

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 1/2 April**

**6pm** Welcomers: S&R Zanos Gifts: K&L Griffiths Readers: J McArdle, P McKimmie  
 Ministers: J Conheady, M Crichton, P Flynn, D Friebe, B Gladman  
**9am** Welcomers: Volunteers please Gifts: P&M Glynn Readers: P McLean, C Morriss  
 Ministers: L&T Kenny, F Lamb

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**

26 March D & D  
 2 April Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

26 March Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keefe, Ces Cooper  
 2 April Team 3: Terry & Pat King

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 26 March Group 2: Peter Kenna

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 2 April: Colin Ryan



**Making Connections:** Bring light and life to others this week. Is there some way you can assist in 'healing' another?

**Marriage Tip:** Has anyone close to you died who has enriched your life? Loss is always hard, but having a spouse to share it with makes it bearable.

**Daily Prayer:** O God, whose face we long to see, in Christ you come in search of us, judging not by our outward appearance but gazing into our hearts at the light you have kindled. As once you gave Samuel insight to see young David as your shepherd-king, as once you led the man born blind to look on Christ and behold the face of your Anointed, so now clear our vision and focus our sight that all of us, the elect and the baptised, may acknowledge Christ as the Light of the world.

**A Vocation View:** If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

**Support for Persecuted Christians**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

*"Each time you say hello to a stranger, your heart is acknowledging over and over again that we are all family."*

Pray as you can - The Word is very close to you: It is in your heart

Reflection is an essential element of growth in Christ. As we reflect over what we have learnt and ponder it in our hearts, we come to recognize the presence of God in our lives.

Fridays in Lent at 10am.

**PARISH PRAYER:** Loving God, Good Shepherd to us all. Gather us and form us into a welcoming parish family. Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out to love one another, in a neighborly community. Our Lady Help of Christians, guide us as we seek to do Christ's will. Bless us in service, strengthen us in support of each other, and unite us as we grow in faith & love, to be a welcoming, caring Parish community. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Saints Carthage and Mary MacKillop, pray for our Parish family.

**Lent**

- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are being baptised.
- Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted.

*"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**

**4th Sunday of Lent—26th March 2017**

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**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Mavis Campbell, Father Paul Gardiner S.J., Jim Rea, Servando Tamayo

**Anniversaries:** Patrick O'Toole, Caroline Chisholm, Moyra McCluskey, Francis O'Keefe, Margaret Daffy, Pippa Rea



**Mass Times:** Tuesday 10.00am  
 Wednesday 9.30am  
 Thursday 9.30am  
 Friday 9.30am (Day of Penance)  
 Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
 (Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

**THE LORD'S DAY** Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 9.00am  
 Allansford 10.30am

**The Word of God:** This Week: 1 Sm 16: 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5: 8-14, Jn 9: 1-41  
 Next Week: Ez 37: 12-14, Rom 8: 8-11, Jn 11: 1-45

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages** by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533  
 Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am

*Pink is the colour of rejoicing*

**Blessed are the Pure in Heart**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Pure in heart here means **single minded**. The hearts of the blessed, the truly happy, are not divided between God and football and career and money. Those truly happy have only one God, and look to God alone **to be filled**. When they play sport, they do it for God's honor and glory, not their own. If they marry, they love Christ and are loved by Christ through their spouse. If they pursue a career or build a business, **they do it to advance His kingdom**. Reading the Sermon on the Mount, and especially the Beatitudes, is a gut check. It's one of the best of all **examinations of conscience**, perfect to read before every confession and every **Lent**. Incidentally, that's what the penitential season of Lent is about. **The fasting is meant to re-stimulate our spiritual appetite**. The spiritual exercises are designed to shrug off the laziness of sloth. Christianity is not just a matter of believing in God, but avidly pursuing Him. (Dr D' Ambrosio)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

*"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" -St. Gerard Majella*

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



**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil shall I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **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	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	31	Come As You Are
Communion	88	Taste and See
	26	The Lord Is My Shepherd
Recessional	57	City of God

**Mystery Of Faith**

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



With Limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a Caritas-

Australia supported program offering her education, creative outlets and community interaction, and strengthening her parents' skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has great hope for her future.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.**

**Lent is a time to relive exodus from slavery to freedom**

Like the people of Israel freed from the bondage of slavery, Christians are called to experience the path toward hope and **new life** during the Lenten season, Pope Francis said. Through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus "has opened up for us a way that leads to a full, eternal and blessed life", the Pope said on Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent for Latin-rite Catholics.

"Lent lives within this dynamic: **Christ precedes us with his exodus and we cross the desert**, thanks to him and behind him," he said.

In his main audience talk, the Pope said that while Lent was a time of "penance and even mortification", it was also 'a time of hope' for Christians awaiting Christ's resurrection to "**renew our baptismal identity**". CNS



*"To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty"*  
Pope Francis

Through Baptism, Christians are integrated in to the Body of Christ, the Church. Membership of the Church breaks through all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races and gender.



**Service Invited** for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday. See the **invitation** in the church foyer.

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra People and other tribes.**

**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 March 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 Monday 10.00am—Stations of the Cross**

**During Lent** the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the Church on Monday mornings at 10am and at St Joseph's Friday 7.30pm.

**Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins** will be on Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm

**Compliments of the Parish** the Autumn Edition of "Australian Catholics" is available.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated for children in Grade 3 and above on June 3/4. An information night for parents will take place on Monday 1st May at 7pm in the Church foyer.

**View** Bishop Kelly of Port Pirie speak on the Samaritan Woman, Bishop Randazzo of Sydney on today's Gospel and our Bishop Paul speak on next Sunday's Gospel at [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)  
**Xt3 Lent Calendar 2017** <http://www.xt3.com/lent/> download the Lent Calendar as an App. It's FREE!

**Jesuit Missions Maytime Fair** 6th May 2017, Car raffle Tickets @ \$10 each are available from Peter Jackman on 5562 1492 or 0419 106 734.

The **School Term** ends next Friday and Second Term begins on Easter Tuesday. **Thanks** for all the good work and Easter Blessings. The Second Term will commence on **April 18th**, the **46th Anniversary** of the Official Opening of our **Parish School**.

**Note Carefully** Daylight Saving ends next weekend. We put our clocks back an hour on Saturday night.

**Fundraiser for South Sudan.** Film "Constance On The Edge" What does it take to belong? Showing at Mozart Hall, Merri St, on **Wednesday 29th March**, at 7.30pm. \$15 includes supper. (An award winning **documentary** about a refugee family)



**Movie Night for Ruben** Thanks so much for the support with the great attendance and other donations. A grand total profit of \$2220 can go directly to the Ruben Centre. Thank you so much for your support. Josie Long (O'Shea)

**Child Safety Standards** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish has appointed Dion Bartlett as our Safeguarding Officer. We have a **Child Safety Policy** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. **A Child Safety Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

**Mass of the Oils** will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30pm** on Monday, April 10. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God and Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. James Treffry will receive our Holy Oils from Bishop Paul.