

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 15/16 December

6pm Welcomers: D Downard, J Magugat Gifts: PFlaherty Family Readers: L Flaherty, D Friebe

Ministers: S Reinmert, P Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White

9am Welcomers: J McCosh, J Zanos Gifts: C&S Cope Family Readers: T Baker, B Bourke

Ministers: J Squires, C Swarbrick, P Allan

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

9 December Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

16 December Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

9 December Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shannahan

16 December Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 16 December: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: Are there hills and valleys in your life that need to be made straight in order to make it easier for the Lord to come to you? Who are the prophets of the modern age who call people back to fidelity to God's plan for the world? This week try not to get bound up in the 'Christmas cheer' that dominates all around us. Choose instead, this week, to concentrate on the waiting and the preparation for what is to come.

Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore: Luke goes to great lengths to describe the geographical and political world into which Jesus is born. God enters into human history at a specific time and place. The coming of Jesus for the salvation of the world is not a vague notion but a concrete event in time. The prophets of the Hebrew tradition were specially chosen people who spoke the word of God to Israel. John the Baptist is someone referred to as the last of the great prophets. Scholars believe that Jesus may well have spent some time as a disciple of the Baptist before embarking on his own public ministry.

Sharing the Tradition: One of the features of the liturgy for Advent is the readings from the prophets of the Hebrew tradition. A prophet is one who speaks for God in a particular time and in a particular society. The sequence of the readings for Advent in Year C feature the words of Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Micah.

Symbols and Images: The Baptist's words call us to a new beginning. This time of preparation for the coming of the Lord of history at Christmas is a time for us to realign our road, to straighten our path so that the coming of Christ into our lives is made easier. We must prepare to welcome the Christ child.

Daily Prayer: O God everlasting, fill in the valleys of our neglect; bring low our mountains of self-centeredness. Prepare in our hearts your way of righteousness and peace. Let our love become a harvest of goodness, which you will bring to completion for the day of Christ Jesus.

Marriage Tip: Does your family have a plan for Advent this year? It's not too late – even simple traditions like the Advent wreath help prepare your hearts and home for the coming of Jesus.

Vocational View: Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path?

10 December – International Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December – the day which in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." -- Eleanor Roosevelt



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



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Advent – 9th December 2018

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Margaret Murnane, Val Farley, Wilf Amarant, Glenice Love

Anniversaries: Fr Payne, Terry McMeel, Bill Brittain, Athol Bourke, Roger Walsh, Roma Pigott, Maurice Nash, Tony Wilkinson, Jessica Ward

"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	1.00pm Sacrament of the Sick
	Friday	9.30am
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



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

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*

The Word of God:

This Week: Bar 5: 1-9/ Phil 1: 4-6.8-11/ Lk 3: 1-6

Next Week: Zep 3: 14-18a/ Phil 4: 4-7/ Lk 3: 10-18

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am; Saturday 10.20 am at St Pius

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the



Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the **Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation** for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si (2015) 236*

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is **a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together** for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them. *GIRM 42*

**"Confidence in God causes us to hope,
for everything comes from His paternal goodness." - C McAuley**

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, 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 streams 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

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the king of creation.

HYMNS:

Entrance CWB 794 Prepare the Way

Wreath



*Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;
We are your people, we trust in your love.
O Son of Justice, true Prince of Peace,
Come with your justice, Lord, Maranatha!*

Gifts 160 Like a Shepherd
Communion 6 Lord to Whom Shall We Go?
81 We Remember
Recessional 124 Let Heaven Rejoice

Mystery Of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Plenary Council 2020: What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing their experience of faith and of the Church. The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. Our questions about and our hopes for the Church will arise from hearts that listen to the Spirit. This week, we are inviting all our parishioners to pray the Advent Plenary Council prayer each day as a way of preparing to share our stories.

Share your story, your voice is needed.

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



**Advent
Plenary Prayer**

Be still
Be still and know
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I am your God.
God of this Advent time
As we watch, wait, long and hope,
Encourage us in our efforts to
listen humbly to each other
Inspire in us the words to speak
boldly with each other
Create within us a spirit of discernment
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue
our journey to the Plenary Council.
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—
God-with-us.
Amen.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Family Mass 6.00pm
Christmas Carols 7.30pm
Mass during the night 8.00pm
Christmas Day Mass 8.30am
Allansford 10.00am

Help Welcome at our

Masses—
Welcomers, Leaders, Readers,
Special Ministers, Presentation
of Gifts.



Please indicate on the Sheet in the foyer.

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 December with the Saints "Throw wide the gate of your heart and stand before the sun of everlasting light" (St. Ambrose, 7 Dec)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am.

"WORSHIP then is not part of the Christian life it is the Christian Life."

- Fr. Gerald Vann OP

Your voice is important to shaping the future of the church. **The Plenary Council** wants us to respond to this question; **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?** Reply to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au OR have the Parish Office send them for you.

Compliments of the Parish "Our Diocesan Community" is available.

Carols By Candlelight on the Civic Green, Friday 21st December. Children's Activities & BBQ, 6.30pm, Carols at 7.30pm.

Compliments of the Parish the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available.

The Annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**, envelopes for cash donations and a basket for foodstuffs or wrapped gifts are in the Church foyer. **We Thank You** for your incredible generosity.

Christmas Carols at the Allansford Hall on Sunday 9th December at 7.00pm.

Community Christmas Day Lunch St. Joseph's Hall. Free. RSVP Mary 0409 158 177 by the 19th December.

Volunteers are needed at St John of God Hospital. Contact Director of Mission Integration—Felicity Barker.

2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)
Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.



High Afternoon Tea after 1pm Mass on Thursday. A plate welcome. On behalf of our Parish Family, please extend our invitation.

Advent

Reflections Thursday 7.30pm;
Friday 10.00am.
Christmas Cards for Sale (to support St Vincent de Paul) \$3 for 8.



Columban Calenders \$8 (Excellent Christmas Gift and supports Columban Missions)
Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins—
Wednesday December 19th 7.30pm.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.