

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 23/24 September

6pm Welcomers: M Brown, M Dunne **Gifts:** J Bouwman **Family Readers:** C Beks, M Bugge
Ministers: M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady, M Crichton, L Flaherty
9am Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven **Gifts:** S Cook **Family Readers:** J O'Brien, C Porter
Ministers: M Clancey, E Dalton, E Dwyer

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

17 September Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford
 24 September Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

17 September Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples
 24 September Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 10 September Group 2: Peter Kenna

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 24 September: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: In the Lord's Prayer, we ask forgiveness from God and pledge to forgive those who wrong us. Pray it often this week.

Living The Word: The boundless mercy and compassion of God is freely given when we ask for it. If we are forgiven, we should also forgive others. God's household, the Church, is the place where, above all, we should experience this forgiveness.

Marriage Tip: Do you show appreciation for the work your spouse does inside the home? Take a moment to say thanks for something he or she does on a regular basis, such as cooking, lawn care or laundry.

Daily Prayer: How many times, God Most High, we come seeking forgiveness, yet how often we refuse forgiveness to those who wrong us. Let the word of Jesus challenge our ways and drive anger far away from our hearts, so that we who so much need mercy ourselves may forgive our brothers and sisters from the heart, as often and as easily as we would have you forgive us.

A Vocation View: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

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.

September, A Catholic Season of Creation

St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.
 Pope Francis Laudato Si' #12

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September Parishes. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Baptism

"Through the sacrament of baptism the faithful are incorporated into Christ and into his Church. They are formed into God's people and they obtain forgiveness of all their sins. They become a new creation and are called, rightly, the children of God." (Rite of Christian Initiation, General Introduction, n.1)

Eucharist

The celebration of the Eucharist is the centre of the entire Christian life, in which Jesus Christ is offered and received, and by which the Church constantly grows. It is the summit and the source of all Christian worship and life, signifying and effecting the unity of the people of God, providing spiritual nourishment, and achieving the building up of the Body of Christ. (Canon 897)

"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

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time—17th September 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Jack Caulfield, Helen Beard, Ray Jenkins

Anniversaries: Shae Johnson, Fr. Claridge, Tony Fitzgerald, Sylvie Watty, Jack Hyland, John McKinnon, Eva Conlan, Sister Audrey King, Fr. Dunworth, Vera Hyland, Hugh Waring, Elizabeth George, Peter Morris, Tom, Pam & John Lourey, Ron Mills, Beattie Bromley, Beryl Bone

Mass Times Tuesday 10.00am (Marcia Barmby RIP)
 Wednesday 9.30am
 Thursday 9.30am **International Day of Peace**
 Friday 9.30am
 9.45am Emmanuel College



THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.00am

The Word of God: This Week: Sir 27: 30-28:7, Rom 14: 7-9, Mt 18: 21-35
 Next Week: Is 55: 6-9, Phil 1: 20c-24.27a, Mt 20: 1-16a

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am

Season of Creation

1 September—4 October

Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.



Pope Francis from Laudato Si'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

**THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL;
SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN COMPASSION.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Be our way, Lord, be our truth, Lord, be our hope of life eternal.

HYMNS:

Entrance	16	Glory and Praise
Gifts	115	A Trusting Psalm
Communion	6	Lord To Whom Shall We Go?
	88	Taste and See
Recessional	CWB 690	Go Now You Are Sent Forth

Mystery Of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Two New Seminararians: Welcome to Peter Cay and Bill Lowry.

Peter arrived from Vietnam, from the Diocese of Vin, on June 27th 2017. Peter has begun his full time English language course at ACU, taking up residence at Corpus Christi College on July 29th, as a pre-seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat, having previously graduated from a University in Hue. Bill Lowry has been accepted by Bishop Paul as a seminararian for the Diocese of Ballarat. In his 2nd year at Corpus Christi, Bill has been a student for Melbourne Archdiocese, but lived in Ballarat prior to the seminary. He has now applied for and been accepted as a student for our Diocese. We welcome and pray for them both.

Leunig—A Spring Prayer

Dear God,
We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms and bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheel barrow, we give thanks. We celebrate and give thanks. Amen!



We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further information about the Social Justice Statement, visit www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

The Eucharist is a sign of unity.

Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.- Sr Dianne Bergant.



The celebration of the Eucharist is a "glorious exchange" - we offer what God has first given to us, and, in receiving those offerings back, we receive God's very self.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara 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 September with the Saints "What is easier, sweeter, more pleasant, than to love goodness, beauty, and love the fullness of which you are, O Lord, my God?" (St. Robert, 17th Sept)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am

Study: The Sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, liturgy, Church history on line. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867.

New Liturgy Rosters Available Today.

Celebrant for Mass today will be Fr. Kevin Arundell.

Thank you to date our annual collection on Father's Day has brought in \$880.50.

Can you help? The St Vincent de Paul Society is starting an **After-School Tutoring Program** for primary school-aged students. We are looking for **volunteer tutors. You do NOT need to be a teacher.** More information is available on a flyer in the parish foyer. Or contact CHRISTINA WORRAL on 0409 841 312, or Christina.worrall@svdp-vic.org.au

Cards (Euchre & Solo) 1pm on Tuesday in the Church foyer.

Good Luck to our students for their production "Imagine If..." on Tuesday in the Emmanuel Centre.

New Family Groups Coordinators are Sue Smith and Louise Taggart who will replace Laine and Terry Kenny. We appreciate the ministry within our Parish Family.

Course on "Responsible Service of Alcohol" Monday 25 September at WDEA, 229 Moore St. Contact 5561 2579.

50th Anniversary of Opening of St Martins in the Pines Saturday October 28th, 1.30pm-5pm.

Register at www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Available today is the letter written by Bishop Paul. He calls the letter 'Marriage according to Pope Francis'. (Yellow Paper)

Situation Vacant Pastoral Associate at St Joseph's Parish. Contact 5562 2231.

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones Mass 10.30, October 15—Daylesford.

"Come live life in all its fullness"

Introduction to the Bible every Friday in the Meeting Room at 10am.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship—everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

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.

Thank You for the warm and memorable welcome given to our 50 First Communicants, their families and friends as the children were fully initiated into our Church last Sunday. Visitors from NSW travelling with a Car Club phoned during the week to say Mass on Saturday night was "the best Mass they have ever been part of." They mentioned how welcoming our community is and how "great" the children were.



"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"

Today we welcome with great joy
Isla Champion
who is being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.