

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 6/7 February

**6pm** Welcomers: C McMeel Family Gifts: Martell Family Readers: F O'Connor, A Ryan

Ministers: P&M Morgan, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White

**9am** Welcomers: J Donohue, J O'Grady Gifts: Barnes Family Readers: K Porter, J Ryan

Ministers: M Cooper, J Facey, A Jubb

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

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

7 February Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, B McGrath, J Carroll, T McLeod

### COUNTING TEAMS:

31 January Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Bryan & Jill Mair

7 February Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 31 January Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 7 February: Louise & Michael Taggart



**Making Connections:** This week reach out to someone who has experienced rejection. Offer Solace to someone in need of healing.

**Marriage Tip:** Is technology interrupting your family time? Try having a tech-free time every day, maybe for just an hour, or after dinner, or one whole evening. Enjoy just being with your family.

**Daily Prayer:** God of the prophets, your love reaches far beyond the boundaries of covenant and command. Redeemed by a love so patient and kind, may we offer that same love to others and so proclaim you to the world by the witness of our lives.

**A Vocation View:** The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.



### Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Amen.

**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.

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

**Universal: Interreligious Dialogue** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

**Evangelization: Christian Unity** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

*"Get back to nature—the caress of God—to recharge. Be more attentive to its beauty and wonder and revisit places that left you with happy memories."*

- Pope Francis

*"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 in Ordinary Time — 31st January 2016**

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

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

**Recent Deaths:** Jim Rylance, Irene Hogan, Ken Waring, Mary Tregea, John Barry Tobin, Father Leo Lane

**Anniversaries:** Michael Miller, Fr. Harney, Lucy O'Toole, Charlie Keane, Jack Douglas, John & Ginger Moore, Doug Conn, Bonnie Conn, Annette Davies (Conn), Harold McConnell, Alan Pronk, Kevin Lynch, Anne Hilton

<b>Mass Times:</b> Monday	7.30am at St. Pius
Tuesday	10.00am (Presentation of the Lord)(Blessing of Candles) (Mary Tregea RIP)
Wednesday	9.30am (Michael Miller RIP)(Kevin Lynch RIP)
Thursday	9.30am Celebrant Fr. Madden 10.00am (Lyndoch Living Chapel)
Friday	9.30am (J Douglas, J&G Moore RIP)
Saturday	10.00am at St. Pius

<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>

**The Word of God:** This Week: Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19, 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13, Lk 4: 21-30  
Next Week: Is 6: 1-2, 3-8, 1 Cor 15: 1-11, Lk 5: 1-13

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

### Followers of the Way

An ancient Christian document, the *Didache* ('The Lord's Teaching of the Twelve Apostles'), begins with these words: 'There are **two ways**, one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between these two ways.' For the Christian, Jesus is **the way** of life. 'I came that they may have life,' he said, 'and have it abundantly' (Jn 10:10); and he declared himself to be 'the way, and the truth and the life' (Jn 14:6). Repeatedly in the Acts of the Apostles the early Christian disciples are described as '**followers of the Way**' (Acts 9:2; 18:25; 19:9, 23; 24.14, 22).

- Bro. Grenier cfc



### The Face of Mercy

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it..."

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



**I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and free me; pay heed to me, and save me. **R.**

Be my rock, my rock of refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O God, since my youth. On you I have leaned from birth; from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips shall tell of your justice, and day by day your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Be our way, Lord, be our truth, Lord, be our hope of life eternal.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	31	Come As You Are
Communion	187	Communion Song
	65	To Be Your Bread
Recessional		Christ Be Our Light

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**Christ Be Our Light**

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

During **Lent** commencing on February 10th we hope to have a **Group** who will meet to **pray** the Sunday Gospels. If you are interested place your name on the list in the foyer so prayer books can be ordered for you. The theme is "*Jubilee of Mercy—Being Lost. Being Found*"

Pope Francis has stressed: The season of **Lent** during this Jubilee Year should also be lived **more** intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. (#17)

From the Gospel of Luke Pope Francis highlights:

...the parables devoted to mercy...the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith...(The face of Mercy #9)

**RSVP** Today.

**"Life in a Whole new Light"**

We welcome with great joy **Patrick Bonnett and Indi Edwards** who are being baptised into the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Born Anew.

The **study of the Bible**, is for one purpose. So that, **praying with Scripture**, we may be better able to hear what God is saying to us here and now. **The writers** of Sacred Scripture were **inspired** by the Holy Spirit. But it is equally true that the **Scriptures** themselves are **inspired**. The Holy Spirit has been "breathed into them" and resides within their words as in a temple. When **we** approach the Scriptures prayerfully, **aided by the same Spirit** who dwells in them, reading Scripture becomes **an experience** of being **filled** and **empowered** by God's Spirit, and **we are changed**.

- Marcellino D'Ambrosio, PhD

**PARISH LIFE**

**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 January with the Saints** "For me to live is Christ." (St. Paul, Jan 25th)

**Holy Hour** Monday 10.00am.

**New app** assists daily reflection during the Year of Mercy, get it on Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=fraynetwork.mercyng>

A day with Fr. John Corrigan at **St Joseph's Church** "The **Mercy** of the **Lord**" Saturday 6th February 10am-3.30pm Including Mass, Benediction. All Welcome. Please bring Bible, lunch to share (Cuppa provided).

**Parish Co-Ordinating Team** Wednesday 7.30pm.

**Cards** on Tuesday (Solo & Euchre) 1pm in church Foyer.

**Invitation** to join a small group of parishioners for a monthly social occasion. See Laine & Terry Kenny or Fr. Lawrie.

Fr. Sajan Ezhunnootil, Syro-Malabar Indian Community, is visiting 1-2 February 2016. PH 0487 770 323.

**Funeral Mass** at Koroit for **Fr. Leo Lane** on Wednesday 11am; Rosary Tuesday 7.30pm.

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.

In the **body of Christ**, if there is any preferential treatment to be given, it is to those in greatest need, even if they happen to speak another language and come from a different country. In fact, the unity and brotherhood of different ethnic groups, personality types, and socioeconomic groups in one Church is a sign that this is no man-made sect, depending on merely human forces to hold it together. No, this is a community whose unity is due to **divine power**, the **power of the Spirit**. And it is no spiritual club for those who look alike and dress alike. It is instead comprised by **people from every** tribe, tongue, people, language, occupation, and lifestyle. It is the **universal family of God**, the Church Catholic. - Marcellino D'Ambrosio PhD

'**Community** is a place of belonging where each person can grow to **become** fully him or herself. It is belonging for **becoming**. We belong to each other so that each member can **become** more human, more free, more open to others, particularly to those who are different. When each member can develop their unique gifts and help others to develop theirs, members are no longer in competition but in collaboration, in cooperation and in **mutual support**. **To become** is not to prove I am better than you, but rather supporting together each other in opening up our hearts. Thus community is a place of transformation...'

- Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian

**Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteer Workers Wanted**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks—administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. Call Anneliese Rohr: 08 9192 1060, email:

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