

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 13/14 January

6pm Welcomers: Conheady Family Gifts: S Lenehan Family Readers: C Carvalho
Ministers: E McDonough, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page, S Reimert, P Smith
9am Welcomers: C Cooper, D Duynhoven Gifts: S Cook Family Readers: E Dalton, M Davies
Ministers: F Lamb, K O'Leary, A Sanderson

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing


7 January Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford
14 January Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

COUNTING TEAMS:

7 January Team 3: Terry & Pat King
14 January Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett



COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 14 January: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith

 **Making Connections:** What gifts do you bring to Christ and the Church? Gifts establish a special relationship between the giver and receiver. We sometimes call them 'presents' because they somehow make the giver present to the one who receives. Often it is the simplest of gifts which are treasured because they recall to us someone we love. How is Christ 'present' to you?

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.

Exploring the Word: Are there people who have acted as your guiding stars in your journey towards Christ?

Sharing the Tradition: The Magi are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

Living the Word: How does our parish welcome people who arrive as strangers, either visitors or new-comers to the area?

Marriage Tip: It's a new year – a chance to start over. What's one change you'd like to make for the better? Tell your spouse. He/she can keep you honest and accountable.

Daily Prayer: By the light of a star, O God of the universe, you guided the nations to the Light of the world. Until this Redeemer comes again in glory, we, with the Magi, seek the face of the Saviour. Summon us with all those who thirst now to the banquet of love. May our hunger be filled and our thirst be quenched with your word of truth.

A Vocation View: Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Then take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

THANK YOU FOR AN
AWESOME YEAR!

A Christmas Prayer

God and Father of Jesus, You have sent your Son to be our saviour, our light in the midst of darkness, our hope in the face of threats, our peace amid turmoil. In His word and presence we have seen Him and know that your promises are true. Send us forth from this assembly to live in hope and peace, until we gather again at His table. Amen.

"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

Epiphany—7th January 2018

P.P.: Fr Lawrence O'Toole - Phone 5561 1533
olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
OLHC Primary School: Eugene Dalton - Phone 5562 5559
www.olhcwarrnambool.catholic.edu.au

Facebook: *Our Lady Help of Christians Parish*

Emmanuel College: Peter Morgan - Phone 5560 0888

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: Frank Lodge, Peter Mitchell, Terence Hart, Paul Kenna, Allan Smith, Rita Travers, Kevin Ryan, Vincent O'Neill, Bob Morris, Bill Underwood, Rita Neagle, Kevin King
Anniversaries: Mary & Michael McInerney, Kathleen McCarthy, Don Cooper, Sister Colmcille Conway, Milan Maglica, Mary McNeil, Nance Kelly, Eugene Greene, Allan Wallace

Mass Times Monday 7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am (Nora Forrest RIP)
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am



*White is the colour of
rejoicing*

The Word of God: This Week: Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a.5-6, Mt 2: 1-12
Next Week: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10.19, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a.17-20, Jn1: 35-42

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Fridays 10.20am, Saturdays at St Pius 10.20am

For the New Year

I am the New Year.
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last twelve months about life.
All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me; I am waiting for you to search it out again with more determination.
All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant—providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.
In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not perform, all that you prayed for but did not yet experience.
These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of an enduring purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)
(Author Unknown)



RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**



In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

You are the Christ everlasting born for us all of a Virgin, you have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

HYMNS:

- Entrance 6 The First Nowell
- Gifts 13 Carol of the Drum
- Communion 21 Child of Mercy
- 19 Joy to the World
- Recessional 20 We Three Kings

Mystery Of Faith

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

Of old the sign was a manger and an infant. Now it is a table and bread and wine. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

A Christmas Blessing

Let us remember Mary this Christmas, and may God bless our Mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas, and may God bless our Fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth, Zachariah and John this Christmas, and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the Shepherds this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the Wise Men this Christmas, and may God bless those who will be travelling.

Let us remember Jesus this Christmas, and may God bless all of us and make us His children.



So remember while December Brings the only Christmas day, In the YEAR let there be CHRISTMAS In the things you do and say; Wouldn't life be worth living, Wouldn't dreams be coming true, If we kept the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT All the whole year through?

Welcome to Peter Cay and Bill Lowry

Peter arrived from Vietnam, from the Diocese of Vin, on June 27th 2017. Peter has begun his full time English language course at ACU, taking up residence at Corpus Christi College on July 29th, as a pre-seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat, having previously studied, graduating from the University in Hue.

Bill Lowry has been accepted by Bishop Paul as a seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat. In his 2nd year at Corpus Christi, Bill has been a student for the Melbourne Archdiocese, but having lived in Ballarat prior to the seminary, he has now applied for and been accepted as a student for the Diocese of Ballarat. We welcome and pray for them both.

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 "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to someone who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." (St Gregory Narianzen, 2 January)

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

Brother Frank O'Shea invites us to the web page of **The Ruben Centre** Nairobi www.rubencentre.org

You are **welcome** to join a **Parish Family Group** for a monthly social occasion. See Louise Taggart, Sue Smith or Fr. Lawrie.

Situation Vacant Director of Mission Integration at St John of God Health Care, Warrnambool. Copies of **Bishop Paul's Christmas Message "Joys and Sorrows 2017"** are available.

Bereavement Group Tuesday 7.30pm.

MASS NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE THE 2ND SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time B.

Study Online—sacraments, scripture, social justice, catechesis, pastoral care and liturgy. Contact Amanda Smith at the Ballarat Diocesan Office on 5337 7125 or 0427 748 867. The courses go for 5 weeks.

Open Daily "The Mary MacKillop School House and Museum at Penola, S.A.

Funerals on Monday 8th January 10.30am for Kevin Ryan RIP; 2pm for Vincent O'Neill.

"Light and life to all He brings"

The response from the **SVPD Christmas Appeal** has been overwhelming this year.

Thanks to all for your generosity. We certainly are a giving parish in so many ways. Special mention should be made of the school students' response. OLHC Minnie Vinnies and general school community donated over \$800 as did the Young Vincentians from Emmanuel College ably led by Eugene Dalton and John O'Sullivan. Sincere **thanks** from OLHC SVPD conference members.

His First Coming

A gentle Babe, caved in helpless way

Where straw would be His resting place

Of bodied power of Love, all graced

In deep humanity! Ah, the Mystery

Of it all, steadies my heart to deepened joy

At His coming, for the saving of us all...!

Let us recall this Mystery of Love

In a depth-wise silent way...

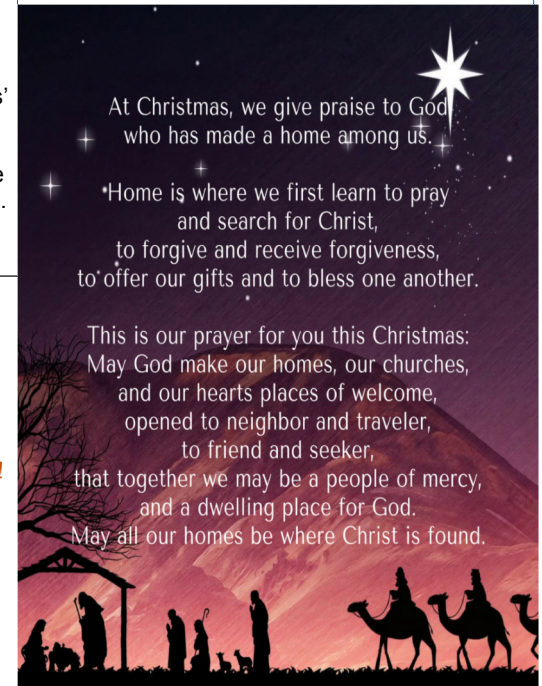
With His Mother there, embracing Him,

And us in Him, within a gentle love,

Stand still and will His Presence

In its vast, embracing way.

Pauline Fitz-Walter SGS



At Christmas, we give praise to God who has made a home among us.

Home is where we first learn to pray and search for Christ, to forgive and receive forgiveness, to offer our gifts and to bless one another.

This is our prayer for you this Christmas: May God make our homes, our churches, and our hearts places of welcome, opened to neighbor and traveler, to friend and seeker, that together we may be a people of mercy, and a dwelling place for God. May all our homes be where Christ is found.