

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 1/2 February**

**6pm** Welcomers: D White, D Bartlett Gifts: Conheady Family Readers: J McArdle, N McLaren

Ministers: J Conheady, M Crichton, D Friebe, B Gladman, G McMeel, M Mills

**9am** Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven Gifts: S Cook Family Readers: S Smits, C Spencer

Ministers: T Baker, M Clancey, M Cooper

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

Week commencing

26 January Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

2 February Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

26 January Team 10: Cross Family

2 February Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 2 February: Jim & Elaine Hales

*New Rosters are now Available*



**Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
(Matthew 4: 12-23)**

Most of the gospel readings this year will be from the gospel of Matthew. As with any story, it is probably best to read Matthew's story of Jesus from beginning to end over a few days, entering into the drama and attending to all the elements in the story. Sr. Elaine Wainwright's eco-rhetorical commentary on Matthew's gospel invites us to read with attention to habitat as well as to the human and the holy. We need to realise that what we bring to the text will inform our reading of the text. What we notice will depend on our own social and cultural contexts and on our capacity to bring our particular interpretive stance into dialogue with the worlds that inhabit the text. While the main character in the story is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups, including other-than-human characters.

In the passage selected for today, Matthew's Jesus hears the news of John the Baptizer's arrest and "withdraws" to the safety of Capernaum in Galilee. Matthew thus grounds him in a familiar locale. He then symbolically presents him as a great light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression. In the context of Roman imperial rule, Jesus offers the hope of an alternative reign. We might focus for a moment on the gift of light. Without an appreciation of natural light, we cannot hope to understand this image.

Jesus invites his hearers to expand their horizons, for the all-embracing empire or kin-dom "of the heavens" has come near. He then calls four fishermen to follow him, to join him on his mission of proclaiming the empire or reign "of the heavens". The verb "to follow" is an invitation to live out in their lives/in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life. They "immediately" leave their boat and their father and follow him. Later in the story we find they still have their boat, an indication that, at some levels, the story is to be read symbolically. At times we need to distance ourselves from family expectations for the sake of the gospel. At times we have to decentre our material possessions even while we affirm the goodness of their materiality and their significance for the work of the mission.

One might get the impression that the alternative community that Jesus forms around him is all male. This impression is dispelled a few verses later when we learn that "great crowds followed him" (4:25). In Matthew 18, there is specific mention of children and, towards the end of the gospel, we find that women have "followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him" (27:55). There is a far more extended group around Jesus than today's reading might suggest. Women, men, and children, we are all invited to turn our lives around and to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life.



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



**PARISH BULLETIN**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 26h January 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:** All who lost their lives from the fires

**Anniversaries:** Brian Shaw, Fathers Frank Harney & Galligan, Sister Borromea Mahony, Anne Hilton, Amanda Bourke, Harold McConnell, Jean Mansbridge, Tom Toohey, Terrie Bouwman, Michael Punch, John O'Toole, James (Jim) Bonner, Thomas O'Toole



<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	10.00am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (Celebrant Fr. Van de Camp)
	Wednesday	9.30am (Harold McConnell RIP)
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am (St John Bosco)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

**THE LORD'S DAY** Saturday  
Sunday  
Allansford

**6.00pm**  
**9.00am**  
**10.30am**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

*January 26*

*In our Unity under  
God lies our  
strength.*

(Mary MacKillop) 10.8.1874



**The Word of God:**

This Week: Is 8: 23—9: 3/ 1 Cor 1: 1-3/ Jn 1: 29-34

Next Week: Mal 3: 1-4/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment**

Please phone 5561 1533

**Reconciliation** —Friday 10am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

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

Monday —he gave me the gift of love.  
Tuesday —peace came from above.  
Wednesday—he told me to have more faith  
Thursday —he gave me a little more grace.  
Friday —he told me just to watch and pray.  
Saturday —he told me what to say.  
Sunday —he gave me the power diving,  
to let my little light shine.

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

*Olivia Gyde*

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



*"Trust in God makes  
us free"  
Pope Francis*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is a stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of Truth and Life.**

To the humble and the lowly you reveal the Kingdom's mystery.

**HYMNS:**

- Entrance 55 Blest Are They
- Gifts 80 Sing a New Song
- Communion 6 Lord to Whom Shall We Go?
- 12 Gather Us In
- Recessional CWB 793 Prayer of St Francis

Mystery Of Faith  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for  
by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**“With you O Lord is the Fountain  
of Life and in Your Light we see  
Light”**

*“The two most important days in your life  
are the day you are born and the day you  
find out why.” (Mark Twain)*

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January  
**Promotion of World Peace** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**Marriage Tip:** “Where you invest your love, you invest your life.” (Marcus Mumford) Is your love invested in the most important parts of your life – God, your spouse, your children? Take a moment to evaluate.

*‘On the last and most important day of the festival Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice “Whoever is thirsty should come to me and drink.”’ (John 7: 37)*

**The world is the first Bible that God made for the  
instruction of man.**  
- St Clement of Alexandria

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**  
Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis (President Archbishop Mark Coleridge)  
**Parishes across the country are taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend**, with all funds to be donated to Vinnie's bushfire appeal.  
A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

**Thank You** to Peter Allan for being President of our St Vincent de Paul for the past four years. Welcome to Catherine Hingston our new President. Stephan O'Brien is Secretary and Brian O'Keefe is Treasurer.

*Australia Day Blessing*  
**“May God who formed our Southern  
Land be for you a rock of strength.  
Amen”**

*Mother Teresa, “Love: A fruit always in season”*

**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.** *“Just as you learn to speak by speaking, so you learn to love by loving.”* (St Francis De Sales, 24 Jan)

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am (For Australia & Our Citizens)

**Worth Watching** “Songs of Praise” Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

**“Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool”**

**Bible Study** Thursday 7.30pm in meeting room.

**New Rosters** are available.

**Plenary Council Preparation** OLHC will host a discernment in late February on the Church being a joyful, hope-filled and servant community.

**You are welcome** to join a **Parish Family Group**, a social group. See Fr Lawrie or Laine and Terry Kenny.

*“Without Christ life is as the twilight with dark night ahead; With Christ life is the dawn of morning with the light and warmth of full day ahead.” (Philip Schaff)*

**Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat** Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes and through our diocesan website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by **Friday, February 7th, 2020.**

**Allansford Parishioners** Present and Past are invited to the 130th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church of St Carthage with Mass at 10.30am on March 29th. Please invite “Old Friends”.

**Visit** the Mary MacKillop Museum and School House in Penola. Open daily. 08 8737 2092.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will take place for Year 2 and Year 6 children on March 18th and 19th. Parent Information and Enrolment will take place in the Church foyer on February 12th. All welcome.

**The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)** Welcome volunteers for their Missions. 02 9697 0983 or [mscmission@mscmission.org](mailto:mscmission@mscmission.org)

**A Cloud of Witness** The Story of Christianity. The first 100 years of the Christian Faith. Thursdays for 8 weeks commencing Feb 6th, 7.30-9pm at the Presbyterian Church, Spence St.

**Bishop Paul** will celebrate Mass at 9am on Tuesday for the Staff of Local Catholic Schools at St Joseph's.

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) from 1pm on Tuesday in the foyer of OLHC.

**Casual Volunteer Cleaner** for Vinnie's Holiday House. Fridays 10am. Phone Jack Daffy 5562 2372.

*“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?” (Corrie Ten Boom)*

**Australia Day**—a secular feast day celebrating our unity as a people. We might come from different lands and have strange accents, traditions and belief systems, but we have much to share as we live together in this ancient land.

It is also a day for prayerful reflection. We acknowledge the custodianship of the first Peoples. Australia Day should give us all pause to reflect on the need for truth-telling about our history—the good and the bad. We also share the diverse stories of all who have come to our shores in waves of migration and settlement.

We pray that the year ahead will be rich with possibility as we **teach, encourage** and **witness** to the young Australians in our classrooms across the country. – Ann Rennie. (Prayers & Reflections for Catholic Teachers)

