

## ROSTERS

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### LITURGY for 7/8 March

**6pm** Welcomers: P&J Frusher Gifts: B Martell Family Readers: R&T Treffry

Ministers: B Gladman, M&T Harney, L&S Jenkins, G McMeel

**9am** Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: C Morriss, J O'Brien

Ministers: M&L Taggart, T Baker

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

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

8 March Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

### COUNTING TEAMS:

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

8 March Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 8 March: Jim & Elaine Hales



## Reflection on the Gospel-1st Sunday of Lent Year A (Matthew 4:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is also a time to enter into the "wilderness" and grapple with the mysteries of life in Christ. It presents us with a challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in the wilderness. Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many humans before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek than is "tempted"].

Forty is a significant number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God. Explanations of its significance vary: a round number suggesting a long period of time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness.

In Israel's story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). In Matthew's account, the "devil" is the "tester" or "tempter", the instrument of God's testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus' relationship to God: "If you are the son of God..." The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favour from God, the way of status or self-aggrandisement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. In other words, he chooses the way of God's empire or the empire "of the heavens" rather than the brutality of the Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed "of God". This testing in the wilderness foreshadows later events in the gospel such as Peter's attempt at Caesarea Philippi to deflect Jesus from his mission and the bystanders' challenge in 27:40 to prove he is "son of God" by coming down from the cross.

Most people of faith would agree that being "of God" right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to all of Earth's human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to Earth's precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may truly be "of God".

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



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**1st Sunday of Lent — 1st March 2020**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Geoff Colwell, Geoff Daffy, Len Hoy, Margaret Primmer

**Anniversaries:** Paul Couch, Julie White, Monsignor McInerney, Sister Ethelreda Boyle, Stan, Albert and Geoff Hyland, Dorrie McCluskey

| Mass Times | Monday    | 7.30am at St Pius   |
|------------|-----------|---|
|            | Tuesday   | 10.00am (Celebrant Fr. Van de Camp)                                 |
|            | Wednesday | 9.30am  |
|            | Thursday  | 9.30am (Celebrant Fr. Van de Camp)<br>10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel |
|            | Friday    | 9.30am (Jean Hussler RIP)   |
|            | Saturday  | 10.00am at St Pius  |

*Purple is a colour of  
preparation and  
anticipating joy*

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



**The Word of God:** This Week: Gn 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/ Rom 5: 12-19/ Mt 4: 1-11  
Next Week: Gn 12: 1-4/ 2 Tm 1: 8-10/ Mt 17: 1-9

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

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

### From Ashes to the Living Font

From ashes to the living Font your Church must journey, Lord. Baptised in grace, in grace renewed, by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity, your voice speaks deep within, Returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.

For thirsting hearts let waters flow, our fainting souls revive; And at the well your waters give—our everlasting life.

From ashes to the living font your Church must journey still, Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

- Alan J Hommerding

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

*Rex Kelly*

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



*A walk in nature walks  
the soul back home.*

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

**BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me, do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; glory to our God.

Mystery Of Faith

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

**HYMNS:**

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| Entrance  | 31 | Come As You Are |
| Gifts     | 28 | Praise to You   |
| Communion | 45 | Now We Remain   |

**Project Compassion**

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

**"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."** - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

God's action is the model for human action. If God 'rested and was refreshed' on the seventh day, we too ought to 'rest' and should let others, especially the poor, 'be refreshed'. The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money. (Catechism of the Catholic Church n 2172)

**Life is an echo. What you send out, comes back. What you sow, you reap. What you give, you get. What you see in others, exists in you.** - Zig Ziglar

Recessional CWB 690 Go Now You Are Sent Forth



**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.

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

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

- MSGR. Robert Hugh Benson

**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.** *"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me."* (St Patrick; 17 March)

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am

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

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

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

**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. **Lent Reflections** on the Sunday Gospels of Lent **"Grace"** are being organised by Dion Bartlett on **Wednesday** commencing 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.

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

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

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Preparation Meeting on Wednesday 7pm in the Church for Students and Parent/s.

**Friday** is "International Day of Unplugging" [sabbathmanifesto.org/unplug](http://sabbathmanifesto.org/unplug)

**St John's School Dennington**, 263 Russell St, Celebrates 100 years, Sunday 22nd, 10am Mass, 11am Presentation & Video Display, Light Lunch. RSVP 5562 5362.

**Stations of the Cross** on Mondays 10am and at St Joseph's on Fridays at 7pm.

**Board** is being sought for a 14 year old Japanese boy who is coming to Emmanuel College Year 9 just for 3rd Term. Is there a family, preferably with student(s) at Emmanuel, who is able to offer board to this student. A Good opportunity for cultural exchange. Please contact John O'Brien on 5561 3070 if you can help.

**"Those who are filled with love are filled with God"** (St Augustine)

 Our next Discernment for the Plenary Council will be on our Church being "Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal". Welcome to St Pius on Sunday March 15th at 3pm.

**God is the friend of silence. Trees, flowers, grass grow in silence. See the stars, moon, and sun, how they move in silence.**  
- St Teresa of Calcutta

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.**

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Marriage Tip:** Where is your church? Perhaps it's closer than you think. A family is "the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The early Church [called] the Christian family a *domestic church or church of the home.*"

