

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 9/10 January

6pm Welcomers: M Dunne, S Hargreaves Gifts: Henderson Family Readers: G&M McDonald

Ministers: T Treffry, C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner

9am Welcomers: J&B Van Baren Gifts: K&P Nelson Readers: T&R Lane

Ministers: P Nevill, J O'Grady, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

10 January Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor

COUNTING TEAMS:

3 January Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna

10 January Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 3 January Group 2: Patrick Lyons, Peter Kenna

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 10 January: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: Spend some time this week reflecting on the new road you have taken. How has it changed the way you act or think? In what ways do you encounter the Christ child in your life?

Marriage Tip: "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." (Col 3:13) A big part of being a holy family is giving and receiving forgiveness. "I'm sorry / I forgive you" are part of the daily litany of the Domestic Church. Never hesitate to say these healing words.

Daily Prayer: By the light of a star, O God of the universe, you guided the nations to the Light of the world. Until the Redeemer comes again in glory, we, with the Magi, seek the face of the Saviour.

Summon us with all those who thirst now to the banquet of love. May our hunger be filled and our thirst quenched with your word of truth.

A Vocation View: Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life, O Christian.



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

The Epiphany — 3rd January 2016

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Eric Hanegraaf, Nancy Nugent, Lucia Fiasco, Michael Bourke, Maureen Sloane

Anniversaries: Kevin McCluskey, Fr. McGuire, Marie Kermond, Pat & Jack Bourke, Ron Eales, Maureen O'Sullivan, Alison Arundell, Bernie Moloney, Pat Dobson, Joe Evans, Roo Smith



Mass Times: Monday	7.30am at St. Pius
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am (Celebrant Fr. Madden)
	10.00am (Lyndoch Chapel, Celebrant Fr. Lawrie)
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	10.00am at St. Pius

THE LORD'S DAY



**Saturday
Sunday**

**6.00pm
9.00am**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Word of God: This Week: Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12
Next Week: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7, Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

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)

LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**



In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon falls. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **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	8	Hark the Herald Angels
Gifts	7	Star Child
Communion	6	The First Nowell
	4	Silent Night
Recessional	24	We Three Kings

Mystery Of Faith

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

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



New Year's Day
The Gospel 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?

Epiphany
Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

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 **Pippa Byrne and Leni & Ari O'Grady** 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 January with the Saints "For me to live is Christ." (St. Paul, Jan 25th)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am.

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 Calenders \$8 (with monthly prints of the Masters; ideal gift)

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

Children's Liturgy next Saturday 6pm Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Our Special Collection at Christmas Masses for the Church's Missionary work amounted to \$ 2889.60. Thank you for the Christmas Spirit of love for the poor. "Glory to God in the lowest" (Fr. Bob).

Sunday January 31st Bishop Paul will be the celebrant of Mass in All Saints Church, Portland, in honour of St. Mary MacKillop. At 1pm there will be a walking tour of Mary MacKillop sites leaving from Bayview College, 119 Bentinck St.

From Fr. Lawrie, Thank you for your warm Christmas Greetings. My gratitude to all who contributed to our Christmas Masses and prepared our Church buildings and grounds. The flowers, cribs, tree, the cleaning, along with the music and Choral leadership all contribute to the worship of our Parishioners and visitors. I too appreciate the service of readers, special ministers, welcomers, presenters, and Rachel our Parish Secretary. May God Bless your needed contributions to the Parish.

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.

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.

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

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