#### Nativity of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Good News and areat joy to all the world: today is born our Savour, Christ the Lord, Alleluia.

#### Feast of the Holy Family **Responsorial Psalm**

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

#### 10.00 am Mass Times This Week

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Recent Deaths: Ellie De Jona Kathleen Myers (mother of Trish Pearce)

Anniversaries: Joseph Nunan

Epiphany of the Lord Readinas Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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#### 2nd / 3rd January, 2015

#### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Frank Hoaan Communion Ministers: Val & John Bourke, Pauline Howard, Joyce Jackson, Pat Dillon Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman Leader of Sona: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am Minister of the Word: Stan White Communion Ministers: Peter Briody. Harry & Coralie Kennedy + 2 volunteers Sacristans: Robyn Clarke, Neville Walker Leader of Sona: Maraaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities 8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth Minister of the Word: Gay Nolan Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra Minister of the Word: Volunteer Communion Minister: Volunteer

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# Our Lady Help of Christians

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Christmas, Season Notice, Sheet



to Our Lady Help of Christians Parish as we gather to celebrate the Feast of Christmas



"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel. a name which means 'God is with us'"

Matt 1:13

Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302 Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St   Assist. Priest: Fr. Peter Danh 5338 2118				
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Parish School:	Principal: Stephen Russell	Baptism Contact:	Parish Office	
	5339 4726		5339 2302	
Parish Centre	Bookings: 0439 106 399	Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen		
Funeral Ministry: Margaret White 5339 2003		5331 5504		
,		Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776		

## Prayer Before Christmas Dinner

God of gifts we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful to each one gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food, and those we love, who are not with us today.

> In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat.

We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live.

We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world.

We bless you and give you thanks for bringing our hearts to life this Christmas Day. Amen.





We wish you and your family a joyous and peaceful time together. May you have the spirit of Christmas Peace. The gladness of Christmas Hope. The heart of Christmas Love.

### **Christmas Appeal 2015**

The Bishop's Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities around the world who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the diocese of Ballarat. Our response is an indication of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

Thank you for your support of last year's appeal and I commend this year's appeal to you. Distribution for 2014 appeal was as follows:

Totalling	46,050
Exodus Community, Wendouree	2,000
Bishop's Appeal for Refugees in the Middle East	7,500
Good Samaritan Centre, Kiribati	2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000
National Aboriginal ^ Torres Strait Islander Catholic Church	2,550
St Lourdes - East Timor	1,000
Diocese of Auki - Solomon Islands	2,000
Diocese of Raratonga - Marist Missions	2,000
Diocese of Tonga - Marist Missions	2,000
Archdiocese of Honiara - Solomon Islands	2,000
Sisters of Nazareth in Fiji	1,000
Diocese of Aitape through Franciscan Missionary Union	8,000
Columban Mission Society in Peru	8,000
Loreto-Vietnam Australia Programme (Sr. Trish Franklin (IBVM)	2,000