

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 21/22 March

6pm Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: M McCulloch Family Readers: M Bugge, C Carvalho

Ministers: J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte

9am Welcomers: D Duynhoven, J McCosh Gifts: Risma & Jericho Readers: C Porter, S Smits

Ministers: A Jubb, L&T Kenny

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

15 March Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

22 March Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

15 March Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

22 March Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDCOCH: 22 March: Robert McLaren, Christine Di Palma



Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday of Lent Year A (John 4: 5-42)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Those privileged to act as catechists in the RCIA program over the Lenten period will be introducing candidates to some of our most treasured gospel stories. In 1963, Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy called for the restoration of certain early Church practices. The two main features of Lent, baptism and penance, were to be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. More use was to be made of the baptismal elements proper to the Lenten liturgy. Some features that were part of an earlier tradition were to be restored. In response to this call, John's stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus were moved from the weekday to the Sunday liturgy. Thus, three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group.

A woman of Samaria comes to draw water from the well of Jacob, Israel's great ancestor in faith. She belongs in a long line of women whose lot as women is to undertake the burdensome, often dangerous, daily toil of carrying water so that their families might simply survive. Jesus asks the woman for a drink and elicits a bewildered response. She responds, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" This response provides the opportunity for Jesus to move into an extended and constantly deepening exchange in which the woman proves herself a knowledgeable and worthy dialogue partner. The pursuit of water, a key baptismal symbol in the gospel tradition, provides the catalyst for her journey to faith in Jesus as the Messiah/the Christos and her engagement in the mission of proclaiming the good news to her people.

Commentators tend to focus on the woman's marital status, usually in negative terms. Because she is said to have had five husbands, many presume that she is a sinner: there is nothing in the text to support this position. Successive husbands may have died. Financial, religious or societal constraints may have functioned in her decision to remarry. The "husbands" may refer to the strange gods that claimed the allegiance of the Samaritans. There is no consensus on this among scholars.

At the outset, the woman views Jesus simply as a Jew who breaks with established custom by asking her for water. She comes to accept him as the provider of living water. Jesus understands her life story and opens up the way for her to accept him as a prophet. She takes the risk of sharing her own convictions about the locus of worship and is gifted with new understanding and with Jesus' further self-disclosure. She leaves her water jar behind and brings others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and saviour of the world. She becomes both disciple and missionary prophet.

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East Warrnambool - Allansford
'A Star in the East'*



PARISH BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Lent – 15th 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: Otilla De Jesus Bazeto Pereira, Frank Vogels, Frank Younghusband, Archbishop Battersby, Sister Josephine Carroll SJG, Brendan O'Rielly

Anniversaries: Esmonde & Ursula Forrest, Sister Helen Foley, Helen Atkinson, Leanne Bidmade, John King, Robert McKinnon, Bettie Carlin, Tom Hyland, Arthur Thompson, John Holland, Dennis O'Keefe, Mervyn Cook, Bernie Shaw, Hilary Lodge

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (St Patrick)
	Wednesday	9.30am (Helen Atkinson RIP)
	Thursday	9.30am (Feast of St Joseph)
	Friday	9.30am (International Day of Happiness)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Ex 17: 3-7/ Rom 5: 1-2,5-8/ Jn 4: 5-42
Next Week: 1 Sm 16: 1. 6-7, 10-13/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9: 1-41

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

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment—
March: **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is open to conversion, renewal and reform?**
All welcome Today, 3pm at St Pius Church.



www.harmony.gov.au

Harmony Day is a day which is celebrated in Australia on March 21st. It is a day in which Australians celebrate the core values of inclusiveness, respect for other cultures, tolerance, and diversity. It is a day that began in 1999 and coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*



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

Today we welcome with great joy
Ovie Quinlan & Archie Brittain
who are being baptised into the
family of God, who is Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.



*Wedding Bells next week for
Claire McKinnon & Tim Mabey*



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. "How am I to deal with this people?" he said. "A little more and they will stone me!" The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink." This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

The word of the Lord



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man—though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die—but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

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.

HYMNS:

Entrance	74	Come to the Water
Gifts		Shine Jesus Shine
Communion	42	Jesus You Are Bread
	126	I Have Loved You
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

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.

Shine, Jesus Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins on Wednesday April 1st at 7pm.

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.

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.

Grow With Us Emmanuel College **Expo & Open Day**, Today, 1.00-3.00pm. In the Emmanuel Centre. **Compliments of the Parish** Adult Education the latest edition of *"Australian Catholics."*

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.

Cards (Euchre & Solo) on Tuesday at OLHC 1pm.

Heopefully for the short term we will have Holy Communion with only the species of Bread.

Prayer Day—Walking with God in Nature: Sherbrooke Forest. Saturday April 4th, 9.30am-4pm. Bookings 9854 8110.

Play Group "Music for all Pre-Schoolers" in the Church foyer commencing April 14th; Easter Tuesday. Leaders—Lisa Battistello and Stephanie Scott.

Congratulations to OLHC School Bowlers on being District Champions.

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:

BSB: 06 3533 Acc. No: 0090 3353

Ref: Planned Giving

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: Share a childhood memory. Who was your best friend, or your favourite subject in school? What seemed like a crisis at the time but you were eventually able to overcome or forget? Talk it over.

Project Compassion

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, **Red Dust Healing**, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an **inspirational father** to his four girls and a leader in his **community**.

Prayer of Intercession

We pray for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders** and for **all Australians**: That we may understand that for us to **go further together** each of us needs to be valued; and do our part to end marginalisation and injustice.

"There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity."

Pope John Paul II

