

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension has always been a part of the joyful celebration of the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost but was singled out for commemoration on the fortieth day (see Acts 1:3) toward the end of the 4th century. The feast develops the glory of the resurrection by acclaiming the exaltation of Christ as Lord of heaven and earth. It serves to prepare the Church, toward the end of the season of Easter, for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

COLLECT

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Matthew 28:20

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

BLESSING

May you, who believe Jesus is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time. Amen.



OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Canticles 6:10

Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun.

O God, who chose the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Only Begotten Son, the light of the world, grant, through her intercession, that the radiance of Christ may shine over this land, guiding us in the way of justice and love.

GOD DOES NOT SEND PLAGUES TO TEACH US THINGS, THOUGH WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM

By Fr Richard Leonard SJ

"Everything in the Old Testament should be interpreted through the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

This matters when we come to understand the meaning of plagues and other natural disasters. For the peoples of the ancient world, if there was a flood, plague or pestilence then God was saying something through it. But in the Gospels Jesus never sends a plague, a natural disaster or turns anyone into a pillar of salt. If Jesus isn't into murderous retribution, nor if we take him at his repeated word, is God the Father. Jesus is the incarnate correction to false views of how God works in the world.

So even though COVID-19's origins are yet to be finally established, they have a natural explanation, and the way the virus has spread has been in measure the result of poor human decisions. God has not sent the pandemic upon us".



*"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

Ascension of the Lord – 24th May 2020

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Child Safety Officer—Dion Bartlett 0458 778 935

Recent Deaths: Patricia Sheehan, Carmel Lanigan, Agnes Ryan, Kevin Kavanagh, Jennifer Herringer (nee King), John Carlin

Anniversaries: Mary Dowling, Glenda Carlin, Frs Bourke, Hussey and Gallagher

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

The Word of God:

This Week: Acts 1: 1-11 / Heb 9: 24-28; 10:19-23 / Mt 28: 16-20

Next Week: Ex 34: 4-6. 8-9 /Dn 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56/2 Cor 13: 11-13 /Jn 3: 16-18

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

On-line "Mass on Demand North Sydney"

<https://www.northsydney Catholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand>

Holy Hour: Monday @ 10 am

Today is being celebrated as the Fifth Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si." (On Care of Our Common Home)

Happy and Holy Feast Day to Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady Help of Christians Family. Tomorrow is Our Feast Day.



This is Christian Unity Week

Ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord **Amen**

*Thank-you to all who volunteer for our Parish
Family and Community*



Thanks to Parishioners who generously and attentively brought to the Presbytery Planned Giving, Project Compassion, Easter Offering Financial Support. **Thanks** to the Direct Givers

White is the colour of rejoicing

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

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◆ Through Baptism, we are members of the Body of Christ and claimed for ministry. This week, as a family remind each other we go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

 The Holy Spirit gives Christians courage and "the art of discernment" when facing hardship Pope Francis 2019



"Integrity of Life is Restored to Us in Christ" (Easter Preface IV)



Mary Help of Christians

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the

unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihoods or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

Sunday —The Lord's Day

Mass on Television:

6 am—Channel 10 WIN TV

Mass on Line:

Saturday, 5.30 pm "Mass on Demand North Sydney" (available then throughout Sunday)
8.30 am, from St Josephs Warrnambool on Facebook—St Josephs Warrnambool or YouTube—St Joseph's Church Warrnambool.

Evening Prayer:

Meditating on the Resurrection of Jesus From the Dead.

Our Parish Family Prays **at Home** between 5—6 pm—The Lord's Prayer; 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be. Alleluia

THE LORD'S DAY

"We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us; it is God's present to us; we are the guardians of creation."

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. "God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth." St Catherine Siena (May)

Worth Watching

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

Keep up to date with news in the Diocese. Register for **Diocesan E News** - enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Enrolments for Our Lady Help of Christians School Opens on **Monday 25th May**. A virtual tour of the School is now available online. Enrolment forms are now available from 03 5562 5559 or admin@olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au. Enjoy the **Virtual Tour** of the School via link <http://www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au/>

Emmanuel College Enrolments for Years 8-12 for 2021 are now open. Information Packs are available.

If we do not have **your email address** please forward it to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au to receive Parish Bulletins

Mental and Emotional Support Line
1800 965 144



My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air, but it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer. So little do we realise that the glory and the power of God who made the universe is hidden in a flower.

Marriage Tip:

"Always be ready to give...a reason for your hope." (1 Pt 3:15) And always be ready to speak of your love! Speaking kindly of one's spouse strengthens the marriage bond. Look for opportunities to build each other up, both alone and in public.

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:
BSB: 06 3533
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Ref: Planned Giving
All donations are **greatly appreciated**.



Day by day,

The Holy Spirit prompts in us ways of **thinking and speaking** that can make us artisans of **justice and peace**.



Popes Intention for May

For Deacons
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

Project Compassion

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give. Thank you so much for your support