

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 10/11 February

6pm Welcomers: M Thompson Gifts: N McLaren Readers: B Kavanagh, J Mahony
Ministers: G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, P&M Morgan
9am Welcomers: R&M Brown Gifts: Fitzpatrick/Vielhabor Readers: D Friebe, P McLean
Ministers: L&T Kenny, F Lamb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

4 February Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires
11 February Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

4 February Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerald Peoples
11 February Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 11 February: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: How can human beings describe the realities of good and evil? In Mark's Gospel, when we see and hear Jesus binding the power of the 'devils' and 'demons', we are witnessing the beginnings of the victory of good over evil. Jesus takes on the sin and suffering of the world and overcomes it. Make a special effort this week to extend a **helping hand** to someone in need. If you know someone who is gripped by some 'demon', offer them a **word** of encouragement.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. * Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.

* The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

Marriage Tip: Perhaps your children are grown and it's just the two of you again. Has your attention to each other grown stale or routine? Take up a new hobby, sport, or volunteer effort together.

Daily Prayer: To this house, O God, the Teacher comes to preach and to heal. Life's emptiness is filled, its misery transformed. Lift us up from self-concern and set us free for service to others. May we go forth renewed and refreshed to proclaim the good news.

A Vocation View: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? "To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds." How do you choose to respond?

PARISH PRAYER: Loving God, **Good Shepherd** to us all, Gather us and form us into a welcoming parish **family**. Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out to love one another, in a **neighborly** community. **Our Lady Help of Christians**, guide us as we seek to do Christ's will. Bless us in service, strengthen us in support of each other, and unite us as we grow in faith & love, to be a **welcoming**, caring Parish **community**. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Saints Carthage and Mary MacKillop, pray for our Parish family.

"And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been"

- Rainer Maria Rilke, Bohemian-Austrian poet and novelist (1875-1926)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

We are invited to grow in Christ toward an expansive, inclusive love for one another: faithful in giving and receiving unselfish love.

"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



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



PARISH BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—4th February 2018

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Moya Lee, Bob Maslin, Barbara Quanchi, Tom Tribe

Anniversaries: John Fowler, Charlie Keane, Mary Shanley, Lucy O'Toole, Kevin McGrath, Jack Douglas, Ginger & John Moore, Frank Keegan, Frs. John Kelly & O'Farrell, Sister Mary Josephine O'Bree, Annie, Edward & Gregory Howard, Allan Patrick Pronk, Mary Goggin, Adele Henderson

Mass Times

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| Monday | 7.30am at St Pius |
| Tuesday | 10.00am (J Douglas, G&J Moore, K McGrath RIP) |
| Wednesday | 9.30am |
| Thursday | 9.30am (J Fowler RIP) (St Josephine Bakhita) |
| Friday | 9.30am |
| Saturday | 10.00am at St Pius |



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| THE LORD'S DAY | Saturday Sunday | 6.00pm 9.00am |
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Green is the colour of hope and growth

The Word of God: This Week: Jb 7: 1-4.6-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-19.22-23, Mk 1: 29-39
Next Week: Lv 13: 1-2.44-46, 1 Cor 10: 31—11:1, Mk 1: 40-45

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am, Saturdays at St Pius 10.20am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

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

Today we welcome with great joy

James Downing

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

Preparing for the 2020 Plenary Council

Prior to the 2020 Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church, 2018 and 2019 will be preparatory years in the **Diocese of Ballarat**. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is planning to support **gatherings at parish and regional level** throughout these years. **Bishop Paul has announced a Diocesan Mission** to prepare spiritually for the Plenary Council. This Mission will be held across the Diocese in 2018, **April 23rd-May 7th**, which is during the Easter Season, **invoking the Holy Spirit**. Twelve Redemptorists will be available to the Diocese, with four in each three zones. Fr Glen de Cruz CSsR will coordinate the involvement of the Redemptorists in this 2018 spiritual preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council.



The Sacrament of Matrimony next Friday for **Namaya Zimmer & Jeremy Coffey**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED



Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Praise the word of Truth and Life.

Tree of life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory.

HYMNS:

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| Entrance | 71 | Gather Your People |
| Gifts | 37 | Come To Me |
| Communion | 125 | Eat This Bread |
| | 6 | Lord To Whom Shall We Go? |
| Recessional | 179 | Blest Be The Lord |

Mystery Of Faith
 We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

29 January 2018

To: School and Parish Communities

Re: Welcome to the New School Year

Dear Colleagues,

The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 as a **national Year of Youth**, which invites the Church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church. **In Catholic education**, this provides an opportunity for us to focus our energy anew on our ministry to students, many of our parents and younger staff members.

At World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for **spreading joy**'. As we set out on the journey of the 2018 school year, **we are all challenged** to consider how we can: *...take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists.*

Perhaps **seeking God** in the lives and witness and yearnings of the **young people** with whom we work - whether students, young staff or young families - is a good starting point. So often, a small unexpected **interaction** might be the ideal opportunity to share the Good News and to accompany young people as they discern the paths to which God calls them.

The prayer for the Year of Youth, invites the "Holy Spirit of this Great Southland" to "inspire our entire faith community, as we prayerfully **discern new horizons for spreading joy** in the lives and communities of the People of God." May the year ahead in Catholic education across the Diocese of Ballarat **enliven our education community** and inspire us to be courageous as **together** we "build a civilisation of love".

Wishing each of you every blessing for the year ahead.

Audrey Brown Director of Catholic Education



The Parish of OLHC financially depends solely on the generosity of our Parishioners. We are grateful for 44 years of giving. **Envelopes** are soon to be made available for the next Financial Quarter. Please indicate if you are in a position to help our Budgeting obvious costs along with levies for Diocesan Services, Adult Education and Supporting the Mission of the Church. Place this form on the collection plate next week, or post to OLHC, Box 97, Warrnambool, 3280.

I/We _____

Of _____

Wish to financially support our Church by using: Envelopes / Direct Debit (Please circle one)

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes.

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 February with the Saints "Let us faithfully transmit to those who come after us the example of virtue we have received from those who have come before us."

St Peter Damian (21 February)

Study Online—sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, pastoral care and liturgy. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office on 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867. The courses go for 5 weeks.

Compliments of Catholic Mission 2018 Diary.

A Play Group at Our Lady Help of Christians School is being offered this year. Phone the school on 5562 5559.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered in 1st Term for students in Grades 2 & 6. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, February 15th in the Church.

Rosters are available today.

Parish Coordinating Team—Wednesday 7.30pm.

Bishop Paul will be celebrating Mass for School Principals on Thursday in St. Ann's Chapel, Emmanuel College, 6pm.

Sister Mary, in January, reached her **Golden Jubilee** of Religious Profession as a Sister of Mercy. Next Sunday we will have our Parish Celebration with her at 9am Mass followed by High Morning Tea, hosted by Parish Family Groups. A small plate welcome.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching—February 14, Wednesday week. **Lenten Reflection** "Surrender" will be offered in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am, commencing February 15/16. These will be led by Sister Mary. Names are welcome on the sheet provided today in the foyer.

For the Year of Youth, the Diocese of Ballarat will employ a **full time youth and young adult ministry project worker**. Please send application to youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au by 5pm on Wednesday February 7th 2018.

Holy Hour—Monday 10am.

"Let us pray for those who are sick. We remember them in our Masses"