

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 21/22 January

**6pm** Welcomers: M Dunne, S Hargreaves **Gifts:** Beks Family **Readers:** D Quick, F O'Connor

**Ministers:** J Conheady, M Crichton, P Flynn, J Fowler, D Friebe, B Gladman

**9am** Welcomers: M&R Brown **Gifts:** K Anderson Family **Readers:** P&G Nevill

**Ministers:** A Sanderson, C Spencer, P Allan

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

15 January Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

22 January D & D

### COUNTING TEAMS:

15 January Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe

22 January Team 3: Terry & Pat King

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 15 January Group 1: Robert Mills, Paul Torpy

**COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH:** 22 January: Colin Ryan



**Making Connections:** Like John, give witness to Christ this week. Share something of your search for faith with another.

**Marriage Tip:** What makes a happy marriage? Many things of course, but one glue that helps a lot of couples is being able to laugh when things go wrong. Is there a blunder that happened in your past that you're now able to laugh about?

**Daily Prayer:** God of all nations, in Christ, the paschal lamb and light of the world, you have formed a covenant people, gathering together from every time and place all who call in the name of the Lord Jesus. Confirm in us the grace of our baptism, that the Spirit may descend afresh upon each of us; remain with us to transform every aspect of our lives into a living and joyful proclamation of the gospel.

**A Vocation View:** Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

**Christian Unity.** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**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.

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

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

Today we welcome with great joy  
*Ivanna Ajak*  
who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord, help me.  
My boat is so small.  
Your ocean is so immense.  
(A French Medieval Prayer)

**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."*



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—15th January 2017**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Don Cooper Frank Coghlan, Neville Jenkins, Graeme Horan, Sister Eleanor Kenneally, Marie Lynch

**Anniversaries:** Fr. Kirby, Kevin Healey, Lois Grundy, Gail Bartlett, Michael & Mary McInerney, Kathleen McCarthy, Ruby Quinn

**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
Tuesday 10.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9.30am (Ruby Quinn RIP)  
Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)



*Green is the colour of hope and growth*

**THE LORD'S DAY** Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 49: 3, 5-6, 1 Cor 1: 1-3, Jn 1: 29-34  
Next Week: Is 8: 23-9: 3, 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17, Mt 4: 12-23

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

### 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

*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph were the first refugees of the Christian era. Countless others were to share their fate later on. Since the night when the angel woke Joseph and told him to flee to Egypt with the child and His mother, the world has been full of the hunted, the persecuted and the refugees in whom Christ begs for love and help. And just as once the shepherds brought the Christ Child cheese or milk or a warm sheepskin, and just as there were kind-hearted people here and there on the way to Egypt who took pity on the Holy Family, so it is now our task to help the persecuted Christ of today wherever He is suffering need in the least of His brothers."*  
- Fr Werenfried van Straaten (1913-2003)

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

**HERE I AM, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL**



I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Praise the Word who lived among us, made us children of the Kingdom.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance	16	Glory and Praise
Gifts	89	Isaiah 49
Communion	129	One Bread, One Body
	6	Lord to Whom Shall We Go?
Recessional	90	Here I Am Lord

Mystery Of Faith  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Christmas Day Inspiration:** Queen Elizabeth II hailed inspirational unsung heroes in her Christmas Day broadcast to the Commonwealth. She put the focus on 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things', urging people to achieve 'small things with great love'. "I often draw strength from meeting ordinary people doing extraordinary things: volunteers, carers, community organizers and good neighbours; unsung heroes whose quiet dedication makes them special. They are an inspiration to those who know them, and their lives frequently embody a truth expressed by **Mother Teresa**. She once said: 'not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love'. On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we can imagine. The message of Christmas reminds us that inspiration is a gift to be given as well as received, and that love begins small but always grows."

**Baptism of the Lord**

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church.



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*"I have made you a covenant of the people."*

On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we think on the good things our own baptism has endowed us with. On being baptized, we enter into a new relationship with God the Father, becoming truly his children. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and enfolded into the Body of Christ, the church. No longer slaves to sin, we die with Christ and are born in Christ with a new and restored humanity; a humanity reclaimed, purified and elevated by Christ. What a tremendous gift and choice baptism is! Let us remember and renew our baptismal promises as we say a special prayer for those being baptized today. As they are welcomed into a celestial and human family, may we continue to strengthen our familial bonds with our brothers and sisters in Christ, founding our love for each other on Christ and his covenant. (The Madonna)

**Sacraments for Children 2017**

**Reconciliation** (Grade 2) - March 15 & 16      **Confirmation** (Grade 3) - June 3 & 4  
**First Holy Communion** (Grade 4) - September 9 & 10      Enquiries—5561 1533

**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

**OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunitjmarra 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** "Just as you learn to speak by speaking, so you learn to love by loving." (St Francis De Sales—24 Jan)

**Holy Hour Monday 10.00am** "Set pools of silence in this thirsty land." (James McAuley)

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

**Mary MacKillop Penola Centre** S.A. 08 87372092, visitors welcome.

**Dedication of the Loreto Window** in All Saints Church **Portland** on Sunday January 22nd at 10.30am Mass to celebrate the ministry of the Loreto Sisters in Portland. **Please Collect** your new Liturgy, Church Cleaning and Counters Rosters.

Are you interested in giving your time to the Missions? Contact Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 02 9697 0983; mscmission@mscmission.org.

**Blessing of the Fleet** at the Port Fairy Wharf on Sunday January 15 at 6pm.

Fr Lawrie personally and on behalf of Bishop Paul and the Priests of the Dioceses expresses **gratitude** to parishioners for the Christmas offerings. This helps support the Priests in Parishes that are not financially sufficient. The offerings are an expression of **our Missionary Spirit**. Thank you.

*"The future lies in the strength of the village."* (M Ghandi)

"To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right."

(Confucius)

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/tablet/iPhone, offers the Gospel for every day of this coming Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 began on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel year A-1* may be accessed at the following URL address:

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**Prayer for Peace**

Father in heaven, grant that we may live our lives in such a way so all may know we bear within our souls the image of Christ crucified; the model of all gentleness and mercy. Help us practice in our daily work, charity, love and humility. Amen.

*"Living without faith is like driving in the fog."* - B.L. Dunham