

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 9/10 December

6pm Welcomers: M Thompson, D White Gifts: S Hargreaves, B Loudon Readers: A&G McMeel

Ministers: M Harney, E McDonough, G McMeel, M Mills, K&M McKenzie

9am Welcomers: A Bamford, M Brown Gifts: Smits Family Readers: C Porter, C Spencer

Ministers: H Goddard, L&T Kenny

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

3 December Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

10 December Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

3 December Team 8: Michael Soulsby, Dion Bartlett

10 December Team 9: Peter & Geraldine Kenna, Kevin Ferrara

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 19 November Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDOK: 10 December: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



1st Sunday of Advent



Making Connections: Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer. *Waiting* is the dominant symbolic activity for Advent. It is difficult for modern humans to spend time waiting. We are so used to technology making things happen almost instantly and tend to become frustrated at being made to wait. But the waiting of Advent is an active waiting, not a frittering away of time. It is a waiting spent in preparation and reflection. *Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!* This invocation of Christ is one of the most ancient prayers of the Church. It conveys the sense of urgency felt by the first believers and their hope for a swift union with Christ. It is a fine short prayer to use often during Advent.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. During this time we reflect on the coming of Christ into human history as a small baby, the coming of Christ at the end of time **and** the coming of Christ into our own lives each day. Thus Advent has a past, present **and** future dimension.

Marriage Tip: Can social media harm your marriage? Set clear boundaries when it comes to using technology in your home. Instead, make time for quality time with your spouse.

Daily Prayer: Keep us faithful to building your kingdom, alert to your presence in those around us, and blameless in our witness until the **dawning of the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who was, is and who is to come.

A Vocation View: It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

Sharing the Tradition: The celebration of a **feast** to honour the birth of Jesus did not emerge in the West until the fourth century. Scholars generally note that by 336 AD such a feast was in place and celebrated in Rome on 25 December. This comparatively late development of a feast to celebrate the birth of Christ may seem surprising to contemporary Christians for whom Christmas is so central. However, we must remember that the early Christians expected the glorious return of Christ in their own lifetimes. It was only with time and an obvious delay to the Second Coming that such a feast could emerge. Furthermore, time provided the opportunity for a greater and more mature theological reflection on the mysteries of the Incarnation and Second Coming.

Advent, as a period of preparation for the feast of Christmas, developed later still. There is no evidence of such a preparatory time in Rome until well into the sixth century. It was Pope Gregory the Great (590-604 AD) who established a four-week liturgical preparation for Christmas but eschatological (end times) themes of the Second Coming were not established until the Middle Ages.

Advent has a two-fold character—as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time.' (*General Norms of the Liturgical Year*).



Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

"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

1st Sunday of Advent—3rd December 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Colin Delaney, Jim Soulsby, Margaret Haintz, Eileen Egan, Brian Henry, Corrie van Raaphorst, Maria Bakker, Sister Genevieve Fitzpatrick RSM, Fay Kelson

Anniversaries: Mary O'Keefe, Carmel Brennan, Des Ryan, Nell Braybrook, Frs. McCunnie, Martin & Martin Gleeson, Sister Mary Ellen Ryan, Terry McMeel, Gordon & Elizabeth Barley, Ronnie Coe, Gerard Rea

Mass Times

Monday	7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel
Friday	9.30am; Immaculate Conception Feast
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



**THE LORD'S
DAY**

**Saturday
Sunday
Allansford**

**6.00pm
9.00am
10.30am**

ADVENT 2

December 17th

The Word of God: This Week: Is 63: 16b-17.19b;64: 2-7, 1Cor 1: 3-9, Mk 13: 33-37
Next Week: Is 40: 1-5.9-11, 2 Pt 3: 8-14, Mk 1: 1-8-

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am,

Saturdays at St Pius 10.20am

Advent

Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that—at its heart—it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives. I believe this understanding is more urgent than ever before.



Be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us, as he declared to his Son—you are my beloved; my favour rests on you (Mark 1:11)

May this Advent and Christmas season offer you a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Christ's birth in our lives and an opportunity to grow in discipleship.

First Sunday of Advent

We are the servants of G, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.



Wrap-up Advent: 'living in the tension between the now and the not yet'

A theme that pervades the Advent season is the theme of 'living in the tension between the 'now' and the not yet'. This theme unites the Advent season and it's expressed in different ways across the liturgical readings and the prayers...the joyful, loving, hope-filled tension that we experience even in the way that we live and wait for the coming of Christmas with families and personally.'
- Fr. Frank Moloney sdb

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU, LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.



O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **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.

Mystery Of Faith
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

HYMNS:

Wreath *Be on your guard and stay awake, I will return, so stay awake
You know not when, so stay awake, until I come again.
Jesus, we stand awaiting you, Watching in prayer, proclaiming you
You are the light of all the world, We pray your kingdom come.*

Entrance 174 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Gifts 115 A Trusting Psalm
Communion 27 Song of the Body of Christ
31 Come As You Are
Recessional Christ Be Our Light

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.

The Year of the Youth Begins Today

Prayer for Young People

Lord Jesus, in journeying towards the Synod, your Church turns her attention to all young people of the world.
We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered. Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realise a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others. Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you. May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord.
Amen.
Pope Francis

Advent Reflections

Thursday 7.30pm
Friday 10.00am
Add your name to the list in the foyer
(Sr Mary Bennet)



Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a Global Gift card to give family and friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people. Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.



Those from whom I receive the greatest consolations and encouragement are those whom I know to be dwelling in paradise
- St Teresa of Avila

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 6:00pm *Christmas Day* 8:00am
(Christmas Carols) 7:30pm Allansford 10:00am
8:00pm

*Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins in preparation for Christmas—
Wednesday 20th December, 7:30pm*

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 December with the Saints "Throw wide the gate of your heart, and stand before the sun of everlasting light." (St Ambrose, 7 December)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am.

Anointing Mass and Seniors High Christmas Afternoon Tea December 13th at 1.30pm.

Parish Coordinating Team meets on Wednesday 7.30pm.

Coffee Next Sunday after the 9am Mass. Hosted by Parish Family Groups. A plate welcome.

Congratulations to Dawn Kennealy who won the IGA Hamper in the Flower Festival Raffle which made \$1400 for St Vincent De Paul.

Thank You and Congratulations to all who helped our **Rose Show and Flower Festival: Imagine It.** In many ways the Festival exceeded our great expectations.

For Sale and supporting the St Vincent De Paul Society: **Columban Calendars** \$8 (great gift idea) (and for the family). **Christmas Cards** \$3 for a pack of 8.

A Christmas Carol *Dicken's tale of the triumph of humanity over greed, interspersed with seasonal songs.* Sunday 10 December, 7.30pm. Presented by Cantori with Guest narrator Deon Cameron. At Christ Church (Anglican) Cnr. Koroit and Henna St. Enquiries 0473 955 887.

On Wednesday 13th December—7.30pm in the Church Foyer, **Brother Frank O'Shea**, originally from Allansford, past pupil of CBC, will talk about his life as a **Missionary**. Brother Frank has been in Tonga, Tanzania, South Sudan and currently he is in Nairobi. All Welcome. (Bridgie, Brother Franks late mother, would want us to have a Cuppa.)

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

International Day of People with a Disability: December

The International Day of People with a Disability is observed annually on 3 December. In Australia, over many years, the Church has sought to take this day as an opportunity to encourage a truly pastoral view that embraces our total community as the living Body of Christ. We especially pray that we, the Church, can strive to be a people of compassion and relationship, and a sacred place where our gifts are acknowledged, received and celebrated; for then we can truly proclaim that we are 'one Body in Christ'.

This Christmas, your donation Can make wishes come true.

For most, Christmas is a time for giving and celebrating with loved ones. But for around 105,000 Australians, including families and 17,000 children under 12, it's a time when fulfilling even the simplest of wishes, like having food on the table or a place to call home, will be a struggle. Take Ollie and his mum, Sharon. All he wants for Christmas is to stop moving all the time and for his mum to finally be happy. When you **donate to Vinnies**, you're making simple Christmas wishes like Ollie's come true.