

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 28/29 September

6pm Welcomers: G&U O'Toole Gifts: Flaherty Family Readers: M Cooper, R Cussen

Ministers: M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, L Flaherty

9am Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: S Brittain Family Readers: M Davies, D Farley

Ministers: T Baker, M Clancey, A Jubb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

22 September Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

29 September Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

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

29 September Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Maureen & Ron Gillin

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 29 September: Robert McLaren



Reflection on the Gospel-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 16:1-13)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The fourth week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. A measure of cunning may be helpful. In *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The "accident" at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke's parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke's unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.

It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While "money" as a means of exchange has long been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to "enslave" themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 22nd September 2019

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*"I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"
JN 14, 18.*

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Margaret Beattie, Mona King, Molly Driscoll, Lindsay Moloney, Symone Moloney, Michael Scanlon, John Devlin, Sister Noreen Torney RSM, Margaret Evelyn Reehl
Anniversaries: Dennis Wilson, Olive Billington, Alma O'Keeffe, Brian Clinton, Denis Melican, Annie Melican, Marie Bourke Eames, Fathers Mercovich & Kevin O'Brian, Leon Murphy, Pat Fitzgibbon, Leo Delaney, Christopher McKinnon

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



Mass Times	Tuesday	10.00am (Our Lady of Mercy)
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (Dennis Wilson RIP) 10.00am at St Joseph's (Fr. Colin Kearney RIP)
	Friday	9.30am (St Vincent De Paul)

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am
	Allansford	10.30am

The Word of God:

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

Next Week: Am 6: 1. 4-7/ 1 Tm 6: 11-16/ Lk 16: 19-31

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

Reconciliation —Friday 10am

*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

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)



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **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	184	All the Earth
Gifts	55	Blest are They
Communion	6	Lord to Whom Shall We Go?
	40	Will You Love Me?
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

Mystery Of Faith

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

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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



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



The Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has now concluded and we move into a period of Listening and Discernment. During this time, we continue to seek wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern how we can best respond to the six National Discernment Themes.

As we now enter into the crucial phase of Listening and Discernment, and as we begin to engage with the National Themes for Discernment...may we be open to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into the fullness of the Truth (cf. Jn 16:13) and eager for that gift of humility which will equip us for the opportunities, the challenges and the joys, which now lay ahead of us. (Archbishop Tim Costellos SDB, President, Plenary Council 2020)

To discern means first of all to listen to God, to pay attention to God's active presence, and to obey God's prompting, direction, leadings, and guidance. (Henri J. Nouwen)

Continuing the journey to the Plenary Council

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Six National Themes for Discernment have been drawn from the 220,000 people that were engaged in the Listening and Dialogue sessions. How is God calling us to be a Ct-centred Church in Australia that is:

- missionary and evangelising?
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal?
- prayerful and eucharistic?
- humble, healing and merciful?
- a joyful, hope-filled servant community?
- open to conversation, renewal and reform?

Each of the themes has a 'snapshot' report which provides a sample of the voices and answers that inspired the theme. These are available at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>.

All people are now invited to continue the journey towards the Plenary Council by engaging in a time of Listening and Discernment.

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:
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Warrnambool 3280

If you wish to give to our Parish Planned Giving via bank transfer:
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Ref: Planned Giving

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gundiṯjmara 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.

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)

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.

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

Online learning for four weeks **Subjects**—Connecting Faith and Life, Faith and Human Development, Evangelisation, Catholic Beliefs, Sacraments, and Bible Basics. Register by October 16, Fran Peterkin 5337 7154. (Dion Bartlett is currently doing a subject).

We Welcome Henry Byrne being Baptised today.

Marriage Tip: Time spent with your spouse is precious! Try to be truly present to him/her by detaching from social media and other technologies as much as possible.

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.



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

