

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 12/13 December

6pm **Welcomers:** S&R Zanos **Gifts:** Garner Family **Readers:** R Cussen, C Del Rio

Ministers: C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier

9am **Welcomers:** M&R Brown **Gifts:** G Howland Family **Readers:** E Dalton, M Davies

Ministers: P Allan, J Facey, H Goddard

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

6 December Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, B McGrath, J Carroll, T McLeod

13 December Group 6: Sudanese Community

COUNTING TEAMS:

6 December Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

13 December Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 6 December Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 13 December: Colin Ryan



Making Connections: This week try not to get bound up in the 'Christmas cheer' which dominates all around us. Choose instead to concentrate on the waiting and the preparation for what is to come.

Marriage Tip: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from...the anxieties of daily life." (Lk 21:34) Advent is a time of watchful expectation. What anxieties make you "drowsy"? Talk about them with your spouse, and pray for peace.

Daily Prayer: God of everlasting glory and eternal love, from west and east you gather the humble, leading them with joy to the glorious light of your kingdom. Make straight your path in our hearts; bring low the heights of our pride; and prepare us to celebrate with ardent faith the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A Vocation View: John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6).

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

Universal: Experiencing God's mercy

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: Families

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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.



MISSION PRAYER

Blessed are You,
Lord God of all creation.

Blessed are You Jesus Christ,
the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Blessed are you, Oh Holy Spirit,
the source of all inspiration.

May your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love and forgiveness
be established in every land.

May your healing hand
touch the sick,
comfort the lonely
and give new life to all.

Be our companion on the road
and help us to make your mission alive
in our community and throughout the world.

We make this prayer through Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

"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

2nd Sunday of Advent — 6th December 2015

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Annie Collins, Fr. Justin Woodford, Walter Halihan, Bill Scutcheon, Paul Gleeson, Isabel Brown, Janice Whitehead

Anniversaries: Gordon Barley, Monsignor Gleeson, Jessie Ward, Rosemary Claffey, Johanna Arundell, Nell Braybrook, Jan Brookes, Roma Pigott, Athol Bourke

Mass Times: Monday	7.30 at St. Pius
Tuesday	10.00am (The Immaculate Conception)
Wednesday	1.30pm (Anointing Mass)
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am (Jessie Ward RIP)
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm	ADVENT 3
	Sunday	9.00am	

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

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

Reconciliation - Friday 10.00am; Saturday 10.30am at St. Pius

Second Sunday of Advent

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

*Carols next
Sunday 7pm in
the Allansford
Hall.*

'Community is a place of belonging where each person can grow to become fully him or herself. It is belonging for becoming. We belong to each other so that each member can become more human, more loving, more free, more open to others, particularly to those who are different. When each member can develop their unique gifts and help others to develop theirs, members are no longer in competition but in collaboration, in cooperation and in mutual support. To become is not to prove I am better than you, but rather supporting together each other in opening up our hearts. Thus community is a place of transformation...' - Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian

We welcome with great joy **Adelyn Toulmin & Alexander McMillan** who are being baptised into the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Life in a Whole new Light"

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, Praise the Word of truth and life.

We shall watch, Lord, we shall pray, Lord, for we know not when you cometh.

HYMNS:

Entrance CWB 794 Prepare the Way

Res Ps CWB 177

Gifts 78 Wait for the Lord

Communion 6 Lord to Whom Shall We Go?

81 We Remember

Recessional Christ Be Our Light

WREATH:

Be on your guard and stay awake, I will return so stay awake. You know not when so stay awake, until I come again. Jesus, we stand awaiting you. Watching in prayer, proclaiming you. You are the light of all the world. We prayer your Kingdom Come

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.

Mystery Of Faith

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

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

December 2015-November 2016

The Holy Doors

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy: twelve months for us to focus on and deepen our gratitude for the loving mercy of God. As with all jubilee years, the Year of Mercy will include the use of a Holy Door, a specially designated entrance that has spiritual and symbolic meaning for Catholics.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, passing through a Holy Door is part of the pilgrimage that all Catholics are encouraged to make, whether during a trip to Rome or a trip to the **cathedrals**.

"By crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us" -Pope Francis

Pope St. John Paul II said, the Holy Door "evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish"

Today pilgrims still enter through the Holy Door as a sign of repentance and the desire to renew and recommit to their faith.

On December 8, 2015, the Holy Door at St. Peter's will be opened to begin the Year of Mercy. "On that day, the Holy Door will become a *Door of Mercy* through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope."

The door, which is bricked shut at the end of a Holy Year, is ceremonially opened by the pope. Traditionally, the pope strikes it three times with a silver hammer, while singing, "Open unto me the gates of justice."

The threefold strike to open the door is symbolic. It recalls Moses's striking the rock to bring forth water (Nm 20:6-11), as well as God striking the earth to free Paul and Syllis from prison (Acts 16:25-40) and the strike the soldier gave Jesus on the cross.

Advent at OLHC

Mass of Anointing 1.30pm Wednesday 9th December with High Afternoon Tea and a visit from the School Choir.

Mass for "**The Forgiveness of Our Sins**" Thursday 17th December 7.30pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Christmas Day	8.30am
	8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)		10.00am at Allansford

PARISH LIFE

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 Son of everlasting light." (St. Ambrose—Dec 7th)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am. (Prepare for Christmas)

A free online daily Advent Resource program "**The Face of Mercy**". Subscribe:

www.thefaceofmercy.org.au

The latest edition of "**Our Diocesan Community**" is available—compliments of the Parish.

Also "**Australian Catholics**" is now available.

Bishop Paul has written a letter regarding the Royal Commission, copies are available in Church porch.

Children's Liturgy will be held over the next 3 weeks for Advent. We will be making symbols to hang on a **Jesse Tree** which will be displayed in the foyer. All children welcome to attend.

Envelopes are available on the Church pews for a Christmas gift/help from the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Warrnambool Carols by Candlelight Combined Church Choir

If you love to sing, can commit to a couple of rehearsals and want to contribute in a meaningful way to our Carols night on the 18th December, we would love you to join us.

When: Rehearsals 4.30pm-6pm on the 6th and 13th December

Where: Baptist Church, 207 Koroit St

What: Christmas carols celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Day Lunch at Uniting Church. Bookings 0409 158 177.

New app assists daily reflection during the Year of Mercy, get it on Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=fraynetwork.mercying>

On Tuesday we begin "**The Year of Mercy**" Mass 10am.

Cards (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer.

High Afternoon Tea for Senior Parishioners on Wednesday after The Sacrament of the Sick at 1.30pm.

Thanks to all who made the Flower Festival a wonderful Parish event. Praise God.

Ecumenical Carol Singing Monday December 21st, 5.30pm at Allansford Uniting Church.

Get #KidsOut by Christmas Liturgy & Carol Singing, Wednesday December 9th, 10.30-11.30am, Dan Tehan's Warrnambool Office, 73 Kepler St. Bring Christmas Cards & messages of support for Children in Detention.

For Sale Christmas Cards 8 for \$3
Columban Calenders \$8 (with monthly prints of the Masters; ideal gift)

Singing practice at 4.30pm on Sunday 13th December for Christmas Masses