

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 5/6 May

6pm Welcomers: P&J Frusher Family **Gifts:** White Family **Readers:** M Bugge, C Carvalho

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

9am Welcomers: D Duynhoven, D Grimshaw **Gifts:** S Cook Family **Readers:** P McLean, J O'Brien

Ministers: L&T Kenny, F Lamb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

6 May Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

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

6 May Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 6 May: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: 'Cut off from me you can do nothing.' How are you connected to Christ? In what ways are you connected to all the other 'branches' who are the followers of Christ.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The vineyard was one of the ancient images of the people of Israel. God's chosen people and God in the vine-dresser. In John's Gospel the term 'I am' has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mt Sinai, God revealed himself as 'I am who am'. Jesus reveals himself as Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission: I am the living water, I am the good shepherd, I am the way, the truth and the life, I am the light of the world, I am the bread of life.

Exploring the Word: The vine carries the idea of the life which flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with disciples of Jesus.

Sharing the Tradition: The Eucharistic Prayer of the Liturgy. The Intercessions: At every Eucharist we stand before God as his people and intercede for the Church and its pastors, for the world, for those who have died and for ourselves. We entrust our needs and the needs of all creation to God's saving power. These prayers are made in union with Mary and with all the saints. These prayers of intercession recognise that our good is bound up with the good of all. We are called to stand in solidarity with all members of the human family and with Earth and all living creatures.

Living the Word: 'Make your home in me'. Jesus invites his disciples to place complete trust in him and not be distracted by the cares of the world. Being 'at home' is a powerful image appealing to the desire of all people for acceptance, love and security. Even if our lives are troubled, in Jesus we can always be secure and at peace.

Marriage Tip: Always think loving thoughts. Never let the devil creep in with negative talk.

Daily Prayer: As a Vinegrower, O God, you have grafted us onto Christ, that we may abide as living branches joined to the true Vine. Bestow on us the comforting presence of your Holy Spirit, so that, loving one another with a love that is sincere, we may become the firstfruits of a humanity made new, and bear a rich harvest whose fruits are holiness and peace.



Baptisms often take place after Sunday Masses. Baptism is not a sacrament celebrated in isolation, but one that also includes the commitment of the community to help the infant, child or adult continue to grow in faith.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for April

For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters.

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know

"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

Fifth Sunday of Easter — 29th April 2018

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Child Safety Officer—Dion Bartlett

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Franz Stocker, Bill Bolden, William Downdard, Sister Paula Fleming SJG
Anniversaries: Rebecca Driver, Olive O'Donnell, Fr. John Murphy, Bruce Logan, Rita van Kempen, Pat Harney, Fr. Thomas Brophy, Peter Hollard, Alan Johnson
"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)

Mass Times Monday 10.00am for Father John Murphy SDB RIP
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius



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

*White is the colour of
rejoicing*

The Word of God: This Week: Acts 9: 26-31/ 1 Jn 3: 18-24/ Jn 5: 1-8
Next Week: Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48/ 1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Jn 15: 9-17

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533
Reconciliation—Friday 10.30am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus came and stood among them and said 'Peace be with you'. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. John 20:19-20



Jesus, help us share your peace and joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!



In the morning and the evening, share the Sign of Peace to remind each other to be peacemakers



Yes, Christ is our peace and through him we implore peace for all the world.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promises"

(Prophets of a future not our own)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*

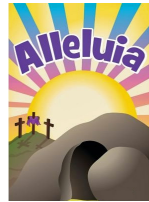


I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Now He is the living Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen: he has conquered death—opened heaven to all believers.

HYMNS:

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| Entrance | 80 | Sing a New Song |
| Gifts | 64 | We Have Been Told |
| Communion | 6 | Lord to Whom Shall We Go? |
| | CWB 615 | A New Commandment |
| Recessional | 57 | City of God |

Mystery Of Faith

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



Cuppas after Mass

We invite everyone to stop for a cuppa & chat after Mass. It's a great way for parishioners to welcome someone new. If you notice someone new or someone standing alone, please show some OLHC hospitality and introduce yourself.

Plenary Council

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a plenary council to be held in two sessions, the first in October 2020 and the second in May 2021. The council will involve representatives of Church communities from all around the nation, including bishops, priests, religious and laity. The role of the plenary council is to provide for the pastoral needs of the people of God in the particular country. So this council will be considering the needs of Australia and how we might fulfil our mission of sharing the good news of Christ with people today. In the diocese of Ballarat, we will have opportunities to gather in our local communities for prayer and dialogue, so that we might make our contribution to the plenary council. I invite you to take part in these gatherings, joining together in prayer and learning from the wisdom that the Spirit gives to each one. I invite you to pray for God's blessing on us all. -Paul Bird CSSR, Bishop of Ballarat

A Prayer for the Plenary Council

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia. May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet. Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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 April with the Saints *"God, you are a fire that consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. You are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates my mind, and causes me to know your truth."* St Catherine of Sienna (29 April)

Rosters are available today.

"Playgroup" Places are available at OLHC School.

Emmanuel College Open Day and Expo, Today, 1pm-3.30.

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

OLHC School welcome your Coles Vouchers.

Thank You our Project Compassion to date is \$ 4710.15

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" **Save the Date** Illowa Reunion November 17/18.

CBC Catch up Monday 30 April, 5.30-7pm at the Emmanuel Centre. Guest Speaker: Alumni, Gerard Daffy. RSVP: 5560 0888.

The Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair will be held on Saturday 5th May, in the grounds of Xavier College, Kew. **Tickets in the car raffle at \$10.00** each are available from **Peter Jackman 0419 106 734**.

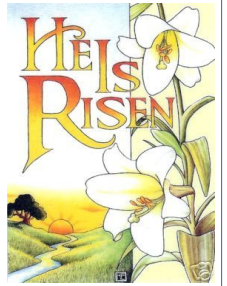
Sacramental Team meeting 4pm Tuesday.

Finance Maintenance meeting 7.30pm Tuesday.

Parish Co ordinating Team meeting 7.30pm Wednesday.

"Links" will be available for distribution by Zone Leaders at Masses Next weekend.

Training for New Special Ministers of the Eucharist will be in the Church on Wednesday 4pm, May 9th.



Confirmation

The bible is the record and witness of the covenant (promise) relationship between God and God's people Israel (Old Testament) and the Church (New Testament), in which is revealed and communicated who God is and how God acts in history for our salvation. The written texts of the Bible convey this relationship and revelation in ways belonging to their literary genre and historical context. The Bible is the Word of God mediated by human words. When these texts are proclaimed in the liturgy, in a setting of prayer and openness to the Spirit, God interacts with us here and now, speaking his Word anew in the midst of the assembly and inviting our response in faith.

"All we have to do is want God."

Blessed Rafael Arnáiz Barón
27 years old
Spanish Trappist Monk



Mother's Day Concert 2.30pm at St Joseph's Church. Presented by The Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra, \$25/20.

"After Mass we no longer live for ourselves but for others."

(Pope Francis)

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

This week's Prayer Focus

For the church in this land of the Holy Spirit, that it will be healed, strengthened and reinvigorated by the power of the Spirit of God.

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

Today we welcome with great joy
William McDowall, Mæve Crimmin & Alexander Drake

who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.