

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 17/18 March**

**6pm** Welcomers: Emmanuel College **Gifts:** Emmanuel College **Readers:** Emmanuel College

**Ministers:** J O'Sullivan, F Moloney, J Moorfield, P&M Morgan, M Page

**9am** Welcomers: R&M Brown **Gifts:** R&T Ross Family **Readers:** F&P Torpy

**Ministers:** A Jubb, L&T Kenny

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**

11 March Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

18 March Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

11 March Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper

18 March Team 3: Terry & Pat King

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 18 March: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



**Making Connections:** Light a candle each night this week as you pray. Proclaim God's truth and act for the light this week. Carry the light of the gospel wherever you go.

**Did you Know?:** Points of interest and Catholic lore. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the ruling Council of the Jews, the Sanhedrin. He was attracted to the teaching of Jesus but was afraid to openly become a supporter so he came to see Jesus during the darkness of night. We meet Nicodemus again in John's Gospel when he brings myrrh and aloes to anoint the body of Jesus after the crucifixion (Jn 19:39). He brings a lavish amount 'weighing about a hundred pounds'! Nicodemus' journey to faith is complete and he openly acknowledges Jesus as Lord.

Jesus' words about being 'lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert' refer to an incident when, while wandering in the desert, the people of Israel were attacked by venomous serpents. God instructed Moses to raise a bronze image of the serpent on a standard. All who looked on it were cured (Num 21:8-9). Jesus being 'lifted up' on the cross was to become the salvation of all.

**Living the Word:** The darkness of ungodliness and the light of truth are contrasted. Jesus is called the light of the world because he is the bringer of God's truth. The gospel invites us into this light.

Albert Einstein once said, 'The world is dangerous to live in, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and let them do so.' In what ways does your community challenge evil?

**Marriage Tip:** When children come along, it can be easy to focus all your attention on parenting. But don't let your kids take up all your time and neglect your spouse! Children benefit most from a strong marriage. Consider having a weekly date night or another intentional time alone with your spouse.

**Daily Prayer:** O God, the author and source of all light, you gaze into the depths of our inmost hearts. Never permit the powers of darkness to hold your people captive, but open our eyes by the grace of your Spirit, that we may be able to look on your Son and see the One you sent to illuminate the world, so that, seeing, we may believe and worship Jesus as the Lord.

**A Vocation View:** When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Jack Boyd, Molly Ryan & Daisy Sheldon** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance"

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for March**

**Formation in Spiritual Discernment** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

*"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**

**4th Sunday of Lent—11th March 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:** Father Peter McGrath C.P., John O'Donnell, Frances Walker, Graeme Page, Barry Robertson, Rose McMeel, Scanda Nabong, Patricia Gleeson

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Smart, Terry Moene, Francis Carey, Anne Kelly, Eileen Delahenty, Tom Hyland, John Holland, Minnira Dodson, Tom Finnigan

**Mass Times** Tuesday 10.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9.30am (National Close The Gap Day)  
Friday 10.00m at St Joseph's



**THE LORD'S DAY** Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
Allansford 10.30am

*Violet is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*

**The Word of God:** This Week: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2: 4-10/ Jn 3: 14-21  
Next Week: Jer 31: 31-34/ Heb 5: 7-9/ Jn 12: 20-33

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

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



**RECONCILIATION:**

*For our Children  
Becoming Catholic*

Human beings, of all the creatures on earth, have the capacity to think and to choose. Our thoughts, words and actions have an effect not only on ourselves, but on our relationships with God, others and our environment. Poor choices, or sinfulness, damage these relationships; good choices strengthen relationships and build a strong and healthy community. This is very much like what happens in family life when someone upsets the balance by unkind actions, thoughtless words and lack of care and understanding for other members of the family. As with family life, so the community of God suffers when the poor choices we make affect the well-being and happiness of the whole community. For the Catholic community, **the sacrament of Baptism signifies a new beginning:** we become a new creation as members of the Church. (Kathy Hogan)



"Jesus is the Lord of risk. He is the Lord of eternal 'more'".  
Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease."

-Pope Francis  
WYD Message 2016

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



**LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED, IF I EVER FORGET YOU!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harp. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; glory to our God.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	33	Shepherd Me O God
Communion	81	We Remember
		You Are Mine
Recessional	158	A New Heart For A New World

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

**You Are Mine**  
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

**Project Compassion**

Evangeline in the Northern Territory, featured in Project Compassion 2016. She was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworker. Her career has flourished. Her work at Djilpin Arts contributes to its success, whilst providing training and opportunities for other young people in the community

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians. The work of Evangeline and Djilpin Arts is creating opportunities for First Peoples to remain on country and keep their culture alive. This work is essential for a just future**

Find Project Compassion resources and films at [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**Prayer of Intercession**

That we might learn from our First Australian sisters and brothers to preserve and bring into the light what is good and true. By God's grace, *may we recognise that we are* all part of God's work of art.



**-17 March**

The Patron Saint of Ireland, St Patrick is remembered and celebrated on 17 March each year, not only in

Ireland, but around the world, as people hold parades and festivals that celebrate Irish culture. Saint Patrick is said to be from the border of Scotland and England and was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland where he was forced into slavery. According to his autobiographical Confessio, during the 6 years he spent in imprisonment, he became very religious. After a vision led him to stow away on a boat, Patrick escaped to England and went back to his family. There he had a dream that the Irish people were calling him back to teach them about God and this inspired him to become a priest. Twelve years later after studying abroad, he returned to Ireland as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessings. For the twenty years that followed, Saint Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland baptising people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches as he went. He died on 17 March c461, leaving behind an organised Church and an island of Christians.

"Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the unfinished business of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our world." -UN Secretary-General António

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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 March with the Saints** "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me." St Patrick (17 March)

**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.

**Rosters** are available today.

**Lenten Reflection** "Surrender" is offered in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10.00am. These are led by Sister Mary.

"It is more fruitful to speak to God of men than of God to men." (St Catherine of Siena)

**Stations of the Cross** Friday at St Joseph's 7.30pm.

**Compliments of the Parish** The Autumn Edition of "Australian Catholics." Theme is 'Prophetic Voices.'

**Redemptorist Mission** for the Warrnambool Parishes, April 21-24.

**Training to be Special Ministers of the Eucharist is now being offered.** Special Ministers help with Communion at Masses, take Communion to the housebound and nursing homes. Expressions of interest can be given to Father Lawrie or John O'Sullivan.

**OLHC School** appreciates our collecting Coles coupons.

**Can you help?** *The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Programme* for primary school-aged students which began last year at St Pius Primary School was a great success due to the wonderful team of volunteer tutors who took part. This year we intend to expand the project to include students from other schools and thus we need more volunteers. **You do NOT need to be a teacher.** Contact Christina Worrall on 0447 156 690 or [Christina.worrall@sudp-vic.org.au](mailto:Christina.worrall@sudp-vic.org.au) for more information.

**Names** are welcome for Our **Holy Week Ceremonies.** Please fill in the sheets in the foyer.

2018-2028 International Decade for Action—Water for Sustainable Development.

**Reunion Sacred Heart Ballarat East** for students and teachers of 1960-66 on Saturday April 14th at "Golden City" Hotel, 427 Sturt St. 11.30am-4.00pm. RSVP by March 30th to [barbara.ford1@bigpond.com](mailto:barbara.ford1@bigpond.com)

**If you are between 16 and 29** you are invited to participate in the pre-synodal meeting. A summary will then be presented to Pope Francis. The closing date to **sign up** to the Facebook group, 16th March. The questions that will be asked during the pre-synodal meeting will be available on the Facebook group on Monday, 12th March. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pre.synodal/>

**Coffee** Today after 9am Mass. Hosted by Family Groups.

**Needed** Parishioners who could deliver Thanks Giving Envelopes within the Parish. See Father Lawrie or Helen Goddard.

"**Playgroup**" Places are available at OLHC School.

**Need Help** to stay at home? Call "Villa Maria Catholic Homes" 1300 919 850.

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) on Tuesday 1pm in the Church foyer. New Players Welcome.

**Emmanuel College** Information Evening, April 23 for year 7, 2019. Open Day and Expo, April 29. Book a Tuesday Tour.

**Social Action**, Monday 19 March - **Ignatian Spirituality and a time of conflict.** Fr Andy Hamilton SJ is a Jesuit priest, writer at Jesuit Communications and Jesuit Social Services, and has also had a long-standing engagement with refugee communities and issues. Venue: Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, **Parkville**, 6.00pm to 8.00pm. For more information: [enquiries@jcs.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@jcs.edu.au)

**Nazareth House Ballarat Independent Living Apartments** have one and two bedroom apartments for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Sr Elisapeta Tevago, ph 049 842 330.

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

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins in preparation for Easter: Thursday 22nd March, 7.30pm**

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