

ROSTERS

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LITURGY for 29 February / 1 March

6pm **Welcomers:** Emmanuel College **Gifts:** Emmanuel College **Readers:** Emmanuel College

Ministers: J O'Sullivan, M Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, D Friebe

9am **Welcomers:** C Cooper, D Duynhoven **Gifts:** M Fish Family **Readers:** G&P Nevill

Ministers: C Spencer, C Swarbrick, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

23 February Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires

1 March Group 1: A Sanderson, D Porter, F Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

23 February Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

1 March Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 1 March: Louise & Michael Taggart



Project Compassion Sunday

The readings today anticipate the coming Lenten period. Lent invites us to reflect, pray, fast and give alms.

In today's gospel, Jesus redefines who is our "neighbour," to include not only those with whom we are comfortable, but all of humanity – our global community.

Jesus offers a radical approach to be with others – he invites us to go further, to go above and beyond what is required; to go two miles if asked to go one mile, to give your tunic as well as your cloak (cf Matthew 5:41).

In Australia, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign has become part of the Church's Lenten practice, offering us an opportunity to go above and beyond in our almsgiving to bring joy and hope to others. In the coming weeks we will hear stories of people who participate in Caritas Australia supported programs. We will be inspired by the resilience of our sisters and brothers in these programs as they face the challenges of injustice, living in extreme poverty and impacted by climate change. Through our support of Project Compassion, we seek to stand in solidarity with our neighbours as a global community.

As the season of Lent approaches, we might consider, where in our own lives do we need to go further in love and compassion?

For our church community who will undertake prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the upcoming Lenten season; we pray that this time will create in us a heart of a true neighbour, recognising that all human beings have an inherent dignity which must always be upheld.

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:

Lent is approaching. Is there a bad habit that you would like to eliminate? Anything you wouldn't want to teach your children to do? Lent and your children can give you the motivation to let go of it. Ask your spouse for help.



Baptism was not over and done with when the priest poured water over our infant foreheads. The truth is we are being baptised by everything

that happens to us in life.

To be baptised is to be christened, which means to be made like Christ. The sacrament, however, only begins this. It is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen, for the image of Christ to be formed in us.

There is but one thing in the world really worth pursuing—the knowledge of God.

- MSGR. Robert Hugh Benson

Christianity is not 'an idea in the air'. It is the feet on the ground going God's way: being God's servant.

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**.

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



PARISH BULLETIN

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23th February 2020

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Kevin Carroll, Jacquie Ivers, Dennis Sanders, Marie Woonton, Regina Lulal, Ines de Jesus, Neville Morrison, Paul Bennett, Merideth Moloney, Jack Herbert, Imelda Demetrius

Anniversaries: Olandina Dejesus Pereira, Helen O'Donnell, Julie White, Monsignor O'Brien, Frank Clancey, John O'Leary

Mass Times

Monday	7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am (Shrove Tuesday)
Wednesday	10.00am ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00PM
Thursday	9.30am (Frank Clancey RIP)
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

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

The Word of God: This Week: Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18/ 1 Cor 3: 16-23/ Mt 5: 38-48
Next Week: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/ Rom 5: 12-19/ Mt 4: 1-11

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

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

Green is the colour of hope and growth



Reconciliation Family Prayer Time



Parent
Child

Dear Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world. Help us to make the world a better place.

Parent
Child

You are by our side in good times and in bad. Protect us from harm and keep us safe.

Parent
Child

You are the light of the world. Guide us to be a Good Samaritan and do what is right.

Parent
Child

We pray in the unity and love of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

*"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
Angus Downing, Louie Ryan,
Amelia Stafford & Max McLeod
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*May God guide your footsteps, may He light your way.
May you clearly see His leading every day.*

FIRST READING

Lev 19: 1-2,17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. my soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessing. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 3: 16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts; he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the kingdoms mystery.

HYMNS:

Entrance	115	A Trusting Psalm
Gifts	179	Blest Be the Lord
Communion	27	Song of the Body of Christ
	129	One Bread, One Body
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

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.



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

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

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

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New Rosters are available.

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.

A Cloud of Witness The Story of Christianity. The first 1000 years of the Christian Faith. Thursdays, 7.30-9pm at the Presbyterian Church, Spence St.

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

Envelopes and Receipts for Financial Giving to our Parish are available. (If you can now help please collect an invitation)

Lent Reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Lent "**Grace**" are being organised by Dion Bartlett on **Wednesday** commencing 26th February at 7.30pm and by Sister Marie Mansbridge on **Wednesday** at 10am. Both will be in the Meeting Room. Please put your name on the list in the Foyer.

Organ Concert by Thomas Heywood at St Joseph's 28th February 6pm-7pm, \$30, C\$25, U18 free.

Online Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) from Campion College, Sydney. Contact Christine Vella 02 9896 9303.


Grow With Us Emmanuel College Information Evening, Wednesday 11 March, 7.30pm. Expo & Open Day, Sunday 15 March, 1.00-3.00pm.

Compliments of the Parish Adult Education the latest edition of "Australian Catholics."

Cards (Solo & Euchre) Tuesday 1pm in Church foyer. All welcome.

Bereavement Group Tuesday 7.30pm.

Thursday 11am **Funeral Mass** for Meredith Moloney RIP.

 **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 (in Adelaide).

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.

