

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 23/24 November

6pm Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: S Lenehan Family Readers: f O'Connor, M Atkinson

Ministers: T Treffry, C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner

9am Welcomers: J Zanos, J Bouwman Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: S Soeres, C Spencer

Ministers: M&L Taggart, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

17 November Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

24 November Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

COUNTING TEAMS:

17 November Team 10: Cross Family

24 November Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 24 November: Jim & Elaine Hales

New Rosters are now Available



Reflection on the Gospel-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(Luke 21: 5-19)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Fifty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the kairos, of God's visitation.

Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political systems we have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 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: Cate O'Sullivan, Allan McLean, Tony Arundell

Anniversaries: Betty Tobin, Agnes McMahan, John Jewell, Regina Harper, William & Mary Regan, Noel Kelly, John Newman

| Mass Times | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 7.30am at St Pius | 5.00pm | 9.30am | 9.30am (For Our Deceased) | 9.30am | 10.00am at St Pius |



| THE LORD'S DAY | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | 6.00pm | 9.00am |

The Word of God:

This Week: Mal 3: 19-20/ 2 Thes 3: 7-12/ Lk 21: 5-10

Next Week: 2 Sm 5: 1-3/ Col 1: 12-20/ Lk 23: 35-43

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
Freddie Isherwood, Harrison Jukes & Milla Jones
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

*Grief never ends...
but it changes.
It's a passage,
not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign
of weakness,
nor a lack of faith...
It is the price of
Love.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH WITH JUSTICE.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Tree of Life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory

HYMNS:

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| Entrance | 184 | All the Earth |
| Gifts | 3 | Canticle of the Sun |
| Communion | 125 | Eat This Bread |
| | 191 | Alleluia Sing to Jesus |
| Recessional | 90 | Here I Am Lord |

Mystery Of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.



Plenary Council

As we move into this second phase of the Plenary Council journey we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation to **discern** what it is that God is asking of us. During the month of November our parish will be praying and reflecting about the National Theme for **Discernment: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?** This is one of the six National Themes for Listening and **Discernment** that is preparing the Australian Church for the Plenary Council.

A community Listening and Discernment experience will be held TODAY at 3pm at OLHC. All are invited.

To prepare for this session, you may wish to reflect upon the following Scripture passage:

When they were at table, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognised him.

Some of the topics people raised during the Listening and Dialogue phase included: Acknowledging Christ's presence in the Eucharist; Affordable adult faith formation courses; Better attention to all aspects of liturgy; Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs; renewed call to holiness.

This theme arose as the result of communal listening and dialogue with people sharing their hopes and dreams about a prayerful and Eucharistic church. We are now invited to **deepen our discernment** as we pray, reflect and listen to what the Spirit is calling us to in Australia.

Plenary Council Prayer

Lord

You once told us, *'Jus as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

May our eyes be opened to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned.

May our minds be freed from the bounds of self-interest, fear and prejudice.

May our hearts be moved to recognise and respond to the needs of your people.

May we be open to the fruits of your Spirit, so that our thoughts, words and actions can be infused with love, peace, compassion and selflessness.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Marriage Tip: Be flexible in your interactions with your spouse. Sometimes the most loving thing to do is compromise.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East
That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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. *"See the face of God in everyone."* (St Catherine Labore) 28th Nov.

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

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

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

"May every sunrise bring you hope, may every sunset bring you peace"

(Irish Blessing)

Second Hand Novels and Young Adult Fiction are being collected by the St John of God Auxiliary for a fundraiser in January.

Now Selling Christmas Cards to support St Vincent de Paul; Columban Calendars 2020 to support Columban Missionaries

OPEN SPACE Sat Nov 23, at the Emmanuel Centre from 10am-2pm. Explore the ways we heal and care: in church, in schools, in community, in Warrnambool.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King. It is the last day of the Church year.

Bereavement Group meeting Tuesday 7.30pm.

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of "Australian Catholics" and "Our Diocesan Community" are available.

Bible Study/Discussion Group is about to begin reflection on **Advent** on Wednesday mornings after Mass, 10am (Changing from Friday mornings). All welcome.

KSC Mass for Deceased members at St Joseph's on Wednesday 27th at 10am. All welcome.

Our Parish Rose Show and Flower Festival in OLHC School Hall, Theme: 'Celebrations of Life'

This Friday from noon until Sunday 2pm. Bring Roses in on Friday from 8am. Invite friends and neighbours. A plate for Hospitality can be left in the Church Meeting Room fridge or Hall kitchen. Help with setting up is welcome at 10am on Thursday. Prizes for a Raffle are appreciated.

Margaret Lawrence will demonstrate flower Arranging on Saturday at 1pm.

Come and have a coffee with friends.

Help us with the clean up on Sunday at 2pm.

"Sing to the earth, who makes life grow, the creatures you made to let your life show, the flowers and trees that help us to know the Heart of Love." (M. Haugen)

Prayer for Rain

God our Father,

You created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on **our drought stricken land**, our starving animals and our failing produce. **Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought.** In your loving providence, send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives life to all living things.



"Enjoy your week with God"