

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!

### LITURGY for 3/4 December

**6pm** **Welcomers:** G&U O'Toole **Gifts:** G&A Ryan **Readers:** B Kavanagh, J Mahony

**Ministers:** P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry, C White, D White

**9am** **Welcomers:** M&R Brown **Gifts:** El-Hage Family **Readers:** L&M Taggart

**Ministers:** K O'Leary, A Sanderson, C Spencer

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

27 November D&D

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

### COUNTING TEAMS:

27 November Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

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

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

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOTH:** 4 December: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



**Making Connections:** Be alert and watchful for the needs of others this week and be ready to respond to those needs. Rejoice in the unexpected.

**Marriage Tip:** Do you find yourself comparing your marriage or family life to others around you?

Gratitude is the best remedy against jealousy.

**Daily Prayer:** Merciful and faithful God, you sent your only-begotten Son, the teacher of truth and the font of reconciliation, to gather the warring nations of earth into the peace of your everlasting reign. Stir within us the spirit of joyful expectation, that, leaving behind the night, we may run to greet your day as it draws near, and gladly welcome your Christ whenever he reveals himself.



**A Vocation View:** In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

#### Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

#### Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**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.

*"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."*



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

**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish  
East Warrnambool - Allansford  
'A Star in the East'**



## PARISH BULLETIN

**1st Sunday of Advent—27th November 2016**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

**Recent Deaths:** Doreen Johnstone, John Brennan, Betty Tobin, Mary Williams, Bridget Jones, Millicent Ziegeler

**Anniversaries:** Annie Collins, Des Ryan, Frs. Woodford & McCunnie, Scott Stewart, Gerard Rea, Christine Freckleton, Agnes McMahon, Merle Roache

**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
Tuesday 10.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am (St Andrew)  
Thursday 9.30am (Celebrant Fr Madden)  
Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)



**THE LORD'S DAY** **Saturday** **6.00pm** **ADVENT 2**  
**Sunday** **9.00am**  
**Allansford** **10.30am**

**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 2: 1-5, Rom 13: 11-14, Mt 24: 37-44  
Next Week: Is 11: 1-10, Rom 15: 4-9, Mt 3: 1-12

**Sacraments:** **Baptisms and Marriages** by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533  
Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am

Jesus spoke directly to the hearts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on 29 November 1986 in Australia's heart—Alice Springs. The message was delivered to our people by his devoted apostle Saint John Paul II. **"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus**

**wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."**

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's visit to Australia and we need his words now more than ever—our people have the worst health in Australia as well as the highest incarceration and youth suicide rates in the world. We need rebirth now!

- John Lochowiak

*Purple is the colour of preparation and anticipated joy.*

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."  
MATTHEW 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

### LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the king of creation.

### HYMNS:

Entrance 71 Gather Your People  
Gifts Taize 2 #78 Wait for the Lord  
Communion 6 Lord to Whom Shall We Go?  
86 We Are Many Parts  
Recessional Christ be Our Light

### Grant them rest

*Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you.*

*Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away, through Christ our Lord,*

*Amen.*

- St Ignatius of Loyola (16th century)

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"

Today we welcome with great joy

Alice Coxall

who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve:

6pm  
8pm (Carols from 7.30pm)

### Christmas Day:

8.30am  
10am Allansford

Rose Show and Flower Festival here at OLHC

Theme—"Children of the World" (FREE)

- Invite/involve friends
- Help the clean up on Sunday 3pm

## PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

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 November with the Saints** "It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to us and we draw near to God" St Albert The Great (15 November)

**Holy Hour** Monday 9am. OLHC, a Spiritual Oasis "Set pools of silence in this thirsty land." (James McAuley)

**Compliments of the Parish** the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available today, "The Big Tent Church". During November visit our Parish **Shrine of Remembrance** in the Church Foyer.

The Parish has been gifted with a **Defibrillator**. We invite parishioners who would be willing to learn how to use it.

**Situations Vacant:** Volunteer Church Cleaners welcome. Apply Fr Lawrie.

**Special Liturgy of the Word for Children** next Saturday 6pm.

**Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars** are for sale by the **St Vincent de Paul Society**. The Society has a Christmas **appeal** for the poor.

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins** in preparation for Christmas Thursday 15th December.

There will be no Mass at Lyndoch next Thursday.

Advent Calendar—visit [www.xt3.com/advent](http://www.xt3.com/advent)

Enjoy viewing clips of the celebrated Opening of Emmanuel College on:

<https://youtube/Mu1-XUGqze4>

*"There is a crack in everything.*

*That's how the light gets in."*

(Leonard Cohen)

"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are brought and sold like goods!"  
Pope Francis

## WASTING TIME WITH GOD:

"Friendships need space to develop and grow strong. Friends must waste time together. It is also thus in prayer. Prayer is making friends with God and he with us. Prayer is trying to focus on the mind of God, and to admit him into our hearts. Prayer is wasting time with God. Prayer needs space to develop and grow strong". Cardinal Basil Hume.

## First Sunday of Advent

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.



### WREATH:

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; We are your people, we long for you, Lord.

God ever with us, Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!

### Mystery Of Faith

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

### 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.

*Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our lives are in danger. Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening, speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure.*

- HENRI NOUWEN

Slowing down and **sitting with God**, in the silence and the noise, will be the only way that we can truly **counter the pressures of society**. And just maybe in the slow pondering and in that quiet, we might experience **mercy and acceptance**. Once we have experienced this we are better able to **share** it with others.

(Fr J Hocking S.J.)

*"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone."*

- St John Paul II