

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 2/3 April

6pm **Welcomers:** Beks Family **Gifts:** G&A Ryan **Readers:** M Cooper, R Cussen
Ministers: E McKinnon, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page
9am **Welcomers:** J Donohue, J O'Grady **Gifts:** Facey Family **Readers:** D Farley, J Fish
Ministers: L&T Kenny, V McCallum

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

27 March Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, J McLean
 3 April Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, B McGrath, J Carroll, T McLeod

COUNTING TEAMS:

27 March Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill, Valerie McCallum
 3 April Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keefe

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 27 March Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 3 April: Robert McLean, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Symbols & Images: The first day of the week, Sunday, has a significance for Christians because of the resurrection of Jesus. It is known as the Lord's Day and was set aside from earliest times as the day for the community of believers to gather for the Lord's Supper of Eucharist.

Give witness like the women by telling your story to others this week. Celebrate your birth into new life in Christ.

Marriage Tip: What are some things that make you stressed? Are you prioritizing them too highly? Talk with your spouse about them and seek detachment.

Daily Prayer: This night, O God, is different from all others, for in all other nights the daylight fades as dark descends. But on this night undying Light is kindled, the night turns to day, and the glory of the Lord dawns in the resurrection, and creation is born anew.

A Vocation View: We're no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead. He promises to take us to heaven too. Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Universal: Families in difficulty
 That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelisation: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends,
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer.
 - An Irish Prayer

**The Face of Mercy
 – Pope Francis**

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effecting sign of the Father's action in our lives.

"Patient and merciful." These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God's nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia



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



PARISH BULLETIN

Easter Sunday – 27th March 2016

*P.P.: Fr Lawrence O'Toole - Phone 5561 1533
 olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
 OLHC Primary School: Eugene Dalton - Phone 5562 5559
 www3.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au*

Emmanuel College: Peter Morgan - Phone 5560 0888

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"

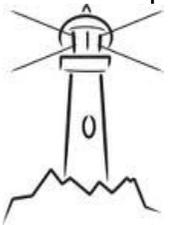
Recent Deaths: Don O'Keefe, Patricia Dowling, Sister May Ronayne SGS

Anniversaries: Margaret Daffy, Joan Mugavin, Les Jones, Kevin Riley, Patrick O'Toole, Teresa Howard, Pippa Rea, Pat Davies, Fr Delahenty, Francis O'Keefe

Mass Times: Monday 10.00am at St Pius
 Tuesday 10.00am (Les Jones RIP)
 Wednesday 9.30am (Margaret Daffy RIP)
 Thursday 9.30am (Pat Davies RIP)
 Friday 9.30am

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Word of God: This Week: Acts 10: 34-37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9
 Next Week: Acts 5: 12-16, Rv 1: 9-13, 17-19, Jn 21: 1-19

Sacraments: *Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533*
 Reconciliation—Friday 10am; Saturday 10.30am at St Pius

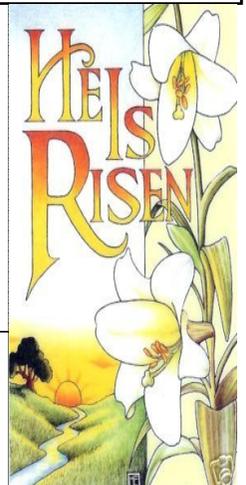
Easter is the name Christians give to the Sunday that celebrates Jesus' resurrection. East is the direction where the sun rises each morning. The word *Easter* means *dawn, the awakening of a new day*. Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' tomb empty **at dawn**. God creates a promise of life **beyond death** and summons us to a future beyond human **imagination**, to be co-workers of **a new life with him**. In 'The Wreck of the Deutschland' Gerard Manly Hopkins shares a profound Easter prayer.

Let him easter in us
 Be a dayspring to the dimness of us
 Be a crimson-cresseted east.



"To be merciful is to be kind, to be open, to be trusting, to be a friend. Mercy, Shakespeare writes, "is twice blest. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." It is when we show mercy that we may be closest to God."

- Joan Chittister OSB



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, he is good.

The love of the Lord knows no ending.

Sons of Israel, say: 'His love has no end.' R

The right hand of God raised me up.

The hand of the Lord has triumphed.

I shall never die—I shall live telling His deeds. R

The stone which the builders rejected

Becomes the corner stone chosen.

Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed. I shall never die—I shall live telling His deeds.

HYMNS:

Entrance	80	Sing a New Song
Gifts	186	The Light of Christ
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	65	To Be Your Bread
Recessional	15	Alleluia

Mystery Of Faith

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

"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he meant us to live it"

- Ephesians 2:10

Easter Sunday is a festival day of abundance, where fasting and almsgiving gives way to feasting and relaxation with family and friends. As we sit at our tables let us continue to be mindful of those without food this day. Those whose lives we have helped a little through our support of Project Compassion. We continue to remain vigilant in our care for those with whom we stand in solidarity to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. In this way, Christ's resurrection takes root throughout our world.

For our community: That as we bask in the glory of the resurrection we may remember those who need our support to live in freedom and dignity. We pray to the Lord

29 March—Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm for a beer, a Barbie or just a cuppa.

Held on the last Sunday in March every year, it's the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbor and for being there when I needed you most...

The principal aim of Neighbour Day is to build better relationships with the people who live around us, especially the elderly and vulnerable. Neighbours are important because good relationships with others can and do change communities. Social connection also makes us feel better as it helps prevent loneliness, isolation and depression.

Neighbour Day brings together like-minded people, resources, and organizations to grow stronger, well connected communities.

Working with neighbourhoods across Australia we aim to grow this ethos beyond a single day—to every day of the year.

For more information: www.neighbourday.org

The Neighbour Day website has information about how we can celebrate Neighbour Day in our communities:

www.neighbourday.org/resources/how-to-celebrate-neighbor-day

Since the beginning of 2014, Relationships Australia has taken responsibility for Neighbour Day.

www.relationships.org.au

PARISH LIFE

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—March 17th)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am.

The new **Liturgy, Church cleaning, Counting, Lawn mowing and Communion to Lyndoch Rosters** are available in the Church foyer. Thanks to all those who serve God and God's people here.

Cards Euchre & Solo 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer.

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available. "Mercy in Relationships."

"Mercy Has A Face" Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. We can be the face of Christ, the face of mercy in our part of the world and beyond. May each of us be the **ME** in **MERCY** Has A Face.

A warm invitation is extended for you to join a **small group of parishioners** for a monthly social occasion. See Fr Lawrie or Laine and Terry Kenny.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 3rd. Devotions at St Pius 2.30-4pm. A small plate please.

St John of God Auxiliary are conducting a knitting, coffee, cake and produce stall in the hospital foyer on 2nd April from 9.30am-12 noon.

Have you **time** and **talents** for the **Missions**? Email msscmission@acon.com.au

Parents of Grade 3 children who wish to have them receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** are invited to an information evening on Thursday 14th April at 7pm in the Church foyer.

World Day of Prayer—Sincere thanks to all for support and attendance. 12 Christian churches were represented. \$746.10 raised to aid Christian programs in Cuba. (2017 focus—The Philippines)

Penola Day Tour Wednesday 20th April, booking by Friday April 4th, cost \$80, 8am depart—6.30pm Arrive in Warrnambool. Bookings Jennifer Gent, Warrnambool Anglican Women's Guild, 5562 3607 or 0400 897 936.

Smart Loving, Because Every Marriage Matters Seminar, Box Hill, May 21-22, 2016, www.smartloving.org or 02 9319 6280.

Eucharist as the basic spirituality a free online book that provides a wonderful overview of the theology of the Eucharist, the rite and spirituality, go to <https://the.eucharist.wordpress.com>

'On the third day, the friends of Christ, coming at daybreak to the place, found the grave empty, and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realised the new wonder; but even they hardly realised that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walking again in the garden, in the cool, not of the evening, but of the dawn.' - G.K. Chesterton, The Everlasting Man

Initiation For Children:

Confirmation Grade 3—May 14/15
First Communion Grade 4—August 13/14

Easter

In the second reading today, St Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than the things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!