



**20th September 2020  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**COLLECT**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.



**Sacred Ordinary Days**

Lord, be with farmers in these long days as they harvest. Be with the migrant workers in the fields doing back breaking labour that machines cannot do. Be with them all as they struggle to get the crops in and as they look for ways to get food on our tables while sitting at their own kitchen tables struggling with how to pay the bills. Give them wisdom and strength. Let them know they do not make this annual journey alone, for you are with them.



All my own perception of beauty both in majesty and simplicity is founded upon Our Lady.

- JRR Tolkien

In the weeks of isolation, gyms, pools, tennis courts, skate parks and bowling greens have all been closed. So many of us have been out walking. I have found a few extra minutes to notice and enjoy the trees in our neighbourhood. As I have stretched my legs each day, they have become a bit like friends, waiting patiently for my visit, standing quietly while the rest of us keep moving. They have drawn me a little deeper into the mystery of life and into prayer.



**From Psalm 65**

The ends of the earth stand in awe

At the sight of your wonders.

The lands of sunrise and sunset

You fill with your joy

(Michael McGirr)



*May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun*

*The softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon reach you and fill you*

*May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you, may wonder fulfil you and love surround you*

*May your step be steady and your arm be strong, may your heart be peaceful and your word be true*

*May you seek to learn, may you learn to live, may you live to love, and may you love—always*

*Celtic Blessing*



He belongs to you, but more than that, he longs to be in you, living and ruling in you.  
- St John Eudes



A soft and easy life is an illusion; we live only when we know God. Grant that we do not reach out for the whole world and let go life itself.



**STAY KIND**



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



**PARISH BULLETIN**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—20th September 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:** Hendrika Maria "Ricky" van de Waterbeemd, Henry Squires, John Fahey, Sister Catherine Finn RSM, Celestino Amaral

**Anniversaries:** Lillian Murphy, Veronica Nunan, Fathers Kevin O'Brien, Dunworth, Luby and Mercovich, Christopher McKinnon

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

**The Word of God:**

This Week: Is 55: 6-9/Phil 1:20-24. 27 / Mt 20:1-16

Next Week: Ez 18: 25-28 / Phil 1:20-24. 27 / Mt 20: 1-16

**Taking Place This: Week: Season of Creation**

Monday St Matthew, International Day of Peace

Wednesday St Padre Pio

Thursday Our Lady of Mercy

Saturday— St Cosmas and Damian, World Day to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons



**STAY SAFE & CONNECTED O.L.H.C—A FAMILY FOR LIVING**

**We Remember with Pride**

Two past pupils of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School who won medals at The Sydney Olympic Games Twenty Years ago. **Michelle Ferris—Cycling & Christian Ryan—Rowing. Amazing!**



**Remember, you are not alone—we are praying for you and your loved ones.**

Today is the Twenty Fifth 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 and Financial Support. **Thanks** to the Direct Givers

"To live and to give to the world Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life." (Blessed James Alberione)

Fr Lawrie prays The Mass each day including prayers for our Parish Family, Living & Deceased.

"Do small things with great love"  
St Mother Teresa

**Green is the colour of hope and growth**

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

## Sunday —The Lord's Day

**Mass on Television:** 6 am—Channel 10 WIN TV & 10 am—FOX 173

### Mass on Line:

Saturday, 5.30 pm "Mass on Demand North Sydney" (available then throughout Sunday) 8.30 am, from St Josephs Warrnambool [www.tiny.cc/joe3280](http://www.tiny.cc/joe3280).

**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

### Earth Examen

Pick a natural place, rest in or near this place.

Invite Holy Wisdom to open the eyes of your heart.

**Become aware of God's presences in a natural or agricultural place that you are contemplating**

**How is God present in this place?**

**Reflect on the ecological cycles of this place with gratitude for all that it provides.**

What nutrient cycles are supported by this place? Is this a watershed that filters water? Is this a rainforest (tropical or deciduous) that fixes nutrients? Is this a meadow or field that fixes nitrogen? Is this a green space that absorbs CO2 and cleans air? What plants, animals, microbes and minerals are sheltered here? How do they serve the whole earth in their being? For all that this place provides, let a feeling of gratitude fill you.



**SEASON OF CREATION**

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of September we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?** The Listening and Dialogue responses revealed the deep faith, integrity and sincerity of all the people who gave of themselves in their offerings. The responses included divergent opinions on various topics. At the same time, they showed a common faith in Christ and a common desire to follow his teaching in love of God and love of neighbour. They demonstrated a commitment of the Church, despite the well-documented failings of members of the community. They showed a desire to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send though to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Visit the Prayerful & Eucharist page <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/prayerful/>



### A prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19

Loving God,  
We place into your care  
All our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.  
Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.  
Keep them safe from harm.  
May they know our deep gratitude  
For all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.

God of all consolation  
May they know your protection and peace  
Bless them in these challenging days  
And bless their families.



**"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."  
- Mother Teresa**



### Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Due to the closure of Churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday 13 to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians, parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land. You can donate at the Presbytery or via <https://bit.ly/CDFPAYWarrnamboolEast>

## PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

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

*OLHC A Missionary Parish. A joyful, hope filled and servant community*

### 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)

If we do not have your email address please forward it to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au) to receive Parish Bulletins or connect with Fr Lawrie on Facebook (Lawrence O'Toole)

The Ballarat Diocese has just updated their website, please visit [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/)

**Lay Education in Theology, Scripture, Liturgy.** October 18th —November 21st. Contact Kim Butler (Ballarat) 0407 523 424. Email [kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Catholic Theological College—Zoom** Thursday 8th October, 2pm. Fr Mark O'Brien OP. "God of Violence (OT) God of Love (NT). True or False?"

Tuesday 13th October, 7pm. "Catholics and the Eucharist" Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan.

Wednesday 21st October, 7pm. Rev Trevor Tibbertsma. "How Jewish was Jesus?"

Enrol Now. Email Rose Sultana: [rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au)

 **For Catholic Singles** A New Matchmaker. Register [togetheratlast.com.au](http://togetheratlast.com.au) or email [philomenafinds@gmail.com](mailto:philomenafinds@gmail.com)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ONLINE WEEKEND** If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you . . . **A great opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication in the comfort of your own home.** This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Couples from regional areas may find this option ideal. Next weekend is on **9-11th October 2020**. Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
Web: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au) [Mental and Emotional Support Line 1800 965 144](http://www.mentalandemotional.com.au)

**21st September—International Day of Peace** In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'" And if a man of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6)  
Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

**Marriage Tip:** Do you show appreciation for the work your spouse does inside the home? Take a moment to say thanks for something he or she does on a regular basis, such as cooking, laundry or lawn care.

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Acc. No: 0090 3353  
Ref: Planned Giving  
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<https://bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnamboolEast>  
*All donations are greatly appreciated.*



**We do nothing. God does everything. All glory must be returned to God.**  
St Teresa of Kolkata

**Popes Intention for September**  
**Respect for the Planets Resources**  
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.