclusive for all youth, including efforts by youth themselves.



**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.** "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." St Mary MacKillop (8 August)

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am

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

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

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

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

**Oberammergau PassionPlay** is presented in Bavaria every 10 years since 1634. The travel will take in Italy, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary & Austria. Depart 2 July 2020. Return 25th July 2020. Bookings by 31 August 2019, call 5562 1122. Cost: \$10,993.

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer. All Welcome.

**First Communion** preparation 5pm and 7pm on Wednesday in the School Hall. Bring work books. Today we celebrate **International Day of Friendship (UN)** and World Humanitarian Day (UN).

**Social Justice:** Fadak Alfauadh, a 26 year old Law Graduate, was a **refugee** from Iraq to Australia. She will be speaking at the Uniting Church Hal on Saturday 31st August, 1.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome and to share afternoon tea.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—2020 Harvest Journeys:** The Pilgrimage is being led by **Fr John Fitzgerald**, 29th May to 10th June 2020. Visit the Dead Sea, Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem and many more places. You will also have a once-in-a-decade opportunity to attend the world renowned **Passion Play** in the heart of Bavaria, in Oberammergau. Harvest Journeys have asked that those interested could have their booking forms in by mid-August to Colleen at Harvest Journeys [colleen@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:colleen@harvestjourneys.com). Brochures are available from Parish Office.

**Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service** Urgently wanted: Volunteer Workers. Coordinator: Annelise Rohr 08 9192 1060 or [www.broomediocese.org](http://www.broomediocese.org).

**Notre Dame lecturers launch new podcast** visit [www.thiscatholiclife.com.au](http://www.thiscatholiclife.com.au) or follow *This Catholic Life* on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/thiscatholiclifeau](https://www.facebook.com/thiscatholiclifeau).

**Safe Church Awareness Workshop—Warrnambool** 17/08/2019, 9.30am-4pm, Warrnambool Baptist Church, online registration [www.buv.com.au/events/SCAW-Warrnambool](http://www.buv.com.au/events/SCAW-Warrnambool). BYO Lunch; Refreshments provided.

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

This is an ideal week to make an **extra effort** to acknowledge and celebrate the **diversity** of culture and liturgical expression within our community. This week we have a special opportunity to create spaces for **encounter**. The hope is that by interacting with other people we come to celebrate the gift of ecclesial communion and **our identity** as Catholics, for Christ has called us into **one** Church "from every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Rev 5:9), so that we may all be **one in Christ** Jesus. (Gal 3: 27-28).

**15 August—Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

The feast day of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven following her death. According to Christian tradition, it is the principal feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is celebrated in many countries around the world in different ways, for example in Italy, colourful processions through the street and fireworks mark the celebration, while in Sicily and rural areas outside of Rome, a bowing procession is the main event. *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour, because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.* (Luke 1: 39-56)

