

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 16/17 January

6pm **Welcomers:** Frusher Family **Gifts:** R&L Jenkins **Readers:** P McKimmie, N McLaren

Ministers: K Bouchier, R Coffey, M Cooper, J Conheady, M Crichton, E Dicks

9am **Welcomers:** J Zanos, C Carroll-Skelton **Gifts:** M Turner Family **Readers:** H Murphy

Ministers: A Sanderson, C Spencer, P Agang

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

17 January Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

COUNTING TEAMS:

10 January Team 10: Nybyiah & Darren Cross

17 January Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill, Valerie McCallum

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

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 17 January: Colin Ryan



Marriage Tip: How can you as a family help the poor, especially those in your own community? At the least, remember in your prayers today those who are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Daily Prayer: Father of great and everlasting glory, by the power of your Holy Spirit you have consecrated your Word made flesh and have established this Christ, our Saviour, as the Light of the world and your covenant of peace for all the peoples.

A Vocation View: Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!



"Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Saviour and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world." - Calvin Coolidge, December 25, 1927

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

Baptism of the Lord — 10th 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: Inez Waight, June McConnell, Kathleen Coghlan

Anniversaries: Milan Maglica, Tony Shanahan, Claire & Peter Morrissey, Cyril McNamara, Fr. Kirby, Shirley Lenehan, Allan Wallace, Garth Martin, Michael Punch

Mass Times:	Monday	7.30am at St. Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am
	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: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7, Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Next Week: Is 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11, Jn 2: 1-11



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

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

Rainbows

There are few sights more glorious than a rainbow seen from an aeroplane as a complete circle. Unbroken, like a wedding band, it was for Noah and his family the perfect symbol of God's eternal covenant love. That love is revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—the one who proclaimed himself 'the light of the world' (Jn 8: 12; 9-5). When the light of Christ passes through the prism of his Church, 'the children of light' (Jn 12: 36), it breaks into a glorious spectrum as beautiful in its diversity as it is in its unity. - Bro. Grenier cfc

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

O, BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**



Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **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	18	O Come All Ye Faithful
Gifts	1	Once in Royal David's City
Communion	22	Silent Night
	25	Child of Mercy
Recessional	20	Angels We Have Heard

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

We celebrate three great **feasts in January**: The Epiphany, **the Baptism of the Lord**, and the Conversion of St. Paul. Inherent in all of these is the idea that we first undergo a change in our lives and then we live out that change. From the Magi who left their homeland to find the Christ child to Paul, who changed from persecuting Christians to leading them, to **Jesus** himself who, although sinless, submitted to baptism to show us the way. The feasts of January are intended to lead us into a deeper and richer union with the Lord.

Baptism of the Lord (January 11) We recall Jesus baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist on this feast (Matthew 3: 13-17). Although Jesus was sinless, he submitted to baptism as an example to us. We must first be converted to a new life and leave behind our sinful nature before we can truly become his disciples. As the Catechism says, through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. (CCC 537).

If you have pictures from a family baptism, show them and talk about the events of the day.

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.



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

We welcome with great joy **Macy Skene, Jack Broderick, and Oscar Hill** 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. (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

The latest edition of "**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)

Art Exhibition until Jan 17th at 'The Artery' 224 Timor St "A Place to **Belong**".

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.

Planned Giving Receipts are available. Thank you for your contributions to the financing of the Parish.

For the **Year of Mercy** our **Prayer of the Faithful** response will be "**God of Mercy hear our Prayer.**"

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. Accesses at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

"The miracle of Bethlehem, of God with us, lives on for those with eyes to see."

- Sr. M. Coloe p.b.v.m.

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.

Baptism of Our Lord

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptised in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbour.

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