

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 27/28 February

6pm **Welcomers:** C&D Quick **Gifts:** Musico Family **Readers:** R&T Treffry
Ministers: B Gladman, B Kavanagh, E McKinnon, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield
9am **Welcomers:** J Ryan Family **Gifts:** C Carroll-Skelton, M Fish **Readers:** L&M Taggart
Ministers: P Nevill, J O'Grady, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

21 February D&D
 28 February Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

21 February Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy
 28 February Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 14 February Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 28 February: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Spend extra time this week listening to the 'beloved Son'. What is Jesus saying to you?

Marriage Tip: Sometimes we can become irritable over small things. Next time this happens with your spouse, try taking a deep breath and responding with a "gentle love."

Daily Prayer: Countless are the stars, O God of Abraham, are the faithful whom you have led into the land of promise. Dazzling as the snow, O God of Moses and Elijah, is your glory shining on the face of Jesus, who forever prays on our behalf, the people for whom he accomplished the exodus of the resurrection. It is good for us to be here!

A Vocation View: After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours, but not meant to stay in harbours.

Penola celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the **Sisters of St. Joseph** with Mass at 10.30am on **Saturday March 19th**. There will be an unveiling of a Mary MacKillop sculpture. Mass on Sunday 20th at 10.30am followed by festivities.

150th Anniversary of St. Gregory's Heywood, March 6th, Mass 5pm with Bishop Paul.

Dinner to follow RSVP 22nd Feb 5527 1559 Bev.

Lent Calendar visit www.xt3.com/lent

World Day of Prayer OLHC will host a Prayer Service for all the Warrnambool Churches on Friday March 4th, 1.30pm. Maureen McDonald and Marita Murphy, our co-ordinators, welcome the presence and help of women. The guest speaker will be from 'MacKillop Family Services'. The theme is 'Receive Children. Receive Me'. A plate is welcome. Bring a friend.

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.

The Face of Mercy

Pope Francis declares that the "mercy of God is not an abstract idea." He describes it as "a **concrete reality** through which He reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child."

"He secures justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free." (Psalm 146:7-9)

'The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where **everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.**

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

"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

2nd Sunday in Lent — 21st February 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: Lyndee Patrick, Brian Gorman, Reg Kelleher, Ingegerd Gissle'n (Sweden)

Anniversaries: Leo Howard, Frank Clancey, Peter Tobin, Margaret Kelson, Michael Finn, Agnes O'Keefe

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St. Pius
 Tuesday 10.00am
 Wednesday 9.30am (Frank Clancey RIP)
 Thursday 9.30am
 Friday 9.30am (Ingegerd Gissle'n RIP)
 Saturday 10.00am at St. Pius

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18, Rom 10: 8-13, Lk 4: 1-13
 Next Week: Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12, Jn 13: 1-9
Sacraments: *Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533*
 Reconciliation Friday 10.am. Saturday at St. Pius 10.30am



"Mercy listens—really listens, with interest and concern—then smiles, and reaches out her hand."
 - J M DeMarreis, Mercy (1993)

"Life in a Whole new Light"

Today we welcome with great joy **Harlee Rowbottom** who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Symbols of Lent

In the Jewish scriptures, **ashes** often suggest humility and human insignificance, as in the familiar "ashes to ashes, dust to dust". **Ashes** were also used as a purification offering to ritually cleanse the unclean and also to express mourning and sorrow.

We continue the Jewish understanding of **ashes** as a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow when we are marked with ashes on the first day of Lent as a sign of our willingness to cleanse our heart through prayer, fasting and self-denial.

- Elizabeth Harrington



"The ashes mean I'm a sinner. The shape of the cross means I have a saviour."
 - Fr. Mike Schmitz

