

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 20/21 January

6pm Welcomers: M Dunne, S Hargreaves Gifts: B Martell Family Readers: C Del Rio, L Flaherty

Ministers: C Smith, T Treffry, C White, D White, D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner

9am Welcomers: T McCutcheon, C Morriss Gifts: C&S Cope Family Readers: E Dwyer, D Farley

Ministers: C Spencer, P Allan, T Baker

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

14 January Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, R&M Greene, T Woolley, M&J McLean

21 January D & D

COUNTING TEAMS:

14 January Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

21 January Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH: 21 January: Louise & Michael Taggart



Making Connections: Teaching was an essential aspect of Jesus' ministry. But his style was not to merely give his listeners the facts but to draw them into sharing his understanding and way of life. When these two disciples of John show interest in his way, Jesus invites them to 'come and see'; to experience his way first hand by being with him.

Did you Know?: Points of interest and Catholic lore. Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give life for the sake of all. **'Messiah' is a Hebrew word** which means 'anointed one'. **'Christ' is the Greek word** meaning the same thing.

Sharing the Tradition: Lay people play an increasing role in the Church as part of their vocation as baptised Christians.

Living the Word: Pray for each other as you respond to the call of Jesus. Pray for all those who are in the process of discerning their vocation as Christians.

Marriage Tip: Let your spouse know when you are proud of them and why. It is important to show that you recognize what they are doing for you, your family, and others. They will appreciate your recognition.

Daily Prayer: God of mystery, whose voice whispers our name, God in our midst, whose Lamb walks among us unknown, in every generation you reveal yourself to those who long to know your

Christmas Prayer

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among others,

To make music in the heart. Amen.

Howard Thuman

dwelling place. Speak now, Lord, for your servants are listening. Draw us to you that with you we may always remain.

A Vocation View: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.



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.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th January 2018

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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: Peter McCluskey, Roslyn Byron, Brother Dermot Shortill, Alan Pope
Anniversaries: Gail Bartlett, Pat Dobson, Joe Evans, Bishop Vincent Mojwok Nyiker, Maureen O'Sullivan, Fathers Kirby, Fiscalini & Sexton, Sister Paula Cadusch, Lois Grundy, Graeme Horan, Ron Eccles, Terrie Bouwman, Michael Punch, John O'Toole

Mass Times Monday 7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday 10.00am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am (Kevin J Ryan RIP)
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius



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

*Green is the colour of
hope and growth*

The Word of God: This Week: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10.19, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a.17-20, Jn1: 35-42
Next Week: Jon 3: 1-5.10, 1 Cor 7: 29-31, Mk 1: 14-20

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)



"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."

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 to 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	12	Gather Us in
Gifts	37	Come to Me
Communion	185	Our Supper Invitation
	6	Lord To Whom Shall We Go?
Recessional	186	The Light of Christ

Mystery Of Faith

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

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." MARK 1:11
As we come into a church, we dip our fingers in the **Holy water font** and bless ourselves. We do it by habit, often without **reflecting** on what we are doing. When I was growing up, it was not unusual for Catholic families to place a little Holy water font in the bedroom. Do you ever connect any of this with **your Baptism**?

The Holy water font is really a **mini-baptismal font**. We take the Holy water to remind us that, at our **Baptism**, we were initiated as a disciple of Jesus Christ, receiving the saving benefit of what Jesus did for the whole world on Calvary. **Our Baptism** was the first day of our individual salvation.

Even though John the Baptist felt uneasy baptising Jesus, **the Baptism of Jesus** was his **public** inauguration for his mission, **defining him** as God's Son, the Beloved, who enjoyed the Lord's favour. People are often defined by what official position they have in the community (eg, Prime Minister), or defined from history (eg, Alexander the Great, William the Conqueror, John the Baptist). So too, Jesus Christ, **the "anointed one", received his office at his Baptism**. This throws light on our own **Baptism which defines us publicly** in our relationship with God and with one another in the Church community. So, we pray "Our" Father, not "My" Father. **We are defined** as a child of God, adopted into God's family and sharing God's mission. **Our Baptism enrolls us** in the public office of being a Catholic Christian. Think of this **next time** you take Holy water **entering** the church.

*Our Heavenly Father, as you adopted children reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may we be **always conscious of our public office** as Catholic Christians sharing your mission. Amen.*

Bishop Peter Ingham

Pray..."Thank you, Lord, for being with us last year. Help us stay close to you in the new year as well."

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?



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 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.

Copies of **Bishop Paul's Christmas Message "Joys and Sorrows 2017"** are available.

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.

Funeral Mass on Monday 11am for Rita Travers.

Study Tour of the Biblical Lands Catholic Theological College, 17 November-14 December 2018. Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece, and option for 3 days in Rome, Tour leaders: Dr. Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM. Information Session: Saturday 20 January 2018, 2pm-4pm. RSVP & further information: Jenny Dalahunt 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Be a **Hospice Volunteer**, Phone Fred Chatfield 0488 271 224.

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

Year of Youth 2018

"Open new horizons for Spreading Joy"



Our primary guide through the two parts of this year's **Ordinary Time** is the gospel writer **Mark**. Jesus' first words in Mark make it clear that from now on **time can never be considered 'ordinary'**: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God **has come near**; repent, and believe in the good news," said Jesus (1:14). Every Sunday—indeed every day—is a "day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2). Because Mark's is the shortest gospel we read supplementary material from the gospel of John on three occasions—on this Sunday, on Sundays 17-21, and on the last Sunday of the year, the feast of Christ the King. On the Sundays of Ordinary Time we hear an Old Testament reading (accompanied by a psalm) that in some way relates to the gospel. This year the independent second reading will come from the apostle Paul's letters to the Corinthians and to the Ephesians, from James the apostle, and from the unknown author of the letter to the Hebrews. **A rich feast** of the word of God **lies before us**. (Break Open The Word)

Pope Francis sent a video message to the people of Chile and Peru in advance of his January 15-22 apostolic visit.

"I will visit you as a pilgrim of the joy of the Gospel. I want to meet you, to look into your eyes, see your faces and, he continues, be able to experience the closeness of God among all of you, His tenderness and mercy that embraces and comforts us". The Pope praised the people, "Especially for the love you demonstrate towards those who are discarded by society."