

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 12/13 October

**6pm** Welcomers: P Walsh, S Hargreaves Gifts: Fernandez Family Readers: D Friebe, B Gladman

Ministers: K&M McKenzie, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield

**9am** Welcomers: D Duynhoven, J McCosh Gifts: C&S Cope Family Readers: H Godfrey, S Hall

Ministers: H Goddard, A Sanderson, S Spencer

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

6 October Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

13 October Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

### COUNTING TEAMS:

6 October Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

13 October Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 13 October: Louise & Michael Taggert, Christine Di Palma

*New Rosters are now Available*



## Reflection on the Gospel-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 17: 5-10)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The strength to remain faithful in the face of adversity, the capacity to forgive, and the courage to do what we ought to do without seeking recognition or reward are perennial challenges for most people. According to the Lukan Jesus, it takes faith to meet such challenges. The devastating fires in the Amazon forests and in north-eastern Australia are testing the faith of those who have devoted much of their energy, even their whole lives, to speaking truth to power about the need for action to offset the effects of global warming. And yet these people remain faithful, finding the strength to forgive and the courage to do what must be done for the sake of our common home.

Today's gospel reading brings to closure the central section of the long journey narrative that recounts the teaching of the Lukan Jesus on his way from Samaria to the final events of his life in Jerusalem. The "apostles" ask Jesus to increase their faith. Their request is in itself an act of faith. He has been telling them to be on their guard. He has been emphasising the importance of endless and unconditional forgiveness. These disciples are well aware that to keep on forgiving those who offend repeatedly is not easy. It is in this context that they ask him to increase the faith. Jesus responds by insisting that even the smallest amount of faith can work wonders. His metaphorical language stretches the imagination. Even transplanting a mulberry tree from land to sea becomes possible through the power of a faith-infused word! They have no answer to this.

Luke seems to be invoking "faith" in much the same way as does Habakkuk in today's first reading which closes with a comparison between the proud whose "spirit is not right" and the just who "live by faith" (Hab. 2:4). The Hebrew word for faith in this passage is probably better translated as "fidelity" or "faithfulness". For the Lukan Jesus, a little fidelity or faithfulness goes a long way. Among other things, it enables us to keep on forgiving even wilful ignorance and to keep on acting for justice.

Finally, Jesus puts a number of questions to his disciples, questions that align their status with that of slaves in the service of a master. His questions provide a stark contrast with an example he has offered earlier in the gospel where the slave master serves the faithful slaves (12:37). These questions are consistent, however, with his insistence that true disciples do not seek the reward of honour or recompense for their service. Jesus' followers must admit that their service is "unprofitable" in that it is no more than is required of them. Power, status, wealth acquired at the expense of others, refusal to forgive, all run counter to the path of gospel fidelity. To live by faith in our times is to be humble, forgiving, just and unremittently attentive to the cry of the earth.



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 6th October 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:** John McNamara, Cath Malone, Bernie Sedgley, Judy Page, Bev Hines, Brian Keats, Michael Sellar, David Phoebe, Alessia Falconeri, Biddie Brody Zammitt

**Anniversaries:** Daniel Kelly, Sister Julia Kelly, Father Michael Shanley, Rex Cameron, Margaret Heffernan, Joe Morgan, Jim Lawlor, Frank & Nell Gleeson, Brian Nicholson, Sam Materia, Frank Greene, Rosalie Farley, Thomas Gleeson, Brian Smith, Harry Lawson, Barbara Meade

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius 1.00pm Funeral Cath Malone
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am (World Mental Health Day)
	Friday	9.30am (St John 23rd)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

### The Word of God:

This Week: Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4/ 2 Tm 1: 6-8.13-14/ Lk 17: 5-10

Next Week: 2 Kgs 5: 14-17/ 2 Tm 2: 8-13/ Lk 17: 11-19

**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)*

*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

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



**You are Invited** to A Morning Coffee Party for  
The Good Samaritan Sisters' Mission in  
Australia, The Philippines, Kiribati, Japan and Timor Leste

*"In all things may God be glorified"*

WHERE: St Brigid's Hall, Crossley WHEN: Monday 4th November at 10.00am

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Keep for Daily Prayer)



**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low: let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; When they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the word of truth and life.**

Speak, O Lord, your servant listens, yours the Word of life eternal.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	28	Praise to You
Gifts	3	Canticle of the Sun
Communion	81	We Remember
	182	Though the Mountains May Fall
Recessional	83	The Cry of the Poor

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**5 October—World Teachers' Day**

Held annually on 5 October since 1994, World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1996 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This year, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme, "Young Teachers': The Future of the Profession". The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talent.



*Prayer for the Extraordinary Month of Mission*

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations' and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



**Plenary Council**

Our Plenary Council Question for October is:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?

"That we listen openly to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern ways to be a Christ-centred church that is humble, healing and merciful" Loving God, hear out prayer.

All are invited to a Night of Reflection at St Joseph's on **Tuesday October 29th**, 7.30pm.

I/We would like to financially support the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Warrnambool East

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By use of Envelopes or Direct Debit (Please circle)

Please place on next Sunday's Collection Plate or post to:  
OLHC, Box 97  
Warrnambool 3280

If you wish to give to our Parish Planned Giving via bank transfer:  
BSB: 06 3533  
Acc. No: 0090 3353  
Ref: Planned Giving

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gundiṯjmara 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.** "Jesus is happy to come with us—as life is to be lived, as light is to be lit, as love is to be loved, as peace is to be spread." St Francis of Assisi (4 October)

**Holy Hour at OLHC** Monday 10am

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

**View ABC1 Compass** 11am Sundays.

**Scripture Study** Thursdays 7.30pm; Fridays 10am. In the Church Meeting Room during School Terms.

**Pilgrimage** in the footsteps of **St Mary MacKillop** October 22-November 2. Beginning in Melbourne. Information 0417 683 123.

**Online learning** for four weeks **Subjects**—Connecting Faith and Life, Faith and Human Development, Evangelisation, Catholic Beliefs, Sacraments, and Bible Basics. Register by October 16, Fran Peterkin 5337 7154. (Dion Bartlett is currently doing a subject).

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) on Tuesday 1pm in Church foyer. Afternoon tea. All Welcome.

**Visitor Today** at 9am Mass will be Father Peter O'Neill, Columban Father. Fr Peter is son of John & Ruth.

**Welcome 2 Warrnambool—Language Café** Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am at Brophy Services, 210 Timor St. English speaking skills.

**Volunteers needed** for Meals on Wheels. Contact Cecily Lindsay 5559 4920.

Victoria's Annual **March for the Babies** Assembles in the Treasury Gardens Cnr. Spring Street and Wellington Pde. 1pm Saturday October 12. The March concludes with speeches in front of Parliament House.

**Orchid Show** Today 10am-3pm in OLHC School Hall.

**Next Sunday** after 9am Mass we have an **Official Opening** of our new and updated Amenities. We expect some personnel who worked on the Project. **A plate will be welcome.** Hosts will be the Parish Family Groups.

Some copies of the **2019 Social Justice Statement** on "The Digital World" are still available.

"May every sunrise bring you hope, may every sunset bring you peace" (Irish Blessing)

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for October**

**A Missionary "Spring" in the Church**

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

**Marriage Tip:** "To live out of love is to give one's self."

– St. Therese. Make a conscious effort to give yourself to your family today, through your time, prayers, and acts of service.

