

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 30 November/1 December

6pm Welcomers: G&U O'Toole Gifts: B Martell Family Readers: G&P Nevill
 Ministers: K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, L Flaherty, D Friebe
9am Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven Gifts: G Howland Family Readers: P Allan, T Baker
 Ministers: T Baker, M Clancey, A Jubb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

24 November Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll
 1 December Group 6: A Moloney, H Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

24 November Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shanahan
 1 December Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces/Min Cooper

COMMUNION TO LYNDONCH: 1 December: Colin Ryan

New Rosters are now Available



Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of Christ the King Year C (Luke 23:35-43)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kin-dom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kin-dom of God"

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and to challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder to us to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

Christ The King – 24th November 2019

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Nancy Moore, Malcolm Hallyburton, Emily Fiasco, Kevin Egan

Anniversaries: Dorothy Bayliss, Sister Bernadette Nichols, Bishop O'Collins

Mass Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7.30am at St Pius	10.00am	9.30am (For Our Deceased)	9.30am	9.30am	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday Sunday Allansford	6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am
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*White is the colour of
rejoicing*

The Word of God:

This Week: 2 Sm 5: 1-3/ Col 1: 12-20/ Lk 23: 35-43

Next Week: 1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24/ Lk 2: 41-52

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

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

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, Vision Statement 2019 (Draft)

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist to follow the example of Jesus' humble service, so that all may find welcome, hope and joy.

"Let everyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." (Revelation 22:17)

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"

*Today we welcome with great joy
Hugh McMillan & Beau Malady
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Grief never ends...
but it changes.
It's a passage,
not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign
of weakness,
nor a lack of faith...
It is the price of
Love.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.



I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

HYMNS:

Entrance	124	Let Heaven Rejoice
Gifts	189	Now We Thank All Our God
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	81	We Remember
Recessional	57	City of God

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



Plenary Council
Theme: Missionary and Evangelising.

As we move into this second phase of the Plenary Council journey we are invited to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation to discern what it is that God is asking of us through the lens of the National Themes. Our community will be praying and reflecting about the first National Theme for Discernment: **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is missionary and evangelising?** This is one of the six National Themes for Listening and Discernment that is preparing the Australian Church for the Plenary Council.

A community Listening and Discernment experience will be held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday December 3rd at 7.30pm.

To prepare for this session, you may wish to reflect on the following Scripture passage: *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... and to the ends of the earth.*

-Acts 1:8

This theme arose as a result of communal listening and dialogue, with people sharing their hopes and dreams about the mission of the Church. We are now invited to **deepen** our discernment as we pray, reflect and listen to what the Spirit is calling us to in Australia

Plenary Council Prayer

Lord

You once told us, *'Just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

May our eyes be opened to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned.

May our minds be freed from the bounds of self-interest, fear and prejudice.

May our hearts be moved to recognise and respond to the needs of your people.

May we be open to the fruits of your Spirit, so that our thoughts, words and actions can be infused with love, peace, compassion and selflessness.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Marriage Tip: Put on your listening ears and make an effort to talk intentionally with your spouse about their day.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Forthcoming Events (December):

Tuesday Dec 3rd—Plenary Council Prayer Meeting "Missionary & Evangelising", St Joseph's 7.30pm;
Wednesday Dec 11th—Anointing Mass and High Afternoon Tea for Senior Parishioners;
Wednesday Dec 18th—Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins 7pm.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara 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. "See the face of God in everyone." (St Catherine Labore) 28th Nov.

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

Worth Watching "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

Our Parish Rose Show and Flower Festival finishes on Sunday 2pm, in School Hall.

"Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool"

"May every sunrise bring you hope, may every sunset bring you peace"

(Irish Blessing)

Second Hand Novels and Young Adult Fiction are being collected by the St John of God Auxiliary for a fundraiser in January.

Now Selling Christmas Cards to support St Vincent de Paul; Columban Calendars 2020 to support Columban Missionaries

Today is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King. It is the last day of the Church year.

We thank Parishioners and Parish Groups for continual support.

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of "Australian Catholics" and "Our Diocesan Community" are available.

Bible Study/Discussion Group/Prayer is about to begin reflection on **Advent on Wednesday** mornings after 9.30am Mass, 10am (Changing from Friday mornings). All welcome.

KSC Mass for Deceased members at St Joseph's on Wednesday 27th at 10am. All welcome.

Accommodation needed A young refugee. Ali, has come from Pakistan and been in Australia for approx. 6 years. He has completed his final pharmacy exams and has an internship at the Community Pharmacy Warrnambool. He is single and completing his Masters Degree at Deakin. He would appreciate some form of accommodation that is cost affordable. His internship begins on Jan 2nd till Sept 31st, 2020. Contact Margaret McPhee 0434 847 031 or Fr. Lawrie.

Prayer for Rain

God our Father,
You created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We



ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on **our drought stricken land**, our starving animals and our failing produce. **Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought.** In your loving providence, send abundant rain soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who gives life to all living things.

Our Parish Rose Show and Flower Festival is in OLHC School Hall, Theme: 'Celebrations of Life'

Come and have a coffee with friends. Help us with the clean up on Sunday at 2pm.

"Sing to the earth, who makes life grow, the creatures you made to let your life show, the flowers and trees that help us to know the Heart of Love." (M. Haugen)