

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 23/24 March

6pm Welcomers: Emmanuel College Gifts: Emmanuel College Readers: Emmanuel College
Ministers: J O'Sullivan,

9am Welcomers: J Bouwman, C Cooper Gifts: S Brittain Family Readers: B Bourke, M Cooper
Ministers: M Clancey, E Dalton, E Dwyer

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing


17 March Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll
24 March Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

17 March Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy
24 March Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 24 March: Jim & Elaine Hales



 **Making Connections:** 'Listen to him.' What might Jesus be saying to you at this time? Use today's collect as your prayer this week: *O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly with your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.*

Did You Know?: Moses and Elijah are two of the greatest heroes of Israel. They represent the law and the prophets—two of the most important sections of the Hebrew Bible. Like Jesus, both of them suffered rejection during their lives.

Exploring the Word: As a Christian, one cannot simply remain on the mountain in contemplation of divinity; one must also come down from the mountain and take the earthly road of living the faith to its ultimate conclusion. How important is quiet contemplation and prayer in your journey? In what ways do you balance prayer and action in living your faith?

Sharing the Tradition: 'Prayer is a vital necessity ... if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin' (CCC§2744).

Symbols and Images: The cloud symbolises the presence of God. It reveals the divine presence but also conceals it, thus protecting the witness from the full power of God's glory. Moses encountered the same phenomenon (Exodus 24:15). Another favourite symbol for the presence of God in the Hebrew Scriptures is flame or smoke for example, in the burning bush (Exodus 3) or on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19)

Daily Prayer: Countless as 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! Let us listen to your Son, your chosen One, so that we may have a share in Christ's transfigured glory.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Recognition of the Right of Christian

Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Marriage Tip: Love is not proud. Be the first to extend the olive branch when disagreements arise.

Vocational 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.

British Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe speaks to us. The Catholic Church should not be afraid of crisis; through crisis, it will grow and spring new life, said Father Radcliffe. "If you look at human beings, we grow up through crisis," said the 73-year-old English theologian. "It is our way. And so we believe, I believe, it's the fate of the church...we do not have to be afraid of crisis." Father Radcliffe pointed toward the 'biggest crisis', the Last Supper. The apostles "had abandoned Jesus. Judas had sold him. Peter was about to betray him. There was no future. And then in that darkest moment, Jesus did this extraordinary thing. He said, 'This is my body, and I give it to you'. We should ask what new thing will come to be," Father Radcliffe said.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent —17th March 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: Julie Grec, Katherine Dwyer (Sydney), Jill Hamblin, Sister Mark Wauchope, Matthew O'Neill

Anniversaries: Krysia Kruk-Wantuch, Helen Atkinson, Fathers Joe Ziolkos, Jim Nihill & Des Lane, Brian Lane, John Holland

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)



Mass Times	Monday	9.30am	Feast of St Patrick (Bishop Paul—Celebrant)
	Tuesday	10.00am	(Feast of St Joseph) (Beginning of Josephites, Penola 1866)
	Wednesday	9.30am	
	Thursday	9.30am	
	Friday	9.30am	(World Day for Water)
	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/ 1 Cor 10: 1-6.10-12/ Lk 13: 1-9

Next Week: Ex 3: 1-8a.13-15/ 1 Cor 10: 1-6.10-12/ Lk 13: 1-9

Sacraments: *Baptisms and Marriages* by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

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

St Patrick's Day

The Patron Saint of Ireland, St Patrick is remembered and celebrated on 17 March each year, not only in Ireland, but around the world, as people hold parades and festivals that celebrate Irish culture. Saint Patrick is said to be from the border of Scotland and England and was kidnapped at the age of sixteen and taken to Ireland where he was forced into slavery. According to his autobiographical Confessio, during the six years he spent in imprisonment, he became very religious. After a vision led him to stow away on a boat, Patrick escaped to England and went back to his family. There he had a dream that the Irish people were calling him back to teach them about God and this inspired him to become a priest. Twelve years later, after studying abroad, he returned to Ireland as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessings. For the twenty years that followed, Saint Patrick travelled the length and breadth of Ireland baptising people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches as he went. He died on 17 March c461, leaving behind an organised Church and an island of Christians.

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord. **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	71	Gather Your People
Gifts	16	Glory and Praise
Communion	133	Only a Shadow
	81	We Remember
Recessional	52	City of God

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

BISHOP PAUL BIRD CSsR - Eighth Bishop of Ballarat

Bishop Paul Bird was born in Newcastle in New South Wales on 17 July 1949, the son of the late Maurice Bird and the late Olive Bird (née Burley). He is the third of their four children being preceded by Ann and Maurice and followed by Josie.

The Bishop received his primary school education at the St Francis Xavier Parish Primary School in Carrington which was conducted by the Sisters of St Joseph and his secondary education under the care of the Marist Brothers at their High School in Hamilton until 1965. He then joined the formation program of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists) and made his profession at Galong on 11 February 1968. He studied for four years at the Redemptorist seminary in Wendouree in Ballarat, completed his seminary studies at the Yarra Theological Union in Melbourne and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Toohey, Bishop of Maitland, at Waratah in Newcastle on 17 May 1975.

In 1987 the Bishop was appointed superior of the Redemptorist community at Brighton in Melbourne and commenced twenty years of service as editor in the congregation's publications ministry, Majellan Publications.

He served various terms totalling fifteen years in all as a member of the Provincial Council of the Redemptorist Congregation. He represented the Australian province at the congregation's general chapter in Brazil in 1991 and, from 2008 until the announcement of his appointment as Bishop of Ballarat, he served as Provincial of the Australian Province of the congregation with overall responsibility for the communities and missions in Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia.

Bishop Bird was appointed Eighth Bishop of Ballarat by Pope Benedict XVI on 1 August 2012 and ordained as Bishop on 16 October, 2012.

Project Compassion

Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.

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 everyday with the saints. *"Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me.."* (St Patrick, 18 March)

Training for Special Ministers of the Eucharist is being offered April 7th at 3.30pm. Enquiries to Father Lawrie.

Retreat in Daily Life—Conducted by a Jesuit Priest April 29-May 25. Theme "Inner Peace In Divine Love". Application forms are at the back of the church.

Morning Tea after 9am Mass.

Emmanuel College—"Grow With Us": March 26th—Year 7 2020 Information Session. 7.30pm in the Emmanuel Centre. March 31st—Emmanuel Expo 1pm-3pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com.EC2020>

Study Theology, the Scriptures, Liturgy on line for five weeks commencing in June. Contact Amanda Smith 0427 748 867. (Dion Bartlett has successfully done these courses)

All Welcome to Lent and Easter Reflections with Sister Mary on **Thursdays** at 7.30pm and **Fridays** at 10am in the Church Meeting Room.

Stations of the Cross Friday 7.30pm at St Joseph's.

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird CSsR to our Parish for Pastoral Visitation and Thank him for his service to our Ballarat Diocese and our Australian Church. Meet Bishop Paul over tea and coffee after Mass.

Review and Prayer Tuesday 7pm in the church for students (and a parent) who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A male student currently studying at Deakin University is looking for private board in Warrnambool. Please contact John O'Sullivan at Emmanuel College on 5560 0888 or 0447 510 989 for further details.

Syro-Malabar Mass Fr Sajan, now ministering in the Ballarat Diocese, will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool on Wednesday, 10th April at 5.30pm. All Welcome.

SVDP Update—Some Incredible Numbers in the last three months:

295 families in the last 12 weeks visited by 10 conference members! Food vouchers \$26,700. Food share \$11,000. This does not include assistance with energy, phone, back to school, rental, and other household costs. Bishop Paul Bird also donated funds for 'Family Feel Good'. E.g. haircuts, outings etc. at our discretion. Thankyou Bishop Bird. He also assisted with a refugee's Deakin University cost for a semester. Thankyou all for your ongoing support of this wonderful organisation.

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

We are the Catholic Church in the Ballarat Diocese we gather in the name of Jesus • from the Murray to the sea in interwoven faith communities. • Spirit filled we celebrate and share our journey • reaching out to nurture all God's people. (Diocesan Vision Statement 2005)

Clergy Moves

In May, Fr. Van De Camp will retire from Koroit and Port Fairy Parishes. Fr. John Corrigan will be Assistant Priest in Port Fairy, Koroit and St Joseph's Warrnambool. Fr. John Fitzgerald will continue as Parish Priest of St Joseph's and will also be Parish Administrator of Port Fairy and Koroit. Fr. Anthony Nagothu will be Assistant Priest in Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton Parish of St Mary MacKillop.

The heart is rich when it is content, and the heart is content when its desires are focused of God. - St. Miguel Febres Cordero

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God! - St. Josephine Bakhita

