

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 26/27 December

6pm Welcomers: D White, M Brown Gifts: D&A Grundy Readers: S Hogan, B Kavanagh

Ministers: D Friebe, B Gladman, E McKinnon, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield

9am Welcomers: J Donohue, J O'Grady Gifts: C&L Lane Readers: P Franc, A Greig

Ministers: E Dalton, L&T Kenny

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

20 December Group 7: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

27 December Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

20 December Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

27 December Team 8: Shirley McKane, Michael Soulsby

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 20 December Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 27 December: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: This week try to visit someone who is in need of some attention, especially as Christmas is almost upon us. Make the time to reach out to another.

Marriage Tip: What does your spouse do that makes you laugh? Often it's the silly idiosyncrasies or foibles that can be special secrets between you.

Daily Prayer: God of the everlasting covenant, as your servant David leapt and danced before the ark, so John the Baptist leapt in the womb of Elizabeth when Mary came bearing within her the promised One. Let that Christ stand in our midst today, and feed this flock in the strength of your name. Prepare us, O God, to be a people doing your will, a nation believing that your promises will be fulfilled.

A Vocation View: Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.



Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that **your ministers** would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them **feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.** Send your Spirit and **consecrate** every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with **renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,** proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. 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

4th Sunday of Advent — 20th 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: Nancy Mitchell, Norm Densley, Wayne Butchman, Leon Greene, Michael Slattery, Alma Matthews

Anniversaries: Brian Vallence, Peter Kelly, Robert Roache, Fr. Glennen, Annie Chapman, Tottie O'Brien, Matt O'Sullivan, Pat Malady

Mass Times: Monday 7.30 am at St. Pius
Tuesday 10.00am (Brian Vallence RIP)
Wednesday 9.30am



Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Family Mass) **Christmas Day** 8.30am
8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)

Masses at Allansford Christmas Mass 10.00am
January 3rd (The Epiphany) 10.30am

THE LORD'S DAY Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am **HOLY FAMILY**

The Word of God: This Week: Mi 5: 1-4a, Heb 10: 5-10, Lk 1: 39-45
Next Week: 1 Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24, Lk 2: 41-52
Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Mary is the cause of our joy. For in Mary draws near the Messiah

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Saviour gave her time and love to others as well.

What is Christmas?

It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

Agnes M Pharo

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

**LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU;
LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. R.



God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. 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 20 Joyful in Hope
- Res Ps CWB 173
- Gifts 52 The Magnificat
- Communion 125 Eat This Bread
- 49 I Am The Bread Of Life
- Recessional 28 Praise to You (Verses 3&4)

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

Mystery Of Faith

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



Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life is our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1817

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.

Christmas lights are nice, but it is we who are supposed to be the light of the world

Carols tonight at St. Bridgid's Crossley 7.30pm

We welcome with great joy Hugo Wilson, William Hallsworth, Levi Smart, Maggie Harris, Archie McCullough, Indi Atwell, Havana Myroniuk, Harris & Ashton Wood who are being baptised into the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
"Life in a Whole new Light"



May God fill your life with love, joy and peace this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

- Fr. Lawrie and the Parish Co-ordinating Team

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)

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

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

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>

Wanted a cleaner for OLHC Church to join a group and replace a retiree. See Fr. Lawrie.

Ministry for our **Christmas Masses** is welcome. Please fill in the list in the Church foyer, eg. Readers etc.

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

Singing practice at 4.30pm **today** for Christmas Masses

CARITAS

Thank you to all parishes for your wonderful support throughout the year with both Project Compassion and emergency appeals. The support of yourselves and the Catholic communities throughout Australia has enabled Caritas Australia to help more than 2.48 million people transform their own lives bringing hope to many for a better future. This could not be done without your generous ongoing support. One of the many good news stories of the Church today. Wishing you peace, joy and all the best this Christmas Season has to offer.
Sue Searls.

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.

