

**ROSTERS**

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



**LITURGY for 22/23 December**

**6pm** Welcomers: P&J Frusher Gifts: D Hancock Family Readers: B Gladman, T Harney

Ministers: D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady

**9am** Welcomers: R&M Brown Gifts: D Duynhoven Readers: M Cooper, E Dalton

Ministers: M&L Taggart, T Baker

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

**Week commencing**

16 December Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean

23 December Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

**COUNTING TEAMS:**

16 December Team 2: Des Arundell, Bryan O'Keeffe, Ces Cooper

23 December Team 3: Terry & Pat King

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOKH:** 23 December: Robert McLaren, Chris Smith



**Making Connections:** 'A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people'. Is there an expectancy growing in you as the coming of Christ draws closer? Make a special effort to live ethically this week. There are many opportunities provided by various church agencies at this time of year to share our wealth or good fortune with those who have little.

**Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore:** Tax collectors at the time of Jesus were disliked immensely for two reasons. They collaborated with the Roman oppressors and they skimmed additional monies from the people for themselves. The Jewish people of this time were hopeful that a Messiah would come to overthrow the tyranny of the Roman Empire and set them free. The word *Messiah* in Hebrew means 'anointed one'; the word *Christ* has exactly the same meaning in Greek.

**Exploring the Word:** 'What must we do?' The Baptist is very clear that to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being in right relationship with their neighbour and by living justly. At Pentecost, this baptism becomes a reality for the early church, forming its members into the new society who respond to God's love by imitating the life and the love of the Son.

**Sharing the Tradition:** The figure of John the Baptist holds a special place in the life of the church as one of the first people to recognise Jesus as the awaited Messiah. Reflect on John's withdrawal into the desert and the tradition of withdrawal that is part of the life of the church. Withdraw or retreat into a quiet place for prayer (Monday's 10am). What are the benefits of such a withdrawal?

**Symbols and Images:** The image of Jesus as a farmer who separates the wheat from the chaff is a stern one, but it serves as a reminder that the choices we make have consequences, not only in this life but in the eternal life to come. Truly living the life of a Christian is not an easy task.

**Daily Prayer:** Lord our God, already in our midst and yet to come, your presence delights us even now as we long for your peace. Winnow from our lives the chaff of selfishness and sin. Sow in us a harvest of gentleness and generosity, for we rejoice in you, even as you exult and sing for joy over us.

**Marriage Tip:** "Although they go forth weeping... They shall come back rejoicing." (Ps 126:6) Every marriage faces times of sorrow and weeping. Trust in the Lord's care for you as you await the promised time of rejoicing.

**Vocational View:** Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

Longing, that's what the Advent season is. It is a season of holy expectation culminating in joyous gratitude for the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Realisation of God's immense care for you, expressed through the gift of His Son, will make your love increase this Advent season for your family, friends and all whom you encounter.

**May God bless you with a Holy Advent.**

**For Your Reflection and Prayer:**

- ◇ Am I "the reed of God" that is hollow within, so as to receive the breath of God and to make music for God in my life?
- ◇ Am I an empty nest with space to welcome Jesus home, to dwell within my heart and welcome others into Christ's presence?

*"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**

**3rd Sunday of Advent —16th December 2018**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Greg Hocking, Lorraine Gavin, Joyce McKay, Maureen Rogers, Ron Brown

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Smith, Nora Forrest, Kevin McDonough, Michael Slattery, John Mahony, Jan Alexander, Brian Parsons, Fathers O'Dowd & Devane, Wayne Buchtman, Percy Harold Eccles, Tottie O'Brien, Leon Greene



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

<b>Mass Times</b>	Tuesday	10.00am
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30pm Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins</b>
	Thursday	9.30am
	Friday	9.30am (Leon Greene RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

<b>THE LORD'S DAY</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>Allansford</b>	<b>10.30am</b>

*Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*

**The Word of God:**

This Week: Zep 3: 14-18a/ Phil 4: 4-7/ Lk 3: 10-18

Next Week: Mi 5: 1-4a/ Heb 10: 5-10/ Lk 1: 39-45

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

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



**Goodbye, Dear Old School**

Goodbye, dear old school,  
Hello, bright new start.  
May God guide our lives,  
Head and hand and heart.

**CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST**

- ~~BE~~ buy presents
- ~~Wrap gifts~~ <sup>SOMEONE</sup> IN A HUG
- ~~Send gifts~~ PEACE
- <sup>DONATE</sup> ~~shop for food~~
- ~~BE~~ See the lights

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

**CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**



Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Spread the good news over all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

**HYMNS:**

Entrance 174 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Wreath



*Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;  
We are your people, Lord, we seek your truth  
Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way;  
Show us the path of life, Maranatha!*

Gifts 50 Prepare the Way  
Communion 185 Our Supper Invitation  
65 To Be Your Bread  
Recessional 57 City of God

**Mystery Of Faith**

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

**Prepare The Way**

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, And all people will see the salvation of our God.

**Advent  
Plenary Prayer**

**Plenary Council 2020: What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020**

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)



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.

**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

**Helpers 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.**

**"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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Carols** at St. Brigid's Crossley on Sunday December 23rd. BBQ 6pm. Carols 7.30pm.

**Available Rosters** for Sunday Masses, Cleaners, Counters, Lyndoch Special Ministers. Thank you from us all for your essential service to us.

**Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)** is being offered at St Thomas' the Apostle Parish Centre Terang in 2019.

The program requires that you attend and experience 1 Education day per week and 10 hours of pastoral experience each week in an approved placement setting. Contact Bernadette Wurlod on 0455 033 321.

**Requiem Mass** for Ron Brown RIP on Tuesday 11.30am.

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**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.

**Advent**

Reflections Thursday 7.30pm; Friday 10.00am. Christmas Cards for Sale (to support St Vincent de Paul) \$3 for 8.

Columban Calendars \$8 (Excellent Christmas Gift and supports Columban Missions)

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins—** Wednesday December 19th 7.30pm.

