

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 16/17 April

6pm **Welcomers:** Conheady Family **Gifts:** S Ryan Family **Readers:** B Gladman, M Harney

Ministers: P&M Morgan, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner

9am **Welcomers:** P&K Nelson **Gifts:** P&M Glynn **Readers:** T Kenny, F Lamb

Ministers: J O'Grady, K O'Leary, A Sanderson

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

10 April Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

17 April Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

10 April Team 3: Terry & Pat King, Bryan & Jill Mait

17 April Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 10 April Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 17 April: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: Do you now have a role in leading others to Christ? How can you act on that this week?

Marriage Tip: Communication is an area where there can always be improvement. Talk with your spouse about ways you can communicate better or times when you don't feel "heard."

Daily Prayer: Open our eyes to recognise your risen Son as he continues to show himself to his disciples through the worship and witness of the church. Loosen our tongues by the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may proclaim before all the world that Jesus is Lord.

A Vocation View: Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son. And tell the world what you hear!

Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

Universal: Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

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 effective 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.

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.

"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

3rd Sunday of Easter — 10th April 2016

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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: Kevin Harte, Sam Fitzgibbon, Kathryn Bushell, Bishop Mulkearns, Bettie Hand, Ede O'Shannessy, Elizabeth VanKempen

Anniversaries: Beryl Franklin, Veronica Carney, Ronnie McCluskey, Lachie Dobson, Monsignor Fiscalini, Eleanor Thompson

Mass Times: Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	1.00pm Funeral Mass E. O'Shannessy at OLHC
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius
THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday 6.00pm
	Sunday 9.00am
	Allansford 10.30am

The Word of God: This Week: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41, Rv 5: 11-14, Jn 21: 1-19
Next Week: Acts 13: 14, 43-52, Rv 7: 9, 14-17, Jn 10: 27-30

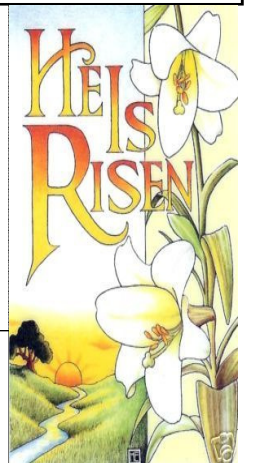
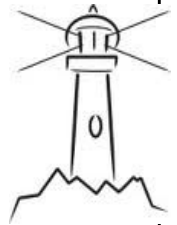
Sacraments: *Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533*
Reconciliation—Friday 10am; Saturday 10.30am at St Pius

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' Fr Gerard Manly Hopkins S.J. shares a profound Easter prayer.

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



"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
- Hebrews 4: 16 (NRSV)



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise, you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the king of creation.

HYMNS:

Entrance	80	Sing a New Song
Gifts	135	Morning Has Broken
Communion	88	Taste and See
	125	Eat This Bread
Recessional	124	Let Heaven Rejoice

Mystery Of Faith

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

"Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy **Georgie & Macy Condon, Stella Bell, Finlay Asenjo, Harrison Reeves, Beaux McInerney, Keisha & Sadie McVilly, Daisy Talbot and Thomas Barton** who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3 April 2016—Second Sunday of Easter

There is a delightful vignette recounted by the liturgical artist Gertrude Mueller which tells of a Hungarian custom performed during the Easter Octave. On Easter Monday the boys of the Hungarian villages went from house to house, and wherever young girls lived, they came up to the door, recited a blessing and then splashed the girls with water. The girls in turn invited them in and everyone feasted on Easter specialties, and the girls gave the boys some of their carefully painted eggs to take home. On Easter Tuesday they replayed the whole game in reverse.

I like this story, not just because of its folksy charm, but because it reminds us that the celebration of Easter is not all over after Easter Sunday, but carries on during the week of Easter (the Easter Octave) and beyond for the 50 days of the Easter Season. The other thing I like about the story is the underlying baptismal motif in the splashing of the water. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ, and it is through baptismal waters that we enter into and share in the risen life of Christ.

Baptism is described as the portal, a gateway that leads into the sacramental life of the church. Through this sacrament of life Christ is present to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. To experience the presence of Christ is to experience his peace. In today's gospel Jesus thrice repeats the phrase: "Peace be with you". Through our encounter with Christ, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist, we become the peace of Christ in our world. Peace & blessings,

Fr Gerard McCormick M.S.C. (Kippax)

Third Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

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.

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 April with the Saints "If you are what you should be you will set the world ablaze" St Catherine of Siena (29 April)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am

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

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

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>

Oxfam Walking for Water along the Foreshore Promenade, Today at 1.30pm. Meet at Granny's Grave Carpark, contact Julie 5565 1574

Thank you Our Project Compassion collection to date is \$3172.35.

Coffee Today after 9am Mass.

ABC TV 1 6.30 tonight "The Moral Compass"

Volunteers are welcome at Mercy Place Nursing Home, Hopetoun Rd. Ph Karen Gooding 8416 7912.

Parishioners Email Addresses To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, the Parish Office will try to send them by email. Please send your name and email address to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au

Organ and French Horn Recital "Easter Joy" at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Tuesday April 19th 6-7pm.

Cards Euchre & Solo on Tuesday from 1pm in the Church foyer. All Welcome.

"Boundless Mercy: Endless Joy" **Camino & Europe Pilgrimage** September 16—October 8. More info www.boundlessmercy.com.au

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"Support Refugees and Asylum Seekers" Meeting at Brophy Services, Timor St, next Sunday 3pm. Enquiries—Katherine 0459 615 564.

"But God, who is rich in Mercy out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, Made us alive together with Christ"

(Paul to the Ephesians 2: 4-5)

The Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a **Pilgrimage** to the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson St, Fitzroy—the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria—on Wednesday, April 20. On this Pilgrimage we will travel, reflect, pray and talk together on mercy and compassion in our lives and the world today. Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy and Ursula Frayne was one of Catherine's early companions in Dublin. Ursula led a group of Sisters to Australia and established works of mercy and compassion in Melbourne. We will visit Ursula's grave, memorial chapel and creation windows and have a tour of the Academy. A pre-pilgrimage information session will be held on Monday, April 11 from 2.00pm-3.00pm in the Mercy Gathering Room, Gent St, Ballarat (off Victoria St).

Initiation For Children:

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

*Wedding Bells next Saturday
for D'Arne Malcolm and
Andrew Paton*