

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 13/14 April

6pm Welcomers: S&R Zanos Gifts: M&U Williams Readers: S Hogan, B Kavanagh

Ministers: M&T Harney, S Reinmer, P Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry

9am Welcomers: M Brown Gifts: D Duynhoven Readers: J Fish, P Franc

Ministers: H Goddard, C Spencer, J Squires

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

7 April Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte

14 April Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

7 April Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

14 April Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Perera

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 14 April: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: Have you ever been hasty in your judgement and condemnation of others? Is there someone who is on the outer to whom you can offer support this week?

Did You Know?: Pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the great festivals and who could not find lodging in the city often stayed the night on the Mount of Olives, just outside the city gates. On the Mount of Olives is a garden area called Gethsemane, which means 'oil press' in Hebrew. The Mount of Olives offered a spectacular view across to the temple.

Exploring the Word: The intimacy of Jesus' address to the woman as 'Woman' echoes the term he uses in addressing his mother (John 2:4, John 19:26). Jesus neither condemns nor condones. He simply accepts the woman as she is and invites her to a new life. It is acceptance and love that allows repentance and change to occur in others.

Sharing the Tradition: Turning away from sin requires a conversion of the heart (CCC§1430). *'Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil ... At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace'* (CCC§1431). *'Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life'* (CCC§1427). Being a Christian demands constant re-conversion. Often we fail to live up to the promise of our new life, so we need to undergo many experiences of conversion to orient ourselves again to God.

Symbols and Images: The question posed to Jesus by the Pharisees was meant to trick him. If he condoned her stoning, the act would break Roman law; if he refused to condone it, he would be holding religious law in contempt. In his response, God, in Jesus, is offering a new way. He does not condemn the sinner but invites her to leave her past behind and begin again. The imagery of forgiveness is consistent throughout the Lenten readings.

Daily Prayer: As once in the vision, O God, your prophet summoned the spirit so that dry bones stood up alive, and as once you Son stood fearless at death's door calling Lazarus to come forth alive, raise us up with Christ from death of sin, that all of us, the elect and the baptised, may be unbound and set free.

Marriage Tip: Thank your spouse for the lifelong journey he or she chose to take with you – just because.

Vocational View: Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

Doctors and their Collaborators in War-Torn Areas For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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

"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

5th Sunday of Lent – 7th April 2019

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Des Surkitt, Kath Squire, Jean Kampman

Anniversaries: Fathers Delahenty & Linane, Mary Schultz, Sister Teresa Pye, Brother Tuck, Stuart Nicolson, Tish Rea, Eleanor Thompson

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



Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	7.30pm Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

PALM SUNDAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

The Word of God:

This Week: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45

Next Week: Is 50: 4-7/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Lk 22: 14—23: 56

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

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

*"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
Coco Auld & Marli Attwell
who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*



Pope Francis laments the state of many **neighbourhoods**, which have become places of individualism, isolation, defensiveness, and mistrust. "Jesus desires to pour out an abundance of life upon our cities," he says. Our **neighbourhoods** should connect residents to each other and help us support each other, especially those in need. This is the **Gospel way**. (The Joy of the Gospel, 75)

What can you do this week to foster more connection and community in your neighbourhood?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Keep for Daily Prayer*)



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage it seemed like a dream; Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!" What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as steams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **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	74	Come to the Water
Gifts	182	Though the Mountains May Fall
Communion	45	Now We Remain
	26	Boniwell
Recessional	CWB 690	Go Now You Are Sent Forth

Mystery Of Faith

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

Buy Chocolates made without Slavery this Easter
Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate's Bitter Taste*, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world and the lives of these children by buying only slavery-free chocolates. There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Higgs and OXFAM shops. Chocolatier also produces Fair Trade Easter chocolate. Check the labels on the wrappers. For more information go to www.acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter

Warrnambool Churches Easter Arts Festival
OLHC is participating with our children's Art Works displayed at Gateway Plaza April 11-29 and a Painting at our Church Entrance especially created by Anne Wines. (Thanks to the organisation of our Parish Co ordinating Team)
"Symphony of the Passion" performed By Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra today 2.30pm at Anglican Church \$30/25c.
Mary & Peter Lawlor in concert today 2-4pm at Merri View Gallery, Coramba Crt.

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

Project Compassion

You may remember Salma, who featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she is now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

Training for Special Ministers of the Eucharist is being offered **today** at 3.30pm.



Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins
in preparation for a Holy Easter,
Thursday 11th April, 7pm at OLHC.

Holy Week
Palm Sunday Vigil Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9am
Holy Thursday 6pm
Good Friday 3pm
(Stations of the Cross 10.30am—Allansford Church)
Easter Vigil 6pm
Easter Morning 9am
Allansford 10.30am

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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. "If you are what you should be you will set the whole world ablaze" (St Catherine of Siena, April 20)

Holy Hour Monday 10am.

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.

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 are 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 and Monday 10am at OLHC.

Confirmation is offered to children in Grade 3 and above on **Pentecost Sunday** 8/9th June. A Parent Information evening will take place on Wednesday May 8th at 7pm.

Morning Coffee next Sunday after 9am Mass hosted by the Mahoney and Treffry Family Groups. A plate is welcome.

Cards on Tuesday 1pm in Church foyer.

Singing Practise for Holy Week, next Sunday at 5pm.

Volunteers are welcome for Holy Week Ceremonies. Sign in on the sheet in the foyer.

Warrnambool Parishes, Looking Forward

With the ageing priests in the Warrnambool District discussions have begun with neighbouring Parishes about the advantages of parishes working together. At combined meetings OLHC Parish is represented by Dion Bartlett, Kim Hilderbrandt and Fr. Lawrie. Merging together to form a new entity is a possibility. Fr. Van De Camp is retiring on May 5th; Fr. Linehan at the end of 2020.



Plenary Council Update

The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. More information about the *Listening and Discernment* phase will be available shortly. One of the key aspects of the Plenary Council 2020 is prayer. We ask you to continue to pray the Plenary Council Prayer