

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 31 March / 1 April

6pm Welcomers: Walsh/Hargraves Gifts: Richards Family Readers: F O'Connor, A Ryan

Ministers: D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey

9am Welcomers: D Grimshaw, J McCosh Gifts: J&S Smits Family Readers: B Bourke, E Dalton

Ministers: K O'Leary, A Sanderson, C Spencer

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

25 March D&D
1 April Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

25 March Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett
1 April Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

COMMUNION TO LYNDONCH: 1 April: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: What moments of utter abandonment have you experienced? Have you ever been jeered at by others? Share stories of occasions of desolation in your life. Share reflections on how you respond to the abandonment which Jesus experienced. Can you make connections? Share time reflecting on the events of the Passion of Jesus. What does it mean for you that Jesus died for all humanity? Make this prayer often this week. *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.*

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Golgotha is a Semitic word which means 'skull'. The name Calvary comes from the Latin translation of 'skull'. It is likely that the name comes from the habitual use of the site for executions. Passion or Palm Sunday is the beginning of what is known as Holy Week, a period of intense preparation for the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. The Passion of Christ refers to his arrest, trial and death. Jesus is in Jerusalem at this time to celebrate the Festival of Passover.

Exploring the Word: If, as scholars suggest, Mark is writing for a community of believers in Rome who are undergoing persecution and even death, how may this image of Jesus' suffering resonate with them? What comfort may they take from this image of Christ?

Living the Word: The palms used today symbolise Christ's triumph while the cross is the symbol of the death through which his triumph is achieved. Traditionally, Catholics take the palms and place them in a position of prominence in their homes as a reminder of the passion Christ endured for us. The palm is often attached to a cross uniting these two symbols. Do you have a cross or crucifix in your home? Use a cross and some palms for a focus for prayer. Allow some quiet time for meditation on the events of the Passion. 'Jesus remember me.' Pray for those who are approaching baptism.

Marriage Tip: Typically couples divide up work around the house according to time, skill, and interest. For a change of pace, try switching up jobs for a day. The work might not get done as efficiently, but you'll learn a lot.

Daily Prayer: As we enter this Holy Week, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Empty us of ourselves, and draw us close to the cross of Christ, that, looking on One forsaken, we may acknowledge this man to be truly the Son of God and confess him as Christ the Lord.

A Vocation View: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord.
Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.



"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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—25th March 2018

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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: Allen Sheppard

Anniversaries: Patrick O'Toole, Kevin McDowall, Elizabeth White, Jan Anderson, John Boyce, Helen Moloney, Joan Mugavin, Kevin Riley, Pippa Rea, Francis O'Keefe

Mass Times Monday Mass of the Holy Oils 6.30pm Cathedral, Ballarat
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday Mass 7.00pm
Good Friday (Day of Fast and abstinence)
The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross at Allansford

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 6.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 9.00am
Allansford 10.30am

The Word of God: This Week: Is 50: 4-7/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47
Next Week: Acts 10: 34a. 37-43/ Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8/ Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Good Friday at Allansford after Stations of the Cross 10.30am

Notes for the Triduum—Washing of the feet

- ◆ All are welcome to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday 7pm. Move to the Isle seat.
- ◆ "Can you Watch One Hour With Me" at the Altar of Repose until 9pm Holy Thursday
- ◆ **Project Compassion** envelopes/boxes can be part of our Presentation of Gifts on Holy Thursday 7.00pm.



Palm Sunday

Good Stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.



*Red is the colour of
Blood, the Holy
Spirit, of Fire and of
Royalty*

Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church on the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **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 GA 312 Hosanna to the Son of David
- Gifts 104 Blessings of the King
- Communion 27 Song of the Body of Christ
- 179 Blest Be the Lord
- Recessional 124 Let Heaven Rejoice

Mystery Of Faith

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



Palm Sunday

Easter Message

I've been thinking what life would be like without Easter. You might say it would mean one less holiday and not much more. In fact, despite the odd escapist pleasure, life would be one long and dark Calvary. That's the kind of living death many people know, a life without Easter. In the end, that's the definition of paganism—keeping in mind that pagans aren't bad people, just people who find real hope and hence real life difficult or impossible. As St Paul says of us Christians, we are the most pathetic people of all if Jesus isn't risen from the dead. But once he does rise and once we believe he rises, then everything changes—not suddenly or magically but slowly and deep down where the victory of Easter is unstoppable. We have the peace of those who know how the story ends. On the way to that ending, there are and will be agonies of every kind, as we see daily around the world, and less frequently perhaps in our own life. But the agony of Calvary will give way to the joy of Easter. All the blood and tears of the world, gathered up in the Cross, will give birth to the songs of joy which are unique to Easter, music that reaches beyond all our disappointment, disillusionment and depression. The world without Easter would be a tomb. The world with Easter is a womb teeming with a life bigger than death. Happy Easter. - Archbishop Mark Coleridge



Project Compassion

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, near a rubbish dump in the Philippines. She is now a social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

Find Project Compassion resources and films at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Prayer of Intercession

That we recognise the suffering Christ in those most marginalised and vulnerable to exploitation, and that we are moved to stand up and do what is right in order that all people can live life to the full as Jesus promised.

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)

Study Online—sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, pastoral care and liturgy. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office on 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867. The courses go for 5 weeks.

Rosters are available today.

Stations of the Cross Good Friday at Allansford 10.30am & Monday 10am at OLHC.

Compliments of the Parish The Autumn Edition of "Australian Catholics." Theme is 'Prophetic Voices.'

Redemptorist Mission for the Warrnambool Parishes, April 21-24.

Training to be Special Ministers of the Eucharist is now being offered. Special Ministers help with Communion at Masses, take Communion to the housebound and nursing homes. Expressions of interest can be given to Father Lawrie or John O'Sullivan.

Can you help? The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Programme for primary school-aged students which began last year at St Pius Primary School was a great success due to the wonderful team of volunteer tutors who took part. This year we intend to expand the project to include students from other schools and thus we need more volunteers. **You do NOT need to be a teacher.** Contact Christina Worrall on 0447 156 690 or Christina.worrall@svdp-vic.org.au for more information.

Names are welcome for Our Holy Week Ceremonies. Please fill in the sheets in the foyer.

Needed Parishioners who could deliver Thanks Giving Envelopes within the Parish. See Father Lawrie or Helen Goddard.

"Playgroup" Places are available at OLHC School.

Need Help to stay at home? Call "Villa Maria Catholic Homes" 1300 919 850.

Emmanuel College Information Evening, April 23 for year 7, 2019. Open Day and Expo, April 29. Book a Tuesday Tour on 5560 0888.

Debricator Refresher Course April 17th at 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Devotions St Pius, Sunday April 8th 2.30-4pm.

Australian Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Oct 23-Nov 3. Bookings 02 8912 4818.

Choir Practice for Holy Week on Palm Sunday 3.30pm. New singers and Musicians are most welcome.

Next Sunday **Daylight Saving Ends** Turn Clocks back One Hour Saturday Night.

Next Sunday is Neighbour Day.

James Treffry will receive the Holy Oils of Baptism, of Chrism and of the Sick for use in our Parish from Bishop Paul on Monday evening.

ABC TV Tuesday 9.30pm, "Jesus Countdown to Calvary"

The Plenary Council 2020 of the Church in Australia has a website for updates: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-2 This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/tablet/i-phone, offers the Gospel for every day of 2018, this Liturgical Year B-2 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of each daily Gospel. www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/ OLHC School welcome your Coles Vouchers.

Cards Euchre & Solo on Tuesday 1pm in church foyer.

"How beautiful it is to stand before the crucifix simply to be under the Lord's GAZE so full of LOVE."
-Pope Francis Based on *Evangelii Gaudium*, n.264

