

## What's On this week

**Thurs:** School prayers at 8:50 am.

### Liturgies this Week

**Tuesday** ..... 5:00 pm  
**Wednesday** ..... 10:00 am  
**Thursday** ..... 7:30 pm  
 Miner's Rest  
**Friday** ..... 10:00

### Collections, Thank you

**Presbytery:** .....1st \$  
**Parish:** 2nd Collection  
**Envelopes:** ..... \$  
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### Next Week's Readings

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
 Romans 15: 4-9  
 Matthew 3: 1-12



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## 3rd/4th Dec- 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Darryl Clark  
**Sacristans:** Pauline & Tony Newman  
**Communion Ministers:** Pauline Newman, Des Lloyd,  
 Pat Dillon, John Kirby, Jo Rix  
 Lauren Rhodes

### Leader of Song:

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:** Stan White  
**Sacristans:** Robyn Clark  
**Communion Ministers:** Frank Hogan, Margaret  
 White, Pauline Howard + 2  
 volunteers.  
**Leader of Song:** Vin Dillon  
**Counters:** Des Lloyd, J. Holdsworth

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

#### This weekend -

#### Waubra

**Minister of the Word:** Bill Keating  
**Communion Minister:** Sharon Moran

#### Next weekend -

#### Learmonth

**Minister of the Word:** Margaret McDonald  
**Communion Minister:** Kerry Mullane

#### Church Cleaning:

**Learmonth:** Bev Hayward  
**Waubra:** Phyllis & Pat Bourke  
**OLHC:** Beth Clark & Margaret McLean

# Our Lady Help of Christians

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## 1st Sunday of Advent (A) 27th November 2016

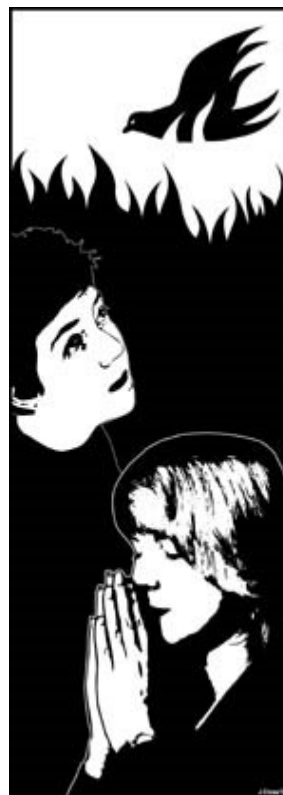
### Focus on the Scripture

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only *God* knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.



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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302 **Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
**Parish Office:** Maree Roache 5339 2302 5338 2118  
 Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm **Gentle Dove Prayer Line:**  
**Parish School:** Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan Val 0412 840 296  
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726 **Baptism:** Parish Office  
**Parish Centre:** Bookings: 0439 106 399 **Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White  
 5339 2003

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Ministry for Aged Care in OLHC—an invitation:**

Any person interested in finding out more about the ministry of visiting persons in aged care facilities in the parish ,or visiting for communion and pastoral care to the patients and residents in Aged Care facilities in Ballarat is invited to learn more about becoming accredited “Church Visitors.” There is a short Spiritual Care program offered through St Patrick’s Cathedral over four half-days. For further information please contact the Parish Office for further details.

**Christmas Lunch:** OLHC Christmas Lunch is an annual event hosted by this parish. This year an experienced catering co-ordinator has been appointed. Thanks to Federation University Catering Department. Parishioners will be invited to assist with the various tasks associated with Christmas Lunch. Volunteers are required to co-ordinate the various preparation tasks. Sign-up sheets will be available next week. Bookings for Lunch will open as from December 1st. Ph 0419 975 914.

**Report from Parish Pastoral Council:** Meeting on November 16th.

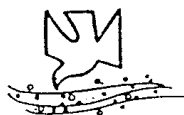
- OLHC is a Welcoming Community, as demonstrated to the commitment to continue to hold the annual Christmas Lunch.
- A box of toys, activities and books, along with a table and chairs are now available in the foyer for the use by parents who have pre-schoolers during mass should they become restless and need a break.
- A committee will be formed to oversee the operations of the Multi-Purpose Complex.

**Singing Practice for Advent and Christmas Celebrations:**

Thursdays 7:30—8:30 pm on November 17th, 24th, . December 1st, 8th, & 15th.

**Baptism:** This weekend we welcome into our parish community Imogen Davey, daughter of Nicole and Leon. May she grow in God’s loving embrace.

**BAPTISMS**



**2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage**

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) with Fr Justin in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277, [info@lifestyletravel.com.au](mailto:info@lifestyletravel.com.au).

**Raffle Tickets:** This weekend there will be raffle ticket sales. Proceeds to support the St John’s Church in Waubra. \$2 tickets. Christmas Hamper prize.

**Rural Communities Christmas Break-Up Luncheon.** At Quoin Hill Winery, Waubra on Sunday 11th December. To book please phone Anne (5343 6236). All Welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and Calendars:** Now on sale. Packets of 5 cards = \$4. Pkts of 8 cards = \$6. Columban calendars = \$9.

**OLHC Parish Luncheon—Get-together.** Parishioners are invited to our last get-together luncheon for this year at the Park Bistro, 12 noon on Wednesday, December 7th. All Welcome Please add your name to the list in the church foyer for bookings.

**School News:** Parishioners are invited to School Prayer at 8:50—9:00 am on Thursday December 1st and 8th . All Welcome to join with the school in prayer.

**Assistance required:** Volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the church are required. All equipment supplied. The roster is for two weeks at a time. If you are available to assist please contact Helen Rieniets (5339 2820) or the Parish Office. (5339 2302)

**Anniversaries:** Fr. Justin Woodford, Margaret Whelan.