

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 26/27 October

6pm **Welcomers:** Timor Leste **Gifts:** D Hancock Family **Readers:** J Mahony, J McArdle
Ministers: D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady
9am **Welcomers:** C Cooper, D Duynhoven **Gifts:** G El-Hage Family **Readers:** L McKenzie, C Morriss
Ministers: P Allan, T Baker, M Clancey

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

20 October Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires
 27 October Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

20 October Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy
 27 October Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKCH: 27 October: Colin Ryan

New Rosters are now Available



Reflection on the Gospel-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 18: 1-8)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were also about prayer, as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introductory statement that Jesus told them a parable "about the need to pray always"; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21st century readers? The parable has acquired different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. The Lukan author fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable of the human community and for those endeavouring to save our endangered planet simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th October 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: Carmel Brinkman, Kath Butler, Ivan Klaric, Theresa Lee, June Hunt, Wal Gercovich, Mary Gannon, Father Pat Baker (Columban)

Anniversaries: Laurie O'Donoghue, Greta O'Donoghue, Charles & Margaret Cameron, Sister Prisca Fogarty, Jim & Alice Kelly, Helen Evenden, Helen Porrett, Bridget Corbett, Fr. Monaghan, Monsignors Gleeson & McKenzie, Jack Lynch, Merv Suhan, Jim McKinnon, Kevin & Pat Stretch

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (St John Paul II)
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (United Nations Day)
	Friday	9.30am (J&A Kelly, H Evenden nee. Kelly RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



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 17: 8-13/ 2 Tm 3: 14—4: 2/ Lk 18: 1-8

Next Week: Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18/ Lk 18: 9-14

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

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

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, Vision Statement 2019 (Draft)

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist to follow the example of Jesus' humble service, so that all may find welcome, hope and joy.

"Let everyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." (Revelation 22:17)

*"Life in a Whole new Light and
 Clothed with Power from on
 High"*

*Today we welcome with great joy
 Layla Bidmade and Arlo Bidmade
 who are being baptised into the
 family of God, who is Father, Son
 and Holy Spirit.*



You are Invited to A Morning Coffee Party for
 The Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in
 Australia, The Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste

"In all things may God be glorified"

WHERE: St Brigid's Hall, Crossley WHEN: Monday 4th November at 10.00am

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and forever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Speak, O Lord, your servant listens, yours the Word of life eternal.

HYMNS:

- Entrance 63 We Walk By Faith
- Gifts 16 Glory and Praise
- Communion 42 Jesus You Are Bread
- 114 Be Not Afraid
- Recessional CWB 748 Micah's Theme


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

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Marriage Tip: Share the love of God with someone who may feel forgotten. Together, call an elderly family member or make arrangements to visit a lonely member of your parish today.



Plenary Council
Our Plenary Council **Question** for October is:
How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?
This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.
"That we listen openly to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern ways to be a Christ-centred church that is humble, healing and merciful"
Loving God, hear out prayer.
All are invited to a Night of Reflection at St Joseph's on **Tuesday October 29th**, 7.30pm.

*Prayer for the Extraordinary
Month of Mission*

*Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers
to 'go and make disciples of all nations'
and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.*

*Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions
that bring life and light to the world.*

*Help us make it possible for all peoples
to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.*

Amen.

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. "Jesus is happy to come with us—as life is to be lived, as light is to be lit, as love is to be loved, as peace is to be spread." St Francis of Assisi (4 October)

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

Some copies of the **2019 Social Justice Statement** on "The Digital World" are still available.

Our **Parish Rose Show and Flower Festival** will be over November 21st-24th.

Zone Leaders Please collect 'Links' next weekend. This edition contains information about our Rose Show and Flower Festival. The theme is 'Celebrations of Life'.

Sister Mary Bennett has been appointed as Regional Leader for the Sisters of Mercy in Canberra and Regional NSW. Her new placement will begin in November. We will be ever grateful for her enriching our Parish Family and congratulate her on her new mission.

On Sunday 17th November at 2pm OLHC, for the Plenary Council, will host a reflection.

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying". **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?**

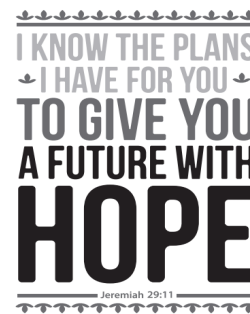
"Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool"

"May every sunrise bring you hope, may every sunset bring you peace" (Irish Blessing)



There is a welcome touch of Spring in the air. It's a good time for a deep breath or two, a gentle stroll, some quiet—enough perhaps to attend to the silence. Silence is an opportunity for God to cross our threshold. - Andrew Bullen SJ

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



The Eden Gardens Children's Home has been supporting the physical and spiritual needs of children for nearly 50 years, allowing them the opportunity to dream big and achieve their goals.

The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism.

However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children.

Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the children at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, and similar projects around the world, by becoming a monthly giving partner. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.



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