

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I AM THE WAY." In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time—and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, Constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.

EASTER TIME BLESSING

May you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven. **Amen**

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The Second Vatican Council presented the Virgin Mary in its document on the Church and in 1964 proclaimed the title Mother of the Church. Christ on the cross entrusted his mother to St John: This is your mother. The day after Pentecost, remembers her maternal presence among the disciples of Christ from the beginning.

CF Acts 1:14

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

As he hung upon the cross, Jesus said to the disciple whom he loved:

Behold your mother.

"I remember hearing how the mother's body is a baby's natural habitat. A baby knows its mother's smell, her voice,, the sound of hear heart. It's why when a child runs to their mother, they are running to safety, to home, to their habitat of love.

"A Church that is a mother goes along the path of tenderness. It knows the language of such wisdom of caresses, of silence, of the gaze that knows compassion." (Madonna)

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all Mothers Beautiful and wonderful They fill the earth. Gracious in Your call, they bring forth a child. We ask You to bless all MOTHERS today, May they feel the joys of motherhood every day, In all their struggles giving us a livelihood, May Your Love and Compassion Be with them for good. May every MOTHER feel today The pride and beauty of a family they bear Through all the pain and sorrow Lord deliver them In your strength and grace, May they always stay. **Amen**



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



PARISH BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Easter — 10th May 2020

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

Recent Deaths: Leo Bourke, Peter Jewell, Sister Patricia Comerford

Anniversaries: Our deceased Mothers and Grandmothers, Joan Williams, Thomas Atkinson, Sister Euphrasia Dunne, Fr Denis McCarthy, Ray King

The Word of God:

This Week: Acts6: 1-7/1 Pt 2: 4-9 / Jn 14: 1-12

Next Week: Acts 8: 5-8. 14-17 / 1 Pt3: 15-18 / Jn 14: 15-21

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

On-line "Mass on Demand North Sydney"

<https://www.northsydneycatholics.com/spirituality/liturgy/mass-on-demand>

Happy Mothers Day from our Parish Co-ordinating Team, Paul Torpy (Chair), Minn Cooper, Dion Bartlett, Yolande Hales (Sec), Teresa Bant, Marion Bugge, John Tankard, Cathy White, Fr Lawrie.

Tuesday—I.N. Nurses Day

Wednesday—Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday—St Matthias

Friday—Day of Families

- St Isidore the Farmer

Saturday—Day of Living Together in Peace



If you feel like you're losing everything Remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.




A simple act of kindness can stop a million tears. A little hug can give so much joy. A letter now and then to someone can save so many wasted years. We should hold every moment precious and help as many as we can with a simple act of kindness every now and then. The world would be a better place if we all cared a little more. Imagine how many smiling faces would greet us at the door if we extend that helping hand with a simple act of kindness that could spread across many lands. By David Harris


Thanks to Parishioners who generously and attentively brought to the Presbytery Planned Giving, Project Compassion, Easter Offering Financial Support. Thanks to the Direct Givers

White is the colour of rejoicing


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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

 Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John 14:6

 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Alleluia!

◆ At time when things seem overwhelming, remember Jesus' words to Thomas "Do not let your hearts be troubled"

 Faith calls for a journey, a 'going out'. Purification takes place on the journey that is often uphill, because it leads upwards. Pope Francis 2019

15 May—International Day of Families

Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognises the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness raising events, including national family days. The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th May every year. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programmes, newspaper articles and cultural programmes highlighting relevant themes. <https://www.un.org/en/events/familyday/>

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing away.
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing:
God alone suffices. - St Teresa of Avila.

Day by day,
The Holy Spirit
prompts in us ways of **thinking**
and **speaking** that can make us
artisans of **justice and peace.**



Solitude

*Solitude, a simple den,
A piece of paper and a
pen,
A cup of tea, a piece of
toast.
A window and the holy
ghost.
Some calm, a table and a
chair;
The mind is free, the soul is
bare.
There's love to make and
life to hold.
The ancient tiny thread of
gold
That runs through all the
joy and gloom
Is found inside this little
room.*

Sunday Holy—The Lord's Day

Mass on Television:

6 am—Channel 10 WIN TV

Mass on Line:

Saturday, 5.30 pm "Mass on Demand North Sydney" (available then throughout Sunday)

8.30 am, from St Josephs Warrnambool on Facebook—St Josephs Warrnambool or YouTube—St Joseph's Church Warrnambool.

Evening Prayer,

Meditating on the Resurrection of Jesus From the Dead.

Our Parish Family Prays at Home between 5—6 pm—The Lord's Prayer; 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory Be. Alleluia

THE LORD'S DAY



*"We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community."
- Dorothy Day*

The most wonderful places to be in the world are: In someone's thoughts. Someone's prayers. And in someone's heart.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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. *"God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth."* St Catherine Siena (29 April)

Worth Watching

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

Keep up to date with news in the Diocese. Register for **Diocesan E News** - enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au

On-line Learning: Scripture, The Sacraments, Liturgy beginning 24th May
Registration 0407 523 424 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Enquiries—Dion Bartlett (Parishioner)

Sunday @ 6.30pm Fr Frank Galea on **ABC TV**

Monday @ 6.30pm Presentation from University of Notre Dame Sydney
"Archpriest John Therry—a Meddling Priest?"



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Emmanuel College Enrolments for Years 8-12 for 2021 are now open. Information Packs are available.

If we do not have **your email address** please forward it to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au to receive Parish Bulletins

My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air, but it is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer. So little do we realise that the glory and the power of God who made the universe is hidden in a flower.



Popes Intention for May

For Deacons
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

Project Compassion

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give. Thank you so much for your support

Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:
BSB: 06 3533 Acc. No: 0090 3353
Ref: Planned Giving

Marriage Tip:

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 Jn 3:18) Saying "I love you" is good. Being true to your words is better. Showing your love by doing something nice or sacrificing for your spouse is true love. What "act" of love can you do today?