

## ROSTERS

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### LITURGY for 24/25 August

**6pm** Welcomers: R&S Zanos Gifts: P Walsh, J Bouwman Readers: G&P Nevill

Ministers: S Reimert, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White, D Bartlett

**9am** Welcomers: C Cooper Gifts: R&T Ross Family Readers: S Smits, C Spencer

Ministers: P Allan, T Baker, M Clancey

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

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

25 August Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

### COUNTING TEAMS:

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

25 August Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 25 August: Robert McLaren



## Reflection on the Gospel-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 12:49-53)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in Australia or the wild fires of California can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake.

Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.

*"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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 18th 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:** Dominic Howley, Helen Langston

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Frusher, Francis & Mary Forrest, Marcia Barmby, Mary Mahony, Bridget Richie, Ian Slockwitch, Tom Gleeson, Ken Brooks, Father Shepherd, Monsignor O'Connell, Beryl Scullion, Ted Gleeson

*"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 (Helen Langston RIP)
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (Queenship of Mary)
	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>

*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

### The Word of God:

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

Next Week: Is 6: 18-21/ Heb 12: 5-7.11-13/ Lk 13: 22-30

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

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

## Eucharist—Background for Adults—Remember, Share, Give Thanks

In this session we are reminded that at the end of Mass we are sent out "to love and serve the Lord". As fully initiated Christians we are called into action: we are sent out to follow the example of Jesus. The concluding words 'Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life' commission us to reach out to all who need to feel the tenderness of Christ's love. These words challenge us to be what our Eucharistic celebration has prepared us to be—the living body of Christ. We are transformed by Christ's love so that in turn we can go out to transform our world—in love, peace, justice and joy.

- Jesus called his disciples to a life of love and service.
- That we are called to live out the Eucharist by loving and serving God and others as Jesus showed us.
- Ever deeper relationship with Jesus in prayer, listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice.



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



**Lord, come to my aid.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay, He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. **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	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	28	Praise to You
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	153	On Eagles Wings
Recessional	90	Here I Am Lord

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**Homelessness**

From the address by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFMConv, Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, at the launch of *A Place to Call Home*, the Social Justice Statement for 2018-19: *In the face of growing homelessness and housing stress, Australia is called to be a community of hospitality, called not to walk past the thousands whose wounds need binding, but to reach out to them. As Christians, we can be like the Good Samaritan in claiming our agency and transforming our society into a community of genuine human relationships.*

*God in Christ summons us to live and relate to each other in a way that is different to the kind of ruthless, competitive, inhumane, dog-eat-dog, survival-of-the-fittest economy that we are being seduced into. We are called to practice an ethic of concern, care and support for one another so no one is excluded from the table or left behind; we are challenged to build a community of hospitality, compassion and neighbourliness. Let us heed the command of Jesus: 'Go and do the same yourself'. We all pray for the strength to do just that.*

**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".

**Marriage Tip:** Children first learn what love is from their parents. Let us remember to set a good example for children so that they learn to love others well.

**19 August—World Humanitarian Day**

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is held every year on 19 August to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. This WHD 2019 we honour the work of women in crises throughout the world. We focus on the unsung heroes who have long been working on the front lines in their own communities in some of the most difficult terrains, from the war-wounded in Afghanistan, to the food insecure in the Sahel, to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in places such as Central African Republic, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen. And we salute the efforts of women aid workers from across the world, who rally to people in need. Women make up a large number of those who risk their own lives to save others. They are often the first to respond and the last to leave. These women deserve to be celebrated. They are needed today as much as ever to strengthen the **global humanitarian response**. And world leaders as well as non-state actors must ensure that they—and all humanitarians—are guaranteed the protection afforded to them under international law.

**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.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/thiscatholiclifeau).

**Thanks** to all who contributed to the success of our celebration of International Day of Friendship and World Humanitarian Day.

**New Arrivals** at 9.30am Mass on **Wednesday** will be new **East Timorese** workers for Midfield. Morning Tea will follow Mass, A plate will be welcome.

**Single Accommodation wanted** in the Warrnambool area. Prefer bungalow or detached premises; call David 0455 417 855.

"We must walk united with our differences: There is no other way to become one. This is the way of Jesus"  
(Pope Francis)

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"  
Today we welcome with great joy  
*Arlo Drew, Bobby Cornelissen and Harrison & Xavier Emmett*  
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



**Blessing for Encouraging Community**

With arms that serve and unite, bless us  
With attitudes that encourage rather than judge, bless us  
With minds that grow in compassion, bless us  
With hearts that seek the common good, bless us  
With souls that reach for communion, bless us  
Breath of Love.

**Life Is Short**

May the Lord fill us with love each morning so that, as Christians, we recognise that after death we rise to a new and glorious life with God. But that does not rule out the need to make good use of our limited time on earth. We are called to make a contribution that will help present and future generations. Let us pray today for the grace to live fully the calling God has given us.

