

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 8/9 February

**6pm** Welcomers: S&R Zanos Gifts: S Hargreaves Readers: G&M McDonald

Ministers: M&T Harney, L&S Jenkins, K&M McKenzie

**9am** Welcomers: J Bouwman, J McCosh Gifts: C&S Cope Family Readers: M Wrigley, S Hall

Ministers: C Wrigley, C Di Palma, H Goddard

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

2 February Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

9 February Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

### COUNTING TEAMS:

2 February Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

9 February Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper/Min Cooper

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 9 February: Colin Ryan

*New Rosters are now Available*



## Reflection on the Gospel-The Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2: 22-40)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This year the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the celebration of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We might ask why this feast is of such importance in the liturgical calendar. Between the story of Jesus' birth and the beginning of his ministry, Luke inserts three stories. The first tells of Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day after his birth. The third story has Jesus teaching in the Jerusalem Temple at twelve years of age. He has come with his parents on pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the great feast of Passover. Luke notes that the family makes this pilgrimage from Nazareth in Galilee to Jerusalem every year. The second story, today's reading, has Mary and Joseph presenting their child in the Temple forty days after his birth, in observance of the Law of Moses (as prescribed in Leviticus 12:2-8). This Sunday marks the fortieth day since the celebration of Jesus' birth: it is not a moveable feast. All three stories locate Jesus and his parents firmly within the tradition as law-observant, faithful Jews.

Luke introduces into today's story two faith-filled wisdom figures, first a man, Simeon, and then a woman prophet, Anna. Both witness to the identity and future ministry of the child presented this day in the Temple. Their witness provides a microcosm of the gospel story. Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, comes into the Temple, takes the child in his arms and utters some of the most memorable words in the Christian scriptures. The child is to be God's saving presence in the world, a light to give revelation to the nations and glory to Israel. There are echoes in this proclamation of Isaiah 49:6 which speaks of God's servant bringing light to the nations and salvation to the ends of the earth. There is also an echo of Isaiah 46:13 where God is said to bring salvation to Jerusalem and glory to Israel. Simeon declares that this child is destined for the rising and the falling of many, that he will experience opposition and that his mother too will know deep sorrow.

Anna, like Simeon, raises her voice in the courts of the Jerusalem Temple, the heart of Israel's religious, political and economic power. While Simeon is given direct prophetic speech, Anna's prophesying is recounted indirectly. While Elizabeth and Mary proclaim prophetic words, Anna is the only woman in Luke's gospel to be named as "prophet". This woman prophet proclaims the good news of salvation in Jesus. The verbal form used indicates that Anna "keeps on speaking" about the child to "all who await the redemption of Jerusalem." The invitation here might be for us to emulate Anna's courage and persistence as we enter the halls of power and seek to move the hearts of religious and political leaders to compassion and justice for all those displaced within the Earth community.



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

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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2020**

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**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

**Recent Deaths:** Father Gerry Scott C.M., Vin Gilfedder, Barry Kelly, Rosemary Surridge, William Sinclair

**Anniversaries:** Brian Crichton, Michael Miller, Lucy O'Toole, Mary Shanley, Jean O'Keeffe, Kevin McGrath, Graeme & Pat Hayes, Father John Kelly, Sister Bonaventure Foley, Tony Shanahan, Shirley Warren, Jack Douglas, John & Ginge Moore



<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	10.00am at St Pius
	Tuesday	11.00am Funeral Mass—Barry Kelly RIP
	Wednesday	9.30am (Michael Miller & Brian Crichton RIP)
	Thursday	9.30am Fr. Van de Camp (Celebrant)
		10.00am Lyndoch Chapel
	Friday	9.30am (Jean O'Keeffe & Kevin McGrath RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

*White is the colour of  
rejoicing*

### The Word of God:

This Week: Mal 3: 1-4/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40

Next Week: Is 58: 7-10/ 1 Cor 2: 1-5/ Mt 5: 13-16

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment**

Please phone 5561 1533

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

**Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool is a  
Child Safe Parish**

Monday —he gave me the gift of love.  
 Tuesday —peace came from above.  
 Wednesday—he told me to have more faith  
 Thursday —he gave me a little more grace.  
 Friday —he told me just to watch and pray.  
 Saturday —he told me what to say.  
 Sunday —he gave me the power diving,  
 to let my little light shine.

**In our Unity under  
God lies our  
strength.**

(Mary MacKillop) 10.8.1874



*"Life in a Whole new Light and  
Clothed with Power from on High"  
Today we welcome with great joy*

*Isla Bateman*

*who is being baptised into the  
family of God, who is Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.*



*"Trust in God makes  
us free"  
Pope Francis*

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



**WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? IT IS THE LORD!**

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Father we praise you as Lord, all of the earth gives you worship. For your majesty fills the heavens fills the earth.

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

**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.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance 48  
Gifts 3  
Communion 88

Seek Ye First  
Canticle of the Sun  
Taste and See  
28 Praise to You  
Recessional Christ be Our Light

*“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” (Mark Twain)*

**As we move into the second stage of the Plenary Council Journey, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.** We are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation in order to discern the answer to this question: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community? The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God’s kingdom for all people in Australia—to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia—particularly for refugees and asylum-seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries.

**Bless Our School**

Dear God,  
Bless our school.  
Bless the buildings.  
Bless the playground.  
Bless the teachers and everyone who works here.  
Bless the helpers and everyone who volunteers.  
Bless the work we do.  
Bless the games we play.  
Bless each and every one of us.  
May our school be a place of happiness, respect and love.



**“With you O Lord is the Fountain of Life and in Your Light we see Light”**

**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.** *“Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things but to do the ordinary well.”* (St Gabriel Possenti—27 Feb)

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am (For Australia & Our Citizens)

**Worth Watching** “Songs of Praise” Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

**“Australia’s most liveable city and district is Warrnambool”**

**New Rosters** are available.

**Plenary Council Preparation** OLHC will host a discernment 7pm Thursday 27th February on the Church being a joyful, hope-filled and servant community.

*“Without Christ life is as the twilight with dark night ahead; With Christ life is the dawn of morning with the light and warmth of full day ahead.”* (Philip Schaff)

**Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat** Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Pauls letter are available through parishes and through our diocesan website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by **Friday, February 7th, 2020.**

**Allansford Parishioners** Present and Past are invited to the 130th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church of St Carthage with Mass at 10.30am on March 29th. Please invite “Old Friends”.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will take place for Year 2 and Year 6 children on March 18th and 19th. Parent Information and Enrolment will take place in the Church foyer on February 12th. All welcome.

**A Cloud of Witness** The Story of Christianity. The first 100 years of the Christian Faith. Thursdays for 8 weeks commencing Feb 6th, 7.30-9pm at the Presbyterian Church, Spence St.

**Casual Volunteer Cleaner** for Vinnies Holiday House. Fridays 10am. Phone Jack Daffy 5562 2372.

**“A Candle loses nothing of it’s light by lighting another candle.”** -(Fr James Keller)

**Morning Tea** next Sunday after 9am Mass. All welcome. Please bring something to share. Hosts are the Glynn and Hanlon Family Groups.

**Our Parish Donation** for the suffering from the Fires to date is \$2014.20. Further contributions are welcome in an envelopes marked Fire Appeal. Thank you.

**Ash Wednesday** is 26th February. Masses 10am & 7pm.

**Parish Co ordinating Team** meets on Wednesday 7.30pm.

**Concert Today** at St Brigid’s Crossley from 2pm to support the work of “Blaze Aid” for fire victims. \$15/\$10 c. Children’s activities.

**Funeral Liturgy** for Vin Gilfedder 11am Monday.

*“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?”* (Corrie Ten Boom)

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

*“On the last and most important day of the festival Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice “Whoever is thirsty should come to me and drink.””* (John 7: 37)

**Pope’s Prayer Intentions for February**

**Listen to the Migrants’ Cries**

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**Marriage Tip:** Husbands and wives united in love are a great gift to the world! Consider those things that divide you and your spouse: old grudges or disagreements. Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of unity.

