

## ROSTERS

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### LITURGY for 31 August/1 September

**6pm** **Welcomers:** Conheady Family **Gifts:** White Family **Readers:** R&T Treffry  
**Ministers:** P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton  
**9am** **Welcomers:** D Duynhoven **Gifts:** Skilbeck Family **Readers:** L&M Taggart  
**Ministers:** A Jubb, L&T Kenny

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

25 August Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean  
 1 September Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

### COUNTING TEAMS:

25 August Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett  
 1 September Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 1 September: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



## Reflection on the Gospel-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 13:22-30)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of overindulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated at best rather than welcomed into most circles.

As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God’s saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must “strive to enter the narrow door”. Hard work is involved in ensuring that God’s saving power is there for God’s world.

While the question comes from one person, Jesus’ response is “to them”. The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus’ table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”.

Jesus’ reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Israel’s ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus’ assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God’s kin-dom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to Israel’s forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God’s reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15).



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th 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:** Mary Russell, Sean McKinnon, Ivan Clark, Zelma Carroll, Don Lynch, Julianne (Dobson) Krusche, John Van Someran, Polly Farmer, Mr Tim Fischer, Elizabeth (Finlay) Strain

**Anniversaries:** Beryl O’Shannessy, Mary Caveny, John Jansen, Frs. Shelley, Fennelly, Brown & Stan McGrath, Colleen Dobson, Pauline Farley, Vern Walsh, Charles White, Liesel Gunn, Bob Parkinson

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

Mass Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7.30am at St Pius	10.00am (St Monica)	9.30am (John Jansen RIP) (St Augustine)	9.30am (St John the Baptist)	9.30am	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD’S DAY	Saturday Sunday Allansford	6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am
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*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

### The Word of God:

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

Next Week: Sir 3: 17-18.20.28-29/ Heb 12: 18-19.22-24/ Lk 14: 1.7-14

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

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

## Eucharist—Belonging & Gathering

*As Jesus left this earth to go to heaven, he said to his disciples:*

*I will be with you always.* Matthew 28:20

When the Christian Community comes together, it is Jesus who gathers us.

When Jesus gathers us together in Church, everyone is welcome, everyone belongs!

That is why we say hello to people and smile at them;  
That is why we turn to others and offer them a sign of peace.

When we greet other people, we are greeting CHRIST who gathers us, we are greeting CHRIST present with us.



I think it is truly the most wonderful experience we can have: To belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with our Lord, who walks among us! We are not alone; we do not walk alone. We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together’.

Pope Francis

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



**Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us; He is faithful for ever. **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	48	Seek Ye First
Gifts	3	Canticle of the Sun
Communion	125	Eat This Bread
	65	To Be Your Bread
Recessional	CWB 690	Go Now You Are Sent Forth

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

<i>Man's highest life does not consist in self-expression but in self-sacrifice.</i>	“We must walk united with our differences: There is no other way to become one. This is the way of Jesus” (Pope Francis)
- Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson	

**Gospel Connections**

You'll Get What You Need

Jesus says God doesn't always answer our prayers by giving us what we want. First, Jesus compares God to a person who gives his friend what he needs. Then he says God will answer our prayers by giving us the Holy Spirit.

What do you expect from prayer? Most of us pray for things we want, but God often gives us something we need—the courage and commitment to do God's will in tough times. You might want a good test result, but what you need are better study habits. So the answer to your prayer might be a teacher challenging you to work harder. You might pray for God to spare a loved one from an illness. God might answer by strengthening you with the Spirit so you can comfort your sick loved one. You might want a better life for the poor. And God might answer your prayer by calling your attention to an opportunity to serve those on the margins in your community.

**Sure, our prayers might work miracles for others. But more often our prayers work miracles in us.**

**Marriage Tip:** In the midst of arguments, fight against the problem and not against your spouse. Remember that you and your spouse are on the same team.

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”.

**‘Go and do likewise’**

In today's gospel reading God's call to care for the needy is presented in a striking way. By telling a story about a Samaritan who did the compassionate thing when experts in the law didn't, Jesus made it clear that it doesn't take years of study to know how to love God and love our neighbour. It just takes courage and humility to respond generously to the person before us. Jesus tells us ‘Go and do likewise.’ It's that simple. It's that clear. So let's go and do likewise. Listen to that inner urge to reach out and help when we know we could offer assistance. Jesus, teach me to love my neighbour as you love me—immediately, generously and extravagantly. Send me out as an ambassador of your mercy.

“To be Christian means to live with faith, hope and love—to have faith and hope in God's love for us in Jesus, and live that love out in the world. This is an important message at a time of difficulty for the Church in Australia.”  
- Dr Hodge (ACU)

**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.

**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).

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

**Compliments of the Parish** the Spring Edition of ‘Australian Catholics’ is available and ‘Our Diocesan News’.

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) on Tuesday in the foyer, 1pm. All Welcome.

**St John of God Auxiliary** Movie ‘Downton Abbey’ at the Capital Theatre, September 12th, 10.30am.

Morning Tea 10am. \$20, tickets Pat King 0438 625 094.

**Congratulations** to Martha O'Brien, of Lyndoch Living, on her 100th Birthday.

**Thanksgiving Receipts** are available.

**Second ‘Healing Prayer Service** for victims of sexual abuse’, Saturday 31st August, 2.30-4pm, small Meeting Room St Joseph's Church Warrnambool. Facilitated by a healed survivor, it is based on Scripture with an emphasis on supporting victims as they journey through the process of healing. You do not need to have attended the first service.

**Permanent Diaconate** For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Further details can be obtained from [www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate](http://www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate).

**Thanks** to everyone for the amazing response to the SVDP winter appeal. Monies, food and clothing has been and will continue to be distributed amongst those in need in East Warrnambool. May God bless you all for your generosity. From the members of the OLHC SVDP conference.

**The Archbishop's Prize for New Composers**, including entry criteria and an entry form, can be found online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/awards/#New-Composer>. Entrants must use lyrics from

Murray's poem, *Animal Nativity* to compose a piece of choral music that is less than 5 minutes long.

**A Media Release** on the Cardinal Pell Appeal from Bishop Bird is available in print at the back of the Church and from the foyer.

“Life in a Whole new Light and  
Clothed with Power from on High”  
Today we welcome with great joy  
*Jordy Palmer, Esther Baulch and  
Jensen & Bernie Blythe*  
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.

