

## ROSTERS

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### LITURGY for 16/17 November

**6pm** Welcomers: P&J Frusher Family Gifts: Jenkins Family Readers: P McKimmie, G McMeel

Ministers: M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page, S Reimert, J Tankard

**9am** Welcomers: D Duynhoven, J McCosh Gifts: Timor Leste Readers: C Porter, S Smits

Ministers: C Spencer, S Swarbrick, P Allan

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

10 November Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

17 November Group 4J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

### COUNTING TEAMS:

10 November Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

17 November Team 10: Cross Family

**COMMUNION TO LYNDONCH:** 17 November: Louise & Michael Tagget, Christine Di Palma

*New Rosters are now Available*



## Reflection on the Gospel-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(Luke 20: 27-38)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as “not of the dead, but of the living.”

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable way. Some Sadducees “who say there is no resurrection” put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God’s chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God’s people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are “alive to God”, as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I also knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of resurrection, of the transformation of every being.

*“Enjoy your week with God”*



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th 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:** Margaret Green, Janina Reinstein, Kathleen Willis, Judy Gurry, Annie Seabright, Joyce Rogers

**Anniversaries:** Sean Doran, Tim Cooper, Rebecca McKenzie, Olivia & Caroline Wright, Jenny Barlow, Matthew McNeil, Kath Harman, Fathers Serzants & Kehoe, Sister Ethel Carroll, Bob Warren, Rita Finn, Mrs. Thomas, Ron McDonald, Merle Roache, Deceased Service Personnel, Terry Whitworth, Monica Pudney, Ray McArdle

<b>Mass Times</b>	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am (Kath Harman RIP)
	Wednesday	9.30am (Mrs. Thomas RIP)
	Thursday	9.30am (For Our Deceased)
	Friday	9.30am (Rosalyn Earl RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



<b>THE LORD’S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>Allansford</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
	<b>The Word of God:</b>	

This Week: 2 Mc 7: 1-2,9-14/ 2 Thes 2: 16—3: 5/ Lk 20: 27-38

Next Week: Mal 3: 19-20/ 2 Thes 3: 7-12/ Lk 21: 5-10

**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  
Chelsea Bald & Gia Shortt  
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Green is the colour of  
hope and growth*

*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)

**LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY APPEARS, MY JOY WILL BE FULL**



Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Tree of Life and endless wisdom, be our root, our growth and glory

Mystery Of Faith

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

**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.



**A Parish VCE Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our VCE students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	16	Glory and Praise
Communion	115	A Trusting Psalm
Recessional	114	Be Not Afraid

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.

**Marriage Tip:** Communication in your family is key. Don't let wounds fester. Instead, calmly address hurts and ask for the grace to forgive.

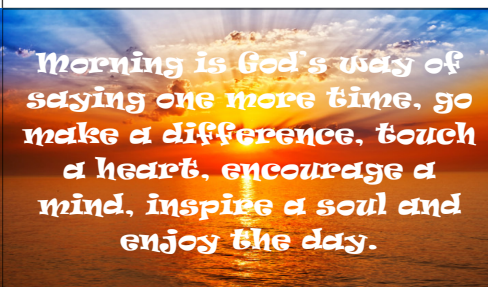
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**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**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.** *"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** will be over November 21st-24th.

**Zone Leaders** Please collect 'Links'. This edition contains information about our Rose Show and Flower Festival. The theme is 'Celebrations of Life'.

**Sister Mary Bennett** has been appointed as Regional Leader for the Sisters of Mercy in Canberra and Regional NSW. Her new placement will begin in November.

We will be ever grateful for her enriching our Parish Family and congratulate her on her new mission.

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

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

**Today** is the 44th Anniversary of the Opening of Our Parish Church. "For all that has been thanks be to God. For all that will be YES."

**Morning Tea** after Mass today hosted by Parish Family Groups.

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

**"Replenish Our Planet Living Festival"**

Koroit, Nov 15-17. An event for a sustainable future. Enquiries: Cassie Carroll 0448 668 870.

**Organ Concert** at St Joseph's, Friday 15 Nov, 6pm-7pm, \$30/\$25 con/U18 free.

**Clinical Pastoral Education** a course begins in Feb. Contact Bernadette 0455 033 321.

**Life Care and Suicide Prevention Seminar**, Kardinia Church, 16 Tylden St, Dennington, Nov 17 @ 2pm.

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

**Congratulations and Thanks** to Carmel and Harold Stoll on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, from their Parish Family.

**OPEN SPACE** Sat Nov 23, at the Emmanuel Centre from 10am-2pm. Explore the ways we heal and care: in church, in schools, in community, in Warrnambool.



**Plenary Council**  
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. During the month of November our parish will be praying and reflecting about the National Theme for

**Discernment: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?** 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 on Sunday November 17th at 3pm at OLHC. All are invited.**

To prepare for this session, you may wish to reflect upon the following Scripture passage:

*When they were at table, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognised him.*

Some of the topics people raised during the Listening and Dialogue phase included: Acknowledging Christ's presence in the Eucharist; Affordable adult faith formation courses; Better attention to all aspects of liturgy; Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs; renewed call to holiness.

This theme arose as the result of communal listening and dialogue with people sharing their hopes and dreams about a prayerful and Eucharistic 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.