

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 2/3 January

6pm **Welcomers:** Conheady Family **Gifts:** S Hargreaves **Readers:** J Mahony, J McArdle

Ministers: M Page, S Reimert, C Ryan, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard

9am **Welcomers:** J Ryan Family **Gifts:** Nabong Family **Readers:** T Kenny, F Lamb

Ministers: V McCallum, N Meade, F Murrhny

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

3 January Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

27 December Team 8: Shirley McKane, Michael Soulsby

3 January Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna

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

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 3 January: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: This week take note of all the questions you would like to ask about your new life of faith.

Marriage Tip: Christmas can be a difficult time for those who lost loved ones recently or who are without a family. Is there someone your family could reach out to and encourage?

Daily Prayer: Give to **parents** the wisdom and wonder to see the mystery of your will unfold in the lives of their **children**. To **daughters** and **sons** give, with the increase of years, an equal measure of **growth** in your **grace**. Together may we treasure in our hearts the **love** you have lavished **upon** us in letting us be called your children.

A Vocation View: Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family.

How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times?



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

Holy Family — 27th 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: Michael Twomey, Father Des Cameron, Winifred O'Keeffe

Anniversaries: Ken McLean, Olive Tobin, Mary McNeil, Margaret O'Keeffe, Fr. Bushell, Jo Dix, Mary Rea, Travis Shannahan, Nance Kelly, Terry Dwyer, Eugene Greene, Les Ryan, John Porter, Elaine O'Brien



Mass Times: Monday	10.00am at St. Pius
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am (Ken McLean RIP)
Thursday	9.30am (Nance Kelly RIP)
Friday	10.00am NEW YEARS DAY (Mary Mother of God)
Saturday	10.00am at St. Pius

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

The Word of God: This Week: 1 Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24, Lk 2: 41-52
Next Week: Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12



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

Reconciliation Friday 10.am. Saturday at St. Pius 10.30am

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

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

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)

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



How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

You are the Christ everlasting, born for us all of a Virgin you have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

HYMNS:

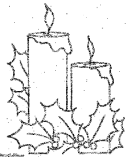
Entrance	20	Angels We Have Heard on High
Gifts	6	The First Nowell
Communion	22	Silent Night
	25	Child of Mercy
Recessional	8	Hark the Herald Angels

Mystery Of Faith

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

May joy be your gift at Christmas and may faith, hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS SEASON



Christmas

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him!

Holy Family

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

New Year's Day

The Gospel today says that, having found the infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

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.

We welcome with great joy **Willa Chapman** who is 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 the New Year)

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

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

For Sale Columban Calendars \$8 (with monthly prints of the Masters; ideal gift)

We welcome Fr. Stephen from South Sudan and Deacon George from Dandenong to our 6pm Mass.

We also welcome and congratulate Jessica Snooks into full membership of the Catholic Church through her profession of faith and the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Wedding Bells on New Years Eve for Nicholas Mills and Stacy Rohan.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the wellbeing of our Parish Family over the past twelve months.

The new **Liturgy, Church cleaning, Counting, Lawn mowing and Communion to Lyndoch Rosters** are available in the Church foyer. Thanks to all those who serve God and God's people here.

Make friends by joining a **Parish Family Group**, see Fr. Lawrie.

Children's Liturgy: Thanks to our Leaders Catherine, Margaret, Megan, Ellie, Rachel, Angela and Sophie for helping out over the Advent weekends with the construction of our Jesse Tree. Next Children's Liturgy will be held on Saturday January 9th.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-2 This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader (or tablet), offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year C-2 (Sundays Year C, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year C-2 has now begun and will continue till November of 2016. Accesses at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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.

