

ROSTERS

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LITURGY for 14/15 March

6pm Welcomers: OLHC School Gifts: OLHC School Readers: M Aitkinson, C Bolte

Ministers: K&M McKenzie, F Moloney, J O'Sullivan, M Page, S Reimert

9am Welcomers: J Bouwman, C Cooper Gifts: G Howland Family Readers: S O'Brien, B Soares

Ministers: M Clancey, M Cooper, C Di Palma

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

8 March Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

15 March Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

8 March Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

15 March Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 15 March: Colin Ryan



Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday of Lent Year A (Matthew 17: 1-9)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness, at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of discipleship.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.

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



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



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2020

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Cecilia Melican, Ivy McGrath, Hazel Fox, Jack Budd, Andy Bull
Anniversaries: Eileen Delahenty, Anne Kelly, Elsie Kelly, Matthew O'Neill, Minnira Dodson, Willie Vielharbor

Mass Times Monday 10.00am at St Pius
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: Gn 12: 1-4/ 2 Tm 1: 8-10/ Mt 17: 1-9
Next Week: Ex 17: 3-7/ Rom 5: 1-2.5-8/ Jn 4: 5-42

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*



God's action is the model for human action. If God 'rested and was refreshed' on the seventh day, we too ought to 'rest' and should let others, especially the poor, 'be refreshed'. The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money. (Catechism of the Catholic Church n 2172)

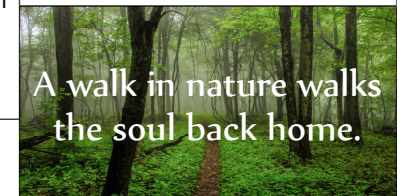
Now, ashes: Lent turns us towards the Lord's Paschal Mystery: his passion, death and resurrection, and urges us to follow him on his daunting **loving path**. Traditionally we give something up for Lent, but actually we take something on—**his journey**. - Fr Andrew Bullen, S.J.

Christianity is not 'an idea in the air'. It is the feet on the ground going God's way: being God's servant.

*"Life in a Whole new Light and
Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
Leo Taylor
who is being baptised into the
family of God, who is Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.*



*A walk in nature walks
the soul back home.*



RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US, AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.



The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **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:

Entrance	115	A Trusting Psalm
Gifts		Shine Jesus Shine (Words below)
Communion	133	Only a Shadow
	6	Lord to Whom Shall We Go?
Recessional	114	Be Not Afraid

Lord, the Light of Your Love (Shine, Jesus Shine)

- Graham Kendrick



1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

REFRAIN:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Mystery Of Faith

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

Project Compassion

Twenty-seven-year-old Phanny was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship - Pope John Paul II"



Baptism was not over and done with when the priest poured water over our infant foreheads. The truth is we are being baptised by everything that happens to us in life.

To be baptised is to be christened, which means to be made like Christ. The sacrament, however, only begins this. It is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen, for the image of Christ to be formed in us.

Marriage Tip: Are there any places in your heart where you have allowed resentment to grow or grudges to fester? **Open** these parts to God. Ask for His help to soften your heart and **see your family** through His eyes of love.

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. *"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me."* (St Patrick; 17 March)

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

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

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

Allansford Parishioners Present and Past are invited to the 130th Anniversary of the Opening of the Church of St Carthage with Mass at 10.30am on March 29th. Please invite "Old Friends".

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place for Year 2 and Year 6 children on March 18th and 19th. **Lent Reflections** on the Sunday Gospels of Lent **"Grace"** are being organised by Dion Bartlett on **Wednesday** commencing at 7.30pm and by Sister Marie Mansbridge on **Wednesday** at 10am. Both will be in the Meeting Room.

Grow With Us Emmanuel College Information Evening, Wednesday 11 March, 7.30pm. Expo & Open Day, Sunday 15 March, 1.00-3.00pm. Both in the Emmanuel Centre.

Compliments of the Parish Adult Education the latest edition of "Australian Catholics."

St John's School Dennington, 263 Russell St. Celebrates 100 years, Sunday 22nd, 10am Mass, 11am Presentation & Video Display, Light Lunch. RSVP 5562 5362.

Stations of the Cross on Mondays 10am and at St Joseph's on Fridays at 7pm.

Board is being sought for a 14 year old Japanese boy who is coming to Emmanuel College Year 9 just for 3rd Term. Is there a family, preferably with student(s) at Emmanuel, who is able to offer board to this student. A Good opportunity for cultural exchange. Please contact John O'Brien on 5561 3070 if you can help.

Morning Coffee after 9am Mass today. Thanks to the Kenny and Mahony Family Groups for the Hospitality. All welcome.

Cards on Tuesday at St Joseph's.

Board Wanted for a first year Deakin University student. See Fr. Lawrie.

Happy 10th Birthday and Congratulations to *"Mercy Place"* and all the Residents and Staff, from OLHC.

Hopefully for the short term we will have Holy Communion with only the species of Bread.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment—March: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is open to conversion, renewal and reform?* This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the

People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires **change** that is **both personal and communal**. Respondents also affirmed the important role of the clergy, expressing their appreciation for their vocation and recognising the need for support and ongoing formation and accompaniment. Some asked for a consideration of alternative approaches to ordained ministry some for a greater inclusion of laity and different groups in the Church's life, some for new models of governance and leadership, and some for a renewed fidelity to the Church's teachings. There was also a call for a renewed life of

prayer and communion with one another, including understanding the many different ways in which we encounter God and experience a conversion of heart. **All welcome Sunday, March 15th, 3pm at St Pius Church.**

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:
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All donations are **greatly appreciated**.

