

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 17/18 December**

**6pm** Welcomers: M Thompson/P Walsh Gifts: M Thompson/J Van Baaran Readers: G&M McDonald  
 Ministers: M Crichton, P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman, M Harney  
**9am** Welcomers: T Davey/T McCutcheon Gifts: Fitzpatrick/Vielhabor Readers: M Davies, D Farley  
 Ministers: B Byrne, M Clancey, E Dalton

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**

11 December Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor  
 18 December Group 3: B Mair, D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

11 December Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples  
 18 December Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 4 December Group 2: Peter Kenna

**COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH:** 18 December: Colin Ryan



**Making Connections:** This week, find ways to be 'good news' to others, especially those who are sick or alienated or marginalised.

**Marriage Tip:** "Children benefit from our 'presence' more than our 'presents'" (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference). During this Advent, ponder the tone that time with your spouse, children, and extended family will take during the upcoming Christmas season.

**Daily Prayer:** Sustain us, O God, on our Advent journey as we go forth to welcome the One who is to come; and make haste to help us as we seek to understand what we went out to see in the Advent wilderness: your patience nurturing your saving purpose to fulfilment, your power in Jesus making all things new.

**A Vocation View:** "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

**Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**

That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**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.

**Advent:**

Let us ponder what is in our minds and hearts when we say "Come Lord Jesus!"

TIME: After 9.30 Mass, on Friday.

VENUE: Meeting Room

*"Our lives are an Advent, a time of waiting, listening and hoping, a time of openness to the unimaginable gift of God."*

-Maria Boulding osb.

**"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" St John Paul II**

**Parishioners Email Addresses** To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au)

*"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**

**3rd Sunday of Advent—11th December 2016**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

**Recent Deaths:** Nellie Parsons, Lorraine Russell, Terrence McMeel, Kay Harvick, Keith Facey

**Anniversaries:** Jim & Ray McNiece, Leon Greene, Maureen & Barney Clarke, Gerard Rea, Jessie Ward

**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
 Tuesday 10.00am (Jessie Ward RIP)  
 Wednesday 9.30am  
 Thursday 7.30pm

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins**

Friday 9.30am (Leon Greene RIP)  
 Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
 (Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

**THE LORD'S DAY Allansford** Saturday 6.00pm **ADVENT 4**  
 Sunday 9.00am  
 Allansford 10.30am

**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 35: 1-6.10, Jas 5: 7-10, Mt 11: 2-11  
 Next Week: Is 7: 10-14, Rom 1: 1-7, Mt 1: 18-24

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



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

**Welcome Prayer**

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal yourself in the depths of our being drawing us to share in your life and love. Bless each of us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide the doors to Christ. Make the doors of our hearts, our homes, and communities wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, prejudice and pride. Let us hasten to welcome the stranger, and so welcome your Son. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."*JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better

align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Keep for Daily Prayer)

**LORD, COME AND SAVE US.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*  
Spread the good news over all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	12	Gather Us In
Gifts	174	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	185	Our Supper Invitation
Recessional		Christ be our Light



**WREATH:**

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; We are your people, Lord, we seek your truth.  
Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way; Show us the path of life, Maranatha!  
(C Landry)



**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.

**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.

**"The Rising Sun has come to visit us to guide our feet in the way of peace."**  
(Lk 1:7)



*"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

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

Today we welcome with great joy **Angus & Maggie Thornton, Skyhla McCorkindale & Ned Swan**

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

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins** in preparation for Christmas Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>Christmas Day:</b>
6pm	8.30am
8pm (Carols from 7.30pm)	10am Allansford



**Christmas Carols:**

This evening in the Allansford Hall 7pm.  
On Friday on the Civic Green 6.30pm for 7.30pm.  
Christmas Eve 7.30pm at OLHC

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gundiitjara 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 sun of everlasting light." (St Ambrose—7th Dec)

**Holy Hour Monday 10am.** 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".

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.

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

**4.30pm Singing practice Today.**

Monday is the 185th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Sister of Mercy. At 6.30pm view celebrations on [www.institute.mercy.org.au](http://www.institute.mercy.org.au)

**Christmas Day Luncheon** at the Uniting Church. RSVP 5561 6085.

*"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."*  
(Leonard Cohen)

"Let us pray for those who are sick. We remember them in our Masses"

*"When Our Savior came to earth God blessed this land"*  
(Origen)

**Thanksgiving and Eucharist**

Eucharist means thanksgiving. In the ancient dialogue between priest and people that introduces the Eucharist (thanksgiving) prayer, the priest says "let us give thanks to the Lord, our God." The people respond "it is right and just."

Why must we discharge this obligation at Mass rather than in the comfort of our own homes? Because our sacrifice of thanksgiving is weak and insufficient on its own. There was only One who has ever offered perfect worship to the Father, and His sacrifice is made present again at every Eucharist. Our inadequate "thanks" is absorbed into the perfect sacrifice of praise offered by the Son much like the drop of insipid water the priest puts in the chalice is absorbed into the rich wine that becomes Christ's blood.

But thanksgiving can't be limited to Sunday Eucharist. We are called to develop a lifestyle of thanksgiving. We're called to become a Eucharistic people. (Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio)

*"It is Christmas every time we allow Jesus to love others through us."*  
(Saint Mother Teresa)