

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 4/5 January

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

Ministers: L Flaherty, D Friebe, B Gladman, G McMeel, M&T Harney

9am Welcomers: J Zanos, J Bouwman Gifts: P Aberline Family Readers: S Hall, H Godfrey

Ministers: M Clancey, A Jubb, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

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

5 January Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

COUNTING TEAMS:

29 December Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

5 January Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 5 January: Colin Ryan

New Rosters are now Available



Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of the Holy Family Year A (Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Dreaming is an important part of life, both the dreaming we do at night and the "day dreaming" we engage in as we look to the future. In today's gospel story, Joseph is a dreamer who listens to his dreams and hears the voice of God directing him to go where he may not have chosen to go. The visit of the wise ones or astrologers from the east has left him with some questions. Now the pieces begin to fall into place. In his dream, he becomes aware of the danger that is threatening the family. The new born child is at risk. Steps must be taken to protect the child and his mother.

The desert road to Egypt had long been the place of refuge for Joseph's ancestors. It is still a place of refuge and asylum, away from the centre of international affairs. Although the gospel presents a patriarchal image of family with the husband as head of the household, there is no sense that family leadership resides in the exercise of power over others. It resides rather in constant vigilance and in care and protection of the most vulnerable. The reader of the gospel has already been told that Joseph is "just": he has acted with integrity and will continue to do so.

The story-teller uses a literary device, that of "formula-citation", to locate the story of this special family within Israel's bigger faith story. Centuries before, Israel (Jacob's family) had fled into Egypt in time of famine. Their descendants were later rescued from slavery in Egypt. This new-born child will also go down into Egypt for protection and be led out to safety through God's providence. There is no neat correspondence of character to character or event to event, simply allusions to the power of God at work in the great saving events in the lives of God's people. The reader is being prepared for the momentous destiny in store for the world through the agency of a child at risk.

The child's mother receives little attention in the telling of this story. We may like to retell the story through the lens of her fears and hopes or through the lens of the fears and hopes of the millions of refugees and asylum seekers of our time. God is just as much at work in the lives of those who are threatened now as was the case in the life of the family we name as "holy". God worked through the agency of Mary and Joseph and other wisdom figures to protect the child. God works in our times through those who imagine or dream of a different future for the homeless and bereft and act to achieve those dreams. As we move into a new year, we need to ensure we are among them. And let's not forget the other-than-human families at risk on our planet.



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



PARISH BULLETIN

Holy Family – 29th December 2019

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Barbara Jones (Sue Smith's Aunt), Loy Carey, Leopoldine Mimovich, Amanda Anna Schmit (Mother of Rosa Fernandez)
Anniversaries: Roo Smith, Maureen Kelly, Claire Haylock, Peter Morrissey, Ken McLean, Mary McNeil, Patrick Bourke, Fathers Culligans & Maguire, Sister Phillip Gleeson, Margaret O'Keefe



Mass Times	Monday	7.30am at St Pius
	Tuesday	10.00am
	Wednesday	10.00am New Years Day (Mary Mother of God) (Solemnity)
	Thursday	9.30am (Celebrant Fr. van de Camp) 10.00am Lyndoch Living Chapel
	Friday	9.30am (Ken McLean RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

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

EPIPHANY

*White is the colour of
rejoicing*

The Word of God:

This Week: Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Col 3: 12-21/ Mt 2: 13-15. 19-23

Next Week: IIs 60: 1-6/ Eph 3: 2-3. 5-6/ Mt 12: 1-12

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation —Friday 10am; Saturday 10.20am at St Pius



Greetings for the Christmas Season to Parishioners and Visitors, from the Parish Co ordinating Team—
Marion Bugge, Minn Cooper, Rachel Kelly, Dion Bartlett, Theresa Bant, Fr. Lawrig, John Tankard, Paul Torpy & Catherine White
Wishing you peace happiness and God's abiding love at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Jesus of Nazareth

The mystery of Christmas and the secret of Nazareth radiate the beauty of family life and fill us with hope and joy. May every family, despite weaknesses, become a light in the world when there is darkness. May Nazareth teach us the meaning of family life, its loving communion, its simple beauty and its sacred character. Amen.
(prayer based on Pope Francis' 'The Joy of Love', *Amoris Laetitia*, paragraph 65)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(Keep for Daily Prayer)*



Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hand you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh, and came to dwell among us. All accepting Him will become children of God.

HYMNS:

Entrance	9	Angels We Have Heard on High
Gifts	2	Mary's Boy Child
Communion	18	Silent Night
	10	What Child is This
Recessional	8	Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

1 January—World Day of Peace

The theme of the 53rd World Day of Peace, which is observed on 1 January, and Pope Francis' message for the occasion is *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion*. This was announced by the Holy See Press Office, "...May all men and women who come into this world experience a life of peace and develop fully the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart."

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

The Future of the Very Young

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Marriage Tip: Sometimes it can be frightening to embark upon a big change in life – a birth, a death, changing a job, or retirement. Call to mind a fear from the past or present. Share it with your spouse, and trust it will be kept safe.

The world is the first Bible that God made for the instruction of man.
- St Clement of Alexandria

We Pray for All in New Zealand

God of all life, the extraordinarily destructive power of this volcano confronts us with many questions. We gather up in prayer the lives of all affected by this event on White Island in the beautiful country of New Zealand. Nothing is ever hidden from you and you understand all that is mystery to us. Through the elements of that island and its surrounds—the air, the wind, the sounds and the waters, bring peace for those who have perished there and healing and hope for the survivors and rescuers. Amen.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-2
This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer/tablet/phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year A -2 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 2) beginning with Advent, together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It may be accessed at the following URL address:
www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

Mother Teresa, "Love: A fruit always in season"

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes. We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community upon whose land our parish resides.

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 everyday with the saints. *"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards our progress nor the nature of the task, but the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken."*

Holy Hour at OLHC Monday 10am

Worth Watching "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays.

"Australia's most liveable city and district is Warrnambool!"

Now Selling Columban Calendars 2020 to support Columban Missionaries

Compliments of the Parish the latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" is available.

Bible Study Recess until Lent.

"Summer School of Evangelisation Jan 12-19, 2020 in Bacchus Marsh, 16-35y/os looking to deepen their faith in Christ. Ballarat Diocese Youth Ministry is offering financial support. Contact Patrick on 5337 7160.

New Rosters are available. **Volunteering** at St John of God Hospital is welcome. Contact Felicity Barker on 5564 0600.

"The Woodford Cup" is on Tuesday at the Warrnambool Race Track. St John 's School Dennington benefits from the Event.

Thank You to our Parishioners for their generous support of our Parish in 2019 with time and talent. We need you to look after each other in 2020. Christmas reminds us God is with us.

Thanks to the generosity of the Treffry family we have a Baby's Changing Table installed in the new amenities.

Plenary Council Preparation OLHC will host a discernment in late February on the Church being a joyful, hope-filled and servant community.

You are welcome to join a **Parish Family Group**, a social group. See Fr Lawrie or Laine and Terry Kenny.

Mass again at **Allansford next Sunday** 10.30am, The Feast of the Epiphany. Celebrate the New Year with lunch afterwards at the Allansford Hotel.

"Let us pray to Christ the Lord, the sun who enlightens all, whose light will never fail us: Lord Our Saviour, give us life!"

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes and through our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by **Friday, February 7th, 2020.**

Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas Masses in many ways and **thank you** for your Christmas Greetings, Fr. Lawrie.

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

Feliz Navidad / Bon Nadal / Boas Festas / Bones Fiestes
Buon Natale / Joyeux Noël / Frohe Weihnachten / Feliz
Natal!

**MAY THE TEARS
YOU CRIED IN 2019
WATER THE SEED
YOU'RE PLANTING
FOR 2020**

Family like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one.

