



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 24:6, 2, 22

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10, 15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted," O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow)

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a forty-day journey. We travel with Christ to Jerusalem to be with him in his suffering and death in order to be with him also in his resurrection to glory.

Ash Wednesday provides the starting-point, when we



"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances.
St Vincent de Paul

Today, take a few minutes to sit quietly and be Thankful for all that you

STAY KIND

Mass Times

Saturday 9.30am and 6pm

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th

Sunday of the Month

(Monday—Holy Hour at 10 am)

Tuesday to Saturday at 9.30 am

(Please be advised all donations given in Church are to be placed and offered when leaving the Church.)

recall our status as "dust of the earth", brought to life by God's creative power alone. The first two Sundays present us with the great paradox of Jesus—the man who is subject to a glimpse of whose glory we share with his disciples at his transfiguration (2nd Sunday).

In year B the paradox between divine wisdom and human foolishness is spelled out even more clearly: "here are we preaching a crucified Christ" as our Saviour and Lord (3rd Sunday), given to us by the Father out of sheer love (4th Sunday), for Christ will die like a grain of wheat in the earth to bring forth a harvest of believers—ourselves (5th Sunday).

Palm (or Passion) Sunday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of Holy Week, when Christ enters Jerusalem to jubilant cries of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes!" - voices that were to cry "Crucify him!" only days later.

If our faith is not to be a fickle and weak as those voices then the message of Ash Wednesday, 'Now, now—come back to me with all your hearts' must ring in our ears. Let us go up to Jerusalem with our Lord this Lent, so that we may be in his company eternally.

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

We pray for all the inspiration and courage to shine the light on global injustices, and to let our own light shine unto others, so that we may be agents of change who bring about the kingdom of God on earth.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - St Mother Teresa of Calcutta



"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

2nd Sunday of Lent—28th February 2021

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Child Safety Officer—Dion Bartlett 0458 778 935

Recent Deaths: Frank Shanley, Bill Davis

Anniversaries: Julie White, Steve Fitzpatrick, Patrick O'Toole, Len Hoy, Peter Crowe, Sister Mary Joseph Conway, Kevin Carroll, Monsignors O'Brien and McInerney

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

The Word of God:

This Week: Gn 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18 / Rom 8: 31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

Next Week: Ex 17: 3-7 / Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8 / Jn 4: 5-42

Taking Place This Week:

Today—OLHC Sports Day

Monday—Zero Discrimination Day

Wednesday—Golden Anniversary of OLHC Primary School; Employee Appreciation Day, World Wild Life Day

Thursday—Thirtieth Anniversary of Emmanuel College

Friday 5th—World Day of Prayer; **Mass at 9.30** am for a **Good Season** in Primary Production;

Pray for Vanuatu. **World Day of Prayer Service 1.30pm** Warrnambool Uniting Church and **1.30pm St Carthage's Allansford.**

International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030.

2021 International Year of Peace and Trust



"Food for the body is not enough. There must be food for the soul" (Dorothy Day) What do you do to provide food for your soul?

The Lenten season has a twofold character: It recalls baptism or prepares for it. It stresses a penitential spirit. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...

The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is Purple.

Everyday is a second chance.

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

Xavier Murphy

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



Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy

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

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

28th Feb G5 J.McCarthy, J Carroll
7th Mar G6 A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires, V Gestopa

LITURGY ROSTER

27/28 Feb	6.00 pm	9 am
Leader/Reader:	Emmanuel College	L&T Taggart
Ministers:	M&T Harney, K&M McKenzie & G McMeel	C Spencer, M Clancey, A Jubb
Welcomers:	Emmanuel College	J McCosh, J Zanos,
6/7th March	6.00p.m.	9 am
Leader/Reader:	R&T Treffry	G&P Nevill
Ministers:	M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield S Reimert, J Tankard & C White	L&T Kenny, K O'Leary
Welcomers:	G&U O'Toole	J Bouwman, C Cooper

If you wish for a copy of the Liturgy Roster, please contact the Parish Office (email: olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au)



The whole Church goes on retreat for the forty days of Lent. Within the ecclesial community two groups embark on their **Lenten journey**: the catechumens who are preparing for the Sacrament of Initiation at **Easter** and those already baptised who are preparing to renew their baptismal identity at the same time. These two groups are intimately connected in this spiritual journey, walking together with the Lord toward the profound joy of **Easter**.

If we love Christ, if we follow him sincerely, if we stop seeking ourselves and seek him alone, then in his name we will be able to give to others, freely, what we have freely received. - St Josemaria Escriva

Emmanuel College Open Evening for 2022 Year 7s
March 17th. Information, Twilight, Tours Expo
Bookings necessary on www.trybooking.com

Prayer of Pope Benedict from Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)
Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son—the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely, to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsty world.
Pope Benedict XVI, 2005

Daily Prayer
Open the eyes of my heart, O God, to see your Son today.
Open my ears, O God, to hear his holy word.
Open my hands, O God, that through my humble deeds others may experience your coming.

"If you want to see God look attentively at CREATION"
Anthony de Mello

"All One in Christ Jesus"

Saving Water
The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord, over vast waters. Psalm 29:3

I have long lived near the ocean. Saltwater, crashing waves and changing tides have always brought renewal to my body and soul. Years ago, I trained to be a lifeguard. I understand recklessness and riptides meaningful talks with God have been at the beach, where my heart is at home. God has brought poignant lessons of salvation though water. In the opening lines of Genesis, the Spirit of God that brought creation into being moves over the waters. Later in Genesis 6-7 we have Noah's ark saving God's chosen family. And who can ever forget how the Lord saved Israel via their exodus through the sea? The most saving water experience we will likely ever encounter is our own baptism. The same "voice" of the Lord spoke then. And is speaking to us today. Pat Gohn

Prayer Focus
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

"You become what you give your attention to."
- Epictetus

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. - Thomas Merton

"Together for Life"

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

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



On-Line Lay Pastoral Ministry Program—Registrations now open The Ballarat Diocese, in partnership with Dayton University, offer low-cost study and formation. Subjects include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email Diurdia.klaris@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

A Course in "Offering Spiritual Care" (Clinical Pastoral Education). Inquiries to Bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au or see Fr Lawrie.

"Alive in God" Online with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP Tuesday March 2nd at 5pm—6.30pm. More Information mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au

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

LENT

- Catholics are to receive communion in Australia & New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and

abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

In considering the Church as "*the home of the word*", attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.
Verbum Domini (2010)

Wednesday is the **Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Lady Help of Christian School**. We thank God and all who laid the foundation in God's Name and have continued, and are continuing to develop the Mission and Vision of our Wonderful School in and for these times: "*For all that has been thanks and for all will be Yes*"

The school opened on March 3, 1971, with Sister Sheila Gleeson (Mary Bertrand) as Principal, with Mrs Margaret Thompson and Miss Sheila Kealy as the other teachers. At this time the school had an enrolment of 107 in classes from Preparatory to Grade 2. Extensions to the school were commenced in September, 1972, by builder Ron Mitchell and completed prior to the commencement of the 1973 school year. This extension provided the school with three additional classrooms and a library.

Marriage Tip: One way to sacrifice in Lent is to take stock of what you have but do not need. What can you give up so that others may benefit? Start with your own closet and see if it catches on in your family.

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:
BSB: 06 3533
Acc. No: 0090 3353
Ref: Planned Giving Or, by
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnamboolEast>
All donations are *greatly appreciated*.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Every Friday at 10 am.



Stations of the Cross
Mondays 10am at OLHC
Fridays 7.30pm at St Josephs

Kindness is spreading sunshine into people's lives regardless of weather
- Raktivist

FAMILY GROUP You are welcome to join with a small group of Parishioners for a monthly social gathering. See Jan and John Mahony or Fr Lawrie.

Popes Intention for February

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.