



19th July 2020

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—A**

From a tiny seed, the Kingdom grows, becoming a bush large enough for even the birds of the sky. Living in this Kingdom there are many birds and many types of birds. The story reminds us to expect diversity, even diversity of holiness and justice, in the Church, and to leave the sorting to God, who is at work in ways that we cannot see.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**COLLECT**

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 64:10-14

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.



*'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.'*  
African proverb

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, 10 am  
Wednesday, 9.30 am  
Thursday, 9.30 am  
Friday, 9.30 am  
Saturday, 9.30 am



**WINTER APPEAL 2020 SVDP.**

Donations can be given by way of cash or cheque to East Warrnambool SVDP Society and left at the parish office on Friday morning from 9-12 pm or given to Bryan O'Keeffe at 5 Emma Ave.

**Your generosity is very much appreciated**

A Celtic blessing as we begin this new day and week . . .

Bless to us, O God, the earth beneath our feet.  
Bless to us, O God, the path whereon we go.  
Bless to us, O God, the people whom we meet.  
Bless to us, O God, each thing our eyes see.  
Bless to us, O God, each sound our ears hear.  
Bless to us, O God, each ray that guides our way.  
Amen. Jamberoo Abbey



*"Let us thank God for His priceless gift!"*  
- St Paul

*When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking of Christ.*  
- St Ambrose

*"The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life."*  
St Teresa of Kolkata.



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



**PARISH BULLETIN**

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

**PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE**

**Recent Deaths:** Raymond Smith

**Anniversaries:** Sister Joan Smith, Fathers Donal Hurley and Jonglebloed, Elsie Baker, James Ryan

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

**The Word of God:**

This Week: Wis 12:13. 16-19 / Rom 8: 26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Next Week: 1 Kgs 3: 5. 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13: 44-52

**Holy Hour: Monday @ 10 am**

**Taking Place This Week:**

Wednesday—St Mary Magdalene

Thursday—St Bridget

Saturday—Nelson Mandela ID

Sunday—Bible Sunday



*"A Kind July"*

*When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking of Christ.*  
- St. Ambrose

**"We must always remind ourselves that we are pilgrims until we arrive at our heavenly homeland"**  
(St Ignatius of Loyola, 31 July)

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year A. The Weekday readings are from Year 2. The Liturgical Colour is Green.

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

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



*At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lightened the flame within us.*

Albert Schweitzer

**"May God, communion of life, love and joy, well up in us, around us, besides us, above us, this day, tomorrow and always."**

*Green is the colour of hope and growth*

**Sunday —The Lord's Day**

**Mass on Television:** 6 am—Channel 10 WIN TV & 10 am—FOX

**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

**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**

“Acquire inner peace, and a multitude of people will find salvation near you”. (St Seraphim)

Slow me down, Lord,  
Ease my pounding heart,  
quieten my racing mind,  
steady my hurried steps.  
Amidst the confusion of my days give me the calmness of the everlasting hills. Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking time-off, of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look into the branches of a towering oak, and know that it grew tall and strong because it grew slowly and well. Slow me down, Lord. Teach me to be gentle and humble of heart, and thus I will find rest for my soul.

**The 7-word Prayer Pope Francis learned from his grandmother**

*“Jesus, make my heart more like yours.”*

**Happy are We**

Jesus says, “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” That’s you and I that Jesus is talking about. We are among the great number of people that Jesus calls happy because we believe in the risen Christ.

This passage is often used to teach against doubting, as Thomas did. However, this should also be an opportunity to reflect on the power of faith in Jesus.

To know Jesus and to follow him in faith means more than the consent of the will or the feeling of security. To have faith in Jesus also means to be transformed into the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

As Paul says by following Christ, we “are being built into a house where God lives.” We are part of the same body and filled with the same Spirit that gave St Peter the power to heal lepers, directed St Paul to preach to kings, and sent St Thomas to the ends of the earth.

They were ordinary people, like you and me. But faith in the risen Jesus transformed them into the likeness of the one that they followed.

This power lives in us, and it lives in us today.

You are not ordinary; you are among the most blessed of all peoples in history, who can rejoice because they believe. (Canberra Archdiocese)

**A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those who lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have cancelled our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And, during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be a loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen.

I / We wish to contribute to Parish Finances this new financial year, via:

- Envelopes
- Direct Debit
- Bank Transfer

Post to:  
OLHC  
Box 97  
Warrnambool Vic 3280

Name: .....

Address: .....

Email/Phone: .....

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.*

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunitjmarra 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.

**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](mailto:enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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**Children and the Sacraments Update**

First Reconciliation—Wednesday 2nd July and 5th August

Confirmation is postponed until 2021

First Eucharist, yet to be decided.



**Mental and Emotional Support Line 1800 965 144**

**STAY KIND**

**In the storms of life, God is not asleep . . .**

During the stormy moments of life when our very souls are in fear of drowning, it will seem like God is asleep. But what calms the storms in life is not that all of our problems suddenly disappear but that within them, we realise that because God is still in charge, all will be well—whiplash, bruises, ransacked houses, alcoholic spouses, lost houses, lost jobs, loneliness, and the shadow of death itself notwithstanding. All will be well because God is still lord.  
Ron Rolheiser, OMI

“He comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Every painful event contains in itself a seed of growth and liberation.**  
- Anthony de Mello, Mystic

**Marriage Tip:** “ Marriage is until death do us part, not until we have a disagreement. Keep this in mind when you hit rough spots and work through them prayerfully and together.”

**Popes Intention for July**

**Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and