

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 21/22 September

6pm Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: Conheady Family Readers: M Clancey, S Clancey

Ministers: J Tankard, T Treffy, CWhite, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte

9am Welcomers: D Duynhoven Gifts: M Barnes Family Readers: T Baker, B Bourke

Ministers: M&L Taggart, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

15 September Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

22 September Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

COUNTING TEAMS:

15 September Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

22 September Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper/Min Cooper

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 22 September: Colin Ryan



Reflection on the Gospel-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 15: 1-32)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Diverse creatures of the earth as well as earth elements feature in the gospel for this third Sunday of the Season of Creation. These evoke, once more, the eighth work of mercy with its call to contemplate God's creation with gratitude and to engage in simple daily gestures that have the power to transform our world. There is joy in living this way. While all three parables in today's gospel reading invite us into the experience of loss, loss of a valued creature, of a woman's means of survival, of an adult child's respect and presence, they likewise invite us into an encounter with God who seeks and "saves" the lost, be they human or other-than-human, and who rejoices big time when the lost are found.

The parables are prefaced by an account of the criticism Jesus endured for hosting "the lost" of the human community, namely the toll collectors and those who were categorised as "sinners". The critics in the story are those who consider themselves "righteous". They have no room in their hearts for compassion or forgiveness and no capacity to accept the goodness of a prophet who acts in ways that cut across their expectations.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it?" asks Jesus of his critics, who would eschew any identification with "unclean" shepherds. The lost sheep is found and ultimately embraced by the community. The ensuing celebration is likened to the heavenly banquet where there is more joy over one who repents than over those who have no need of repentance. Repent/repentance may seem a strange choice of words since all the action is taken by the shepherd. The lost sheep simply responds to the initiative of the shepherd who goes after it and returns it to the fold.

"Or what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it?" is Jesus' second question to his critics. The pattern is repeated. The drachma, representing a day's wages, is lost, sought, found and the community rejoices. Occasionally in the biblical tradition, as here, God is imaged as a woman. God is not only the good male shepherd as in the first parable or the good male parent as in the third parable. God is also the diligent female householder who seeks and saves what is lost. No single image can contain the compassionate, loving God presented in these parables. The invitation to the believing community is to find ways of opening our hearts and the hearts of the unforgiving in our world to God's action of seeking and saving the lost—here and now, not simply in the afterlife.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th September 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: Geoff Street, Michael Franc, Barbara Soderstrom, Roy Brooks, Danny Frawley, Kath O'Kane, Fr. Colin Kearney CSsR

Anniversaries: Mag Gleeson, Hugh Waring, Eva Conlan, John McKinnon, Francis & Mary Forrest, Kathleen McGrath, Frs. John Russell, Claridge & Dunworth, Loretta Willis, Catherine Hyland, Linda Chow, Lillian Murphy, Michael O'Brien, Maureen O'Brien

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



Mass Times Tuesday 10.00am (Michael Franc RIP)
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

The Word of God:

This Week: Ex 32: 7-11.13-14/ 1 Tm 1: 12-17/ Lk 15: 1-32

Next Week: Am 8: 4-7/ 1 Tm 2: 1-8/ Lk 16: 1-13

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

Reconciliation –Friday 10am

Season of Creation 2019 Prayer

Creator of Life,

The Earth is full of Your creatures, and by Your wisdom you made them all. At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit, the waters teemed with swarms of living creatures of every kind, and the world was filled with every kind of winged bird, walking animal, and creatures that creep upon the ground.

Mountains, plains, rocks, and rivers shelter diverse communities, and through the changing seasons Your Spirit renews cycles of life.

During this season of Creation, open our eyes to see the precious diversity that is all around us.

Enlighten our minds to appreciate the delicate balance maintained by each creature. Inspire us to conserve the precious habitats that nurture this web of life.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R.
A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the Kingdom's mystery



HYMNS:

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	16	Glory and Praise
Communion	187	Communion Song
	160	Like a Shepherd
Recessional	158	A New Heart for a New World

Mystery Of Faith

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

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans

Marriage Tip: True love between spouses, which images Christ's love for the Church, inspires husbands and wives to continually seek each other out for advice, affection, and affirmation. Encourage your spouse today and remind him/her that you are there no matter what!

If You Are Visiting Melbourne

An exhibition, *The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect* opened in Melbourne's Old Treasury Building, 20 Spring Street. It is open from 10am to 4pm, Sunday to Friday, until 2 March 2020. Entry is free. The 'Baroque Archbishop' was James Alipius Goold who was Bishop of Melbourne from 1848. When the diocese of Ballarat and Sandhurst began in 1874, Goold became Archbishop. He died in 1886. The 'Gothic Architect' was William Wilkinson Wardell, the architect of many public buildings and many churches, including St Joseph's, Warrnambool, Infant Jesus, Koroit, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, St Mary's, Williamstown and St Peter & Paul's, Geelong. According to the Australian Dictionary of Biography, he directed harbour works at Warrnambool.

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 29th September. The Social Justice Statement entitled *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.* In this year's Statement, the Bishops reassert Pope Francis' call to 'boldly become citizens of the **digital world**', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by **new digital media**, while warning of those elements online that can be harmful. Information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news are just **some of the challenges**. As individual users and as people and communities of faith, we are called not just to be inhabitants of **this new digital world**, but to be active citizens shaping it for the good of all.

**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests**

Last year our parish contributed \$1,938.80 to this collection, which raised nearly \$47,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$1,195.60 **to date**. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked 'Ballarat Clergy Support Fund'.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US—THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

I/We would like to financially support the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Warrnambool East

Name: _____

Address: _____

By use of Envelopes or Direct Debit (Please circle)

Please place on next Sunday's Collection Plate or post to:
Box 97
Warrnambool 3280

If you wish to give to our Parish Planned Giving via bank transfer:
BSB: 06 3533
Acc. No: 0090 3353
Ref: Planned Giving



Best Wishes to our School for their production "The Magic Faraway Tree" on Thursday at the Emmanuel Centre



Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit around it and pluck blackberries,
And daub their natural faces unaware.
-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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. "I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use." St Teresa of Calcutta



Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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.

Compliments of the Parish the Spring Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available and 'Our Diocesan News'.

Season of Creation September 1—October 4th:

"There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself." (Pope Francis)

"Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink."

Watch "Backtrack Boys" SBS Sunday 15th 8.30pm.

Pilgrimage in the footsteps of **St Mary MacKillop** October 22-November 2. Beginning in Melbourne. Information 0417 683 123.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—2020: Harvest Journeys. The Pilgrimage is being led by Fr. John Fitzgerald, 29th May to 10th June. Visit the Dead Sea, Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem and many more places. You will also have the once-in-a-decade opportunity to attend the world renowned Passion Play in the heart of Bavaria, in Oberammergau. If interested please get your booking form asap. Brochures available. Leanne McElgunn 5562 2231.

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Kevin Lenehan (b.1964) on being appointed Minister of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne. Fr. Kevin was educated at St Brigid's Crossley and was Head Prefect of CBC Warrnambool. Fr. Kevin was ordained in Port Fairy. He holds degrees from Monash, Melbourne College of Divinity and the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. Fr. Lenehan replaces Fr. Shane Mackinlay who has been appointed as Bishop of Sandhurst.

Vigil Prayers for **Kath O'Kane** Thursday 26th Sept, 5pm OLHC. Requiem and Burial at Stawell 27th.