

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 28/29 January

6pm Welcomers: Frusher Family Gifts: Bouchier Family Readers: P Smith, M Atkinson

Ministers: M Harney, G McMeel, M Mills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page

9am Welcomers: D&C Cooper Gifts: Goddard/O'Brien Readers: J O'Brien, C Porter

Ministers: M&L Taggart, B Byrne

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

22 January D & D

29 January Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

COUNTING TEAMS:

22 January Team 3: Terry & Pat King

29 January Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

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

COMMUNION TO LYNDROCH: 29 January: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



Making Connections: Try to be a light for other people this week. Be aware of opportunities in which you could draw other people to Christ.

Marriage Tip: You may not think about your decision to marry as a call from God, but rather as an intense attraction to your beloved. Isn't that what compelled the apostles to follow Jesus?

Daily Prayer: You have established your church, O God, on the faith of the apostles and on the example of their response, immediate and complete. Let your word draw in splendour upon our community to dispel the shadows of division and to disperse the gloom of discord.

A Vocation View: Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come!

"We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own"

(Ben Sweetland)

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.

Parishioner Gerard Bourke, who is giving three months to teaching seminarians of The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in Mysore, India, sent an email which requested: "Please thank the Parishioners for their good wishes and prayers. Blessings to the Parish from Gerard and the MSC community."



*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

"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 in Ordinary Time—22nd January 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Rita Higgins, Willhemina Schlooz, Kathy Rooney, Joyce Foley, Audrey Prider, Catherine Dendle

Anniversaries: Pat Dobson, Joe Evans, Brian Shaw, Jim Rylance, Father Fiscalini, Mick Kavanagh, Jim O'Donnell, Nonie Walsh, Dorothy Finn, Terrie Bouwman, Michael Punch, John O'Toole, Thomas O'Toole, Jean Mansbridge

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St Pius

Tuesday 10.00am

Wednesday 9.30am (Conversion of St Paul)

Thursday 9.30am **AUSTRALIA DAY**

Friday 9.30am (Jim O'Donnell RIP)

Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

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

The Word of God: This Week: Is 8: 23-9: 3, 1 Cor 1: 10-13.17, Mt 4: 12-23
Next Week: Zep 2: 3; 3: 12-13, 1 Cor 1: 26-31, Mt 5: 1-12a

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

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)



Green is the colour of hope and growth

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is a stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the 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	80	Sing a New Song
Gifts	86	We Are Many Parts
Communion	185	Supper Invitation
	88	Taste and See
Recessional	5	Galilee Song

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."

"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)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

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

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 (Grades 2 & 6) - March 15 & 16 **Confirmation** (Grade 3) - June 3 & 4
First Holy Communion (Grade 4) - September 9 & 10 Enquiries—5561 1533

Sacrament of Reconciliation Grades 2 and 6. Parent meeting 7pm Tuesday 7th February. Enrolment at Mass on Feb 11/12. Sacrament on March 15/16.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra 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.

Please Collect your new Liturgy, Church Cleaning, Counters **Rosters** and Planned Giving **Receipts**.

Are you interested in giving **your time to the Missions**? Contact

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 02 9697 0983;

mscmision@mscmision.org.

Cards (Solo & Euchre) 1pm Tuesday in Church foyer. All welcome.

Thank you to Ted Dicks, Brian & Jill Mair and Gerard & Maureen McDonald for their 4 decades as voluntary **Cleaners of our Church**. That they can continue to enjoy our clean Church we need replacements for them. Please see Fr Lawrie.

If you would like to join a **Parish Family Group** for a monthly social occasion phone 5561 1533.

OLHC conference members of the **SVDP Society wishes to thank** all who contributed to the

Christmas appeal by way of Church appeal envelopes, poor box donations

and church basket contributions. Ninety families were visited by our

conference alone during the month of December. The need is great and

your **generosity is gratefully acknowledged**.

Warrnambool Oxfam Group will hold its 50th anniversary walk on February

5 at 1.30pm. Start and finish at Warrnambool Civic Green. Afternoon Tea

will be served. Contacts: Fay 5561 7147 or Lynne 0439 613 524.

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

"If you wish to see God, look attentively at creation"
- Anthony de Mello

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

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
Zahli & Rylee Foreman
and **Sam & Max Carter**
who are being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Wedding Bells next weekend for
Lucy Condon & Patrick Mahony
and

Wes Lighthart & Amanda Maitland

