

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 8/9 December

**6pm** Welcomers: Conheady Family Gifts: P&J Frusher Readers: R Cussen, C Del Rio

Ministers: K&M McKenzie, M ills, F Moloney, J Moorfield, M Page

**9am** Welcomers: D Duynhoven, D Grimshaw Gifts: S Cook Family Readers: M Wrigley, P Allan

Ministers: A Sanderson, C Spencer, C Wrigley

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

2 December Group 2: P Jubb, P Bolte, P&S Smith

9 December Group 3: D Arundell, J Mahony, H Stoll, A Basford

#### COUNTING TEAMS:

2 December Team 10: Cross Family

9 December Team 1: Pam & Gavin Nevill, Nettie Shannahan

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKCH:** 9 December: Jim & Elaine Hales



**Making Connections:** This week, be attentive to the time you spend—in traffic, in a shop, on the phone, to cross the road. Use these small moments of waiting to focus on, and prepare yourself for, the coming of Christ at Christmas

**Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore:** The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time.

**Daily Prayer:** God of holiness, whose promises stand through all generations, fulfil the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear. Raise up our heads and strengthen our hearts, that, free from anxiety and steadfast in hope, we may look forward to the glorious return of Christ, our judge and our Savior.

**Marriage Tip:** Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your spouse. Recall the early days of your dating and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?

**Vocational View:** Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

For the unsung saints who devote themselves to community service, that they will inspire us to greater gratitude and generosity.

### 5 December—UN International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Day, mandated by the UN General Assembly, is held each year on 5 December. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organisations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities and the private sector. Apart from mobilising thousands of volunteers every year, the United Nations Volunteer programme contributes to peace and development by advocating for the recognition of volunteers and working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming.

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

Today we welcome with great joy  
*Van Walsh*

who is being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



### Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**  
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**1st Sunday of Advent — 2nd December 2018**

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



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

**Recent Deaths:** Sister Connie Walsh R.S.M., Michael Crowe, John Sanderson, Jimmy Simpson, Cleta O'Dwyer, Albert Pruy, Lesley Hazeldine, Elizabeth Nagle

**Anniversaries:** Des Ryan, Nell Braybrook, Brian Darmody, Monsignor McCunnie, Fathers Martin & Martin Gleeson

**"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)**

Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	9.30am
	Thursday	10.00am (Lyndoch Living Chapel)
	Friday	9.30am (St Ambrose)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am

### The Word of God:

This Week: Jer 33: 14-16/ 1 Thes 3: 12-4:2/ Lk 21: 25-28. 34-36

Next Week: Bar 5: 1-9/ Phil 1: 4-6.8-11/ Lk 3: 1-6

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

**Reconciliation**—Friday 10.00am; Saturday 10.20 am at St Pius

*Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*



The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself".

Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si (2015) 236*  
A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

GIRM 42

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

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

**TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**



The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **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.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance 174 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Wreath



*Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;  
We are your people, we long for you, Lord.  
God ever with us, Emmanuel,  
Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!*

Gifts 20V 163 Open the Heavens  
Communion 86 We Are Many Parts  
55 Blest Are They  
Recessional Christ Be Our Light

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**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.

**Advent**

**Plenary Prayer**

Be still  
Be still and know  
Be still and know that I am  
Be still and know that I am your God.  
God of this Advent time  
As we watch, wait, long and hope,  
Encourage us in our efforts to  
listen humbly to each other  
Inspire in us the words to speak  
boldly with each other  
Create within us a spirit of discernment  
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue  
our journey to the Plenary Council.  
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—  
God-with-us.  
Amen.

**Plenary Council 2020: What is God asking of us at this time?**

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing their experience of faith and of the Church. The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. Our questions about and our hopes for the Church will arise from hearts that listen to the Spirit. This week, we are inviting all our parishioners to pray the Advent Plenary Council prayer each day as a way of preparing to share our stories.



Share your story, your voice is needed.  
[plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve** Family Mass 6.00pm  
Christmas Carols 7.30pm  
Mass during the night 8.00pm  
**Christmas Day** Mass 8.30am  
Allansford 10.00am

**Help Welcome at our**

**Masses—**  
Welcomers, Leaders, Readers,  
Special Ministers, Presentation  
of Gifts.  
Please indicate on the Sheet in the foyer.



**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 Dec)

**Holy Hour Monday 10.00am.**

**Cards** (Euchre & Solo) 1pm Tuesday in the Church foyer.

**Next Wednesday** is the **Fiftieth Anniversary** of the opening of the **St Vincent de Paul Shop** in Warrnambool. Congratulations to all who have made this happen.

**Parish Co ordinating Team** meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm.

**"WORSHIP then is not part of the Christian life it is the Christian Life."**  
- Fr. Gerald Vann OP

**Your voice** is important to shaping the future of the church. **The Plenary Council** wants us to respond to this question; **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?** Reply to [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) OR have the Parish Office send them for you.

**Compliments of the Parish** "Our Diocesan Community" is available.

**Today** is National Day of Sorrow to reflect on the start of a new Church year a new way of being Church in Australia "Safeguarding must always be at the heart of all we do."

**Today** the St John of God Auxiliary will be selling tickets for their Christmas Raffle \$2. Prizes include Coles Myer gift voucher worth \$500 and McNeil's Petrol \$250.

**Carols By Candlelight** on the Civic Green, Friday 21st December. Children's Activities & BBQ, 6.30pm, Carols at 7.30pm.

**Compliments of the Parish** the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available.

**Congratulations** to OLHC School on winning the Grade 6 Girls **State Volley Ball Title.**

The Annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** commences this month. Envelopes for cash donations and a basket for foodstuffs or wrapped gifts are in the Church foyer. **We Thank You** for your incredible generosity.

East Warrnambool SVDP Conference.

**Christmas Carols** at the Allansford Hall on Sunday 9th December at 7.00pm.

**Community Christmas Day Lunch** St. Joseph's Hall. Free. RSVP Mary 0409 158 177 by the 19th December.

**Volunteers** are needed at St John of God Hospital. Contact Director of Mission Integration—Felicity Barker.

**Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool is a Child Safe Parish**

**Advent**

Reflections Thursday 7.30pm; Friday 10.00am.  
Christmas Cards for Sale (to support St Vincent de Paul) \$3 for 8.  
Columban Calanders \$8 (Excellent Christmas Gift and supports Columban Missions)  
**Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins**—Wednesday December 19th 7.30pm.  
**Sacrament of the Sick and High Afternoon Tea**—Thursday 13th December 1pm.

