

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 16/17 March

6pm Welcomers: G&U O'Toole Gifts: S Ryan Family Readers: R Cussen, C del Rio

Ministers: C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier

9am Welcomers: M Brown Gifts: M Barnes Family Readers: P Allan, T Baker

Ministers: C Swarbrick, P Allan, T Baker

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

10 March Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

17 March Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

COUNTING TEAMS:

10 March Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

17 March Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 17 March: Louise & Michael Taggart



Daily Prayer: Through all their desert wanderings, O Lord our God, you led our ancestors from toil and oppression to a land of milk and honey. Through forty days in the wilderness, the Spirit led your Son from the devil's testing to victory as your Servant. Lead us through these forty days of Lent and make that victory of Christ's our own, till at the fount of living water the elect find new birth, the penitent find pardon, and all rejoice to serve you alone.

Marriage Tip: Humour is often the best medicine. Learning to laugh and not taking ourselves too seriously can make life more enjoyable for us and our family.

Vocational View: The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

8 March—Feast Day of St John of God

On 8 March, we celebrate the feast day of St John of God. Starting with a small porch in the city of Granada, where John brought those who were sick, poor or in any kind of need, he went on to set up shelters and eventually a hospital. Before he began his first hospital he went to work with the Jeremites, a religious order who also looked after the sick and there he received training in medicine and nursing skills. News of John's work spread far and wide. He began to attract others who wanted to help him look after those in need. John died on 8 March 1550, aged 55. He was canonized in 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII. A few years after his death those who were his followers were recognised as a religious order and were called the Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God. Today, the work which John began in a porch in Granada continues in 52 countries in the world and covers a wide range of care for those with physical and learning disabilities, the homeless and poor, those with mental health problems and the elderly. There are many similarities between John of God and Venerable Nano Nagle, and this may be why she was inspired to take the name in religious life of Mother Mary St John of God.

Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO to be awarded Doctor of Divinity

Congratulations to Australian social justice scholar and advocate for change, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO who will be awarded by University of Divinity its highest academic honour for his contribution to social justice and public policy on March 22 at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

"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

1ST Sunday of Lent — 10th March 2019

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Jane Threlfall, Father Dennis Edwards, Margaret Budde, Josie Ross

Anniversaries: Eileen Smart, Anne Kelly, Eileen Delahenty, Mary Cameron, Paul Couch, Minnira Dodson, Esmonde & Ursula Forrest, Robert McKinnon, Pat Stacey

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)

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| Mass Times | Monday | 10.00am at St Pius |
| | Tuesday | 10.00am |
| | Wednesday | 9.30am (Mary Cameron RIP) |
| | Thursday | 9.30am |
| | Friday | 9.30am |
| | Saturday | 10.00am at St Pius |

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*

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| THE LORD'S DAY | Saturday | 6.00pm | CELEBRANTS— |
| | Sunday | 9.00am | BISHOP PAUL & |
| | Allansford | 10.30am | FATHER LAWRIE |

The Word of God:

This Week: Dt 26: 4-10/ Rom 10: 8-13/ Lk 4: 1-13

Next Week: Gn 15: 5-12.17-18/ 1 Cor 10: 1-6.10-12/ Lk 13: 1-9

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

Reconciliation —Friday 10am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius



Reconciliation—'Love your enemies and do good to them.'

'I have never yet met an enemy whom I did not try to turn into a friend' (Nelson Mandela).

This mentality transforms our world. We choose not to participate in the demonising of others. We decide to welcome strangers as possible friends. We grow in a certain **other-centredness** that gives **oneself to another's benefit**. We possess a love of neighbour which **extends beyond love of kin and love of those who love us**. Our love extends to love of the poor and outcast, the disposed and forsaken.

To use the language of Greg Boyle SJ, we seek to expand the **circle of compassion** until such time as no one stands outside it. (The Madonna)

*"Life in a Whole new Light and
Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
**Ashton Billings, Alvie Maher
& Alice Green**
who are being baptised into the
family of God, who is Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.*



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shadow of the Almighty says to the Lord: My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust. **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **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:

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| Entrance | 31 | Come As You Are |
| Gifts | 30 | Hosea |
| Communion | 28 | Praise to You |
| | CWB 627 | Be With Me Lord |
| 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.

Bishop Paul Bird will be visiting us over the weekend of March 15-18.

On **Friday 15th** he will visit some homebound and South West Health Care and have a meal at The Junction, Allansford with Allansford Parishioners, Parish Coordinating Team, Finance/Maintenance Committee, Family Group Coordinators, Bereavement Group Reps, and St Vincent De Paul office bearers. Spouses are welcome.

Saturday 16th their will be a Communion Service at Lyndoch Living Chapel at 10am. 2.45pm visit to Opal. 6pm Mass with nibbles afterwards.

Sunday 17th Mass 9am with a cuppa afterwards. Mass 10.30am at Allansford followed by Communion to Gillin Park Residents.

Monday 18th 9.30am Mass with the School and Parishioners for the Feast of St Patrick's day followed by a visit to OLHC School.

Bishop Paul is available to meet Parishioners. Appointments can be made through the Diocesan Office 5337 7121 or Parish Office 5561 1533.

Project Compassion

Twelve year old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

We are the Catholic Church in the Ballarat Diocese we gather in the name of Jesus • from the Murray to the sea in interwoven faith communities. • Spirit filled we celebrate and share our journey • reaching out to nurture all God's people. (Diocesan Vision Statement 2005)

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

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

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 everyday with the saints. "Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me.." (St Patrick, 18 March)

Training for Special Ministers of the Eucharist is being offered April 7th at 3.30pm. Enquiries to Father Lawrie.

2019 Palms Mission Tours to Timor - Leste, Samoa, Myanmar. Phone Robert 02 9560 5333.

Holy Hour Adoration, Stations of the Cross. Monday 10am.

Compliments of the Parish the autumn edition of "Australian Catholics".

Retreat in Daily Life—Conducted by a Jesuit Priest April 29-May 25. Theme "Inner Peace In Divine Love". Application forms are at the back of the church.

Morning Tea after 9am Mass. Hosts—the Kenny and Glynn Family Groups. **Emmanuel College**—"Grow With Us": March 26th—Year 7 2020 Information Session. 7.30pm in the Emmanuel Centre. March 31st—Emmanuel Expo 1pm-3pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com.EC2020>

Fr. Des Fitzgerald will be celebrating his **Golden Jubilee** as a Redemptorist Priest next Sunday 10.30am at St. Joseph's.

Study Theology, the Scriptures, Liturgy on line for five weeks commencing in June. Contact Amanda Smith 0427 748 867. (Dion Bartlett has successfully done these courses)

All Welcome to Lent and Easter Reflections with Sister Mary on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Fridays at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.

Stations of the Cross Monday 10am at OLHC; Friday 7.30pm at St Joseph's.

Lent 2019 with Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy.

Be inspired. Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. FREE www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent or call 1300 734 880.

International Women's Day

The origins of International Women's Day can be traced back to labour movements that emerged at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and Europe. In 1910, Clara Zetkin, the leader of the Women's Office of Germany's Social Democratic Party tabled the idea of an International Women's Day at the second International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. The proposal received unanimous support, and the first International Women's Day was held the following year on 19 March. In 1913, International Women's Day was moved to 8 March and has been held on this day ever since. Australia's first International Women's Day was held in 1928 in Sydney and the next year the event was celebrated in Brisbane. In 1931, annual marches were launched in both Sydney and Melbourne and both marches continue to be held today. International Women's Day is an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change. Each year, UN Women National Committee Australia hosts some of the largest International Women's Day events around the country to celebrate global achievements and discuss actions needed to continue accelerating gender equality.

The heart is rich when it is content, and the heart is content when its desires are focused of God. - St. Miguel Febres Cordero

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God! - St. Josephine Bakhita

