ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 17/18 December

- Welcomers: M Thompson/P Walsh Gifts: M Thompson/J Van Baaran Readers: G&M McDonald 6pm Ministers: M Crichton, P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, M Harney
- Welcomers: T Davev/T McCutcheon Gifts: Fitzpatrick/Vielhabor Readers: M Davies, D Farley 9am Ministers: B Byrne, M Clancey, E Dalton

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

11 December Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor 18 December Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford COUNTING TEAMS:



11 December Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples 18 December Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 4 December Group 2: Peter Kenna COMMUNION TO LYNDOCH: 18 December: Colin Rvan

Making Connections: This week, find ways to be 'good news' to others, especially those who are sick or alienated or marginalised.

Marriage Tip: "Children benefit from our 'presence' more than our 'presents'" (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference). During this Advent, ponder the tone that time with your spouse, children, and extended family will take during the upcoming Christmas season.

Daily Prayer: Sustain us, O God, on our Advent journey as we go forth to welcome the One who is to come; and make haste to help us as we seek to understand what we went out to see in the Advent wilderness: your patience nurturing your saving purpose to fulfilment, your power in Jesus making all things new.

A Vocation View: "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

Pope's Praver Intentions for December

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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.

Advent:

Let us ponder what is in our minds and hearts when we say "Come Lord Jesus!" TIME: After 9.30 Mass, on Friday. VENUE: Meeting Room

"Cur lives are an Advent, a time of waiting, listening and hoping, a time of openness to the unimaginable gift of God.

-Maria Boulding osb.

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" St John Paul II

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"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



Let us hasten to welcome the stranger,

and so welcome your Son.

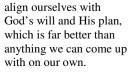
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

We make this prayer in his name,

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the

Patience is another one of those things things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Praver)

LORD, COME AND SAVE US.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed

down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever. Zion's God. from age to age. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Spread the good news over all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen

HYMNS:

Entrance 12 Gather Us In 174 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Gifts Communion 129 One Bread. One Body 185 Our Supper Invitation Recessional Christ be our Light

Third Sunday of Advent

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

For 16 days, Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans urge us to join the global campaign to combat gender-based violence. That means working together to stop the trafficking of girls and women.

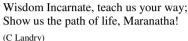
"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"

Today **we welcome** with great joy Angus & Maggie Thornton, Skyhla McCorkindale & Ned Swan who are being **<u>baptised</u>** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WREATH:

truth.

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope: We are your people, Lord, we seek your



Mystery Of Faith

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

Christ Be Our Light
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your
church gathered today.

WASTING TIMF WITH GOD.

"Friendships need space to develop and grow strong. Friends must waste time together. It is also thus in prayer. Prayer is making friends with God and he with us. Prayer is trying to focus on the mind of God, and to admit him into our hearts. Prayer is wasting time with God. Prayer needs space to develop and grow strong". Cardinal Basil Hume.

"The Rising Sun has come to visit us to guide our feet in the way of peace." (Lk 1:7)

"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone." St John Paul II

Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins in preparation for Christmas Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 6pm 8pm (Carols from 7.30pm)

Christmas Dav: 8.30am 10am Allansford **Christmas Carols:**

This evening in the Allansford Hall 7pm. On Friday on the Civic Green 6.30pm for 7.30pm. Christmas Eve 7.30pm at OLHC

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this landthe Gunditimara 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-7th Dec)

Holy Hour Monday 10am. OLHC, a Spiritual Oasis "Set pools of silence in this thirsty land." (James McAuley) Compliments of the **Parish** the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available today, "The Big Tent Church".

"Let us pray for those who are sick. We remember them in our Masses"

"When Our Savior came to

The Parish has been gifted with a Defibrillator. We invite parishioners who would be willing to learn how to use it.

Situations Vacant: Volunteer Church Cleaners welcome. Apply Fr Lawrie.

Special Liturgy of the Word for Children next Saturday 6pm.

Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are for sale by the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Society has a Christmas **appeal** for the poor.

Advent Calendar-visit www.xt3.com/advent

4.30pm Singing practice Today.

Monday is the 185th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Sister of earth God blessed this land" Mercy. At 6.30pm view celebrations on (Origen) www.institute.mercv.org.au

Christmas Day Luncheon at the Uniting Church. RSVP 5561 6085.

"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." (Leonard Cohen)

Thanksgiving and Eucharist

Eucharist means thanksgiving. In the ancient dialogue between priest and people that introduces the Eucharist (thanksgiving) prayer, the priest says "let us give thanks to the Lord, our God." The people respond "it is right and just."

Why must we discharge this obligation at Mass rather than in the comfort of our own homes? Because our sacrifice of thanksgiving is weak and insufficient on its own. There was only One who has ever offered perfect worship to the Father, and His sacrifice is made present again at every Eucharist. Our inadequate "thanks" is absorbed into the perfect sacrifice of praise offered by the Son much like the drop of insipid water the priest puts in the chalice is absorbed into the rich wine that becomes Christ's blood.

But thanksgiving can't be limited to Sunday Eucharist. We are called to develop a lifestyle of thanksgiving. We're called to become a Eucharistic people. (Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio)



