



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

**R** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens R
- "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages." R
- He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. R

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Isaiah 7:14  
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow*

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

"Jesus is Christmas." A Christmas Carols Family Special. Watch it today (Sunday) on Youtube.com/ARCHMELB



**Happy Christmas!** May Christmas be a celebration of life for you and your family—relaxing, healthful and community making.

**STAY KIND**

**Mass Times**  
**Saturday 9.30am and 6pm**  
 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
**Sunday at 9 am**  
**Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month**  
**Monday—Holy Hour at 10 am**  
**Tuesday—Wednesday at 9.30 am**  
 (Please be advised all donations given in Church are to be placed and offered when leaving the Church. Thank-you.)

### Advent Prayer

God of day and night, send your Holy Spirit upon us in these weeks of Advent.



Into our busy lives let there be quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
 Into our anxious minds let the knowledge of your presence bring comfort and peace.  
 Into your troubled world let your promise of redemption bring light and hope.  
 Move us to transform our lives to be more in step with that of Jesus, your Son. To those suffering hunger and oppression may we bring food and freedom. To those who are lonely and forgotten may we bring friendship and care. To those who are bullied, abused or reviled may we offer support and justice. To those who are lost and despairing may we be beacons of hope. Christ appeared as a light shining in the darkness. As followers of Christ, may we be a light to all our brothers and sisters, strong in faith, hope and love and sharing his kindness and blessings with all. Amen.

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances. St Vincent de Paul



**Every morning prepare your soul for a tranquil day.**  
- St Francis De Sales

"We pray for our Parish that we will be more and more a community of care, warmth and selfless service."



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



### PARISH BULLETIN

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT—20th December 2020**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Alice O'Bray, Enid Thelma Hallam, Betty Fraser, Father Frank Young

**Anniversaries:** Christine Freckleton, Fay McAlinden, Jim, Nance & Ray McNiece,

Mark O'Keefe, Agnes Quirk, Phillip White, Frank Finnigan, Fathers Michael Glennen, Patrick Bushell, Des and Peter McNamara, Brother Brian Kelly CFC

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

### The Word of God:

This Week: 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16 / Rom 16: 25-27 / Lk 1: 26-38

Next Week: Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 / Heb 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 / Lk 2: 22-40

### Taking Place This Week:

Today—Human Solidarity Day

Monday—Longest Day

Thursday—Christmas Eve Masses, 6pm & 8pm

Friday—The Nativity of the Lord; 8.30 am; 10 am Allansford

Sunday—Feast of the Holy Family



**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve—Thursday**  
 6pm—On The School Oval  
 8pm—On The School Oval

*Please bring a deck chair and if needed an umbrella &/or a rug*

**Christmas Day—Friday**  
 8.30am—In the Church  
 10am—St Carthage, Allansford

For all Masses we need Ushers, Welcomers, Readers; Special Ministers  
 For the Vigil Masses, we need nurses/doctors to provide FIRST AID. A classroom will be available. Toilets are available

Today is 4th Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is Purple.

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

Today we welcome with great joy

**Archer McPherson & Hamish Mahony**

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



*Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy*

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

**ROSTERS**  
**We thank you for the wonderful works you do!**  
**CHURCH CLEANING:**  
**Week commencing**  
 20th December Group 1 A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler  
 27th December Group 2 P Jubb, P Bolte

**Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)**  
**Politics as Love** It is an act of charity to assist someone suffering, but it is also an act of charity, even if we do not know that person, to work to change the social conditions that caused his or her suffering. If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity. While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job for that other person, and thus practices a lofty form of charity that ennobles his or her political activity.

From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us. Pope Francis

**Christmas List**

1. <sup>Be</sup> Buy a present
2. <sup>the ones I love with a hug</sup> Wrap my presents
3. <sup>peace and good wishes</sup> Send postcards
4. <sup>Give away</sup> Buy food to the poor
5. <sup>Donate</sup> Get new clothes
6. <sup>Be</sup> See the Christmas lights <sup>light</sup>

Don't underestimate the healing power of these three things . . .  
 Music The Ocean Stars

"We should be as the compass that goes round its circle without stirring from its centre—our centre is God—from whom all our actions should spring."  
 - Mother Catherine McAuley

**"All One in Christ Jesus"**

"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company." said Tiny Dragon  
 Contemplative Monk

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." Mark Twain



Everyday is a second chance.

For our Diocesan Christmas Appeal for the Missions please use an envelope and mark it Christmas Appeal 2020



No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

THE LORD'S DAY



Dear Parishioners  
 What a blessing to know that the best Christmas present was given to me and to you.

WITH LOVE TO YOU  
 At this Wonderful Time of Year  
 Marian Bugge, Dion Bartlette, Teresa Bant, Minn Cooper, Yolande Hales, Fr Lawrie, John Tankard, Paul Torpy, Catherine White,  
 The Parish Co-ordinating Team

Get Your Tickets for the Woodford Cup.  
 31st December.  
 This race meeting supports St John's School, Dennington



**Prayer of Pope Benedict from Deus Caritas Est**  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son—the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely, to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsty world.  
 Pope Benedict XVI, 2005

**Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures.**  
 -St Teresa of Kolkata

"God carries us through the storms"  
 Mary MacKillop

**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.**

If you wish to give to our **Parish Finances** via bank transfer:  
 BSB: 06 3533  
 Acc. No: 0090 3353  
 Ref: Planned Giving Or, by  
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayWarrnamboolEast>  
 All donations are **greatly appreciated.**

**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.

*OLHC A Missionary Parish. A joyful, hope filled and servant community*

**Worth Watching**  
**View ABC1** Compass 11am Sundays. "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

If we do not have [your email address](#) please forward it to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au) to receive Parish Bulletins.



**Can You Help?** The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Program for primary school aged students will be expanding in 2021 to include a Tuesday session from 3-5pm at Our Lady Help of Christian Primary School and a Wednesday session from 3-5pm St Pius X Primary School. We need volunteers who enjoy working with young people in a fun and engaging learning environment. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information is available on a flyer in the Parish Foyer. Alternatively, you can contact Rebecca Janes on 0447 156 690, or [rebecca.janes@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.janes@svdp-vic.org.au)

Janet Moorfield needs a ride to Sunday 9am mass please. Kindly call on 0447 625 952, if no answer please try again. Thank-you.

**Mental and Emotional Support Line 1800 965 144**



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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
 Every Friday at 10 am.

**Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. - Thomas Merton**

"Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lit from another."  
 Pope Francis

The Forgiveness of Our Sins will be included in our Masses today

**"Christ has no body on the earth now but yours, no hands but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world."**

The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love. Pope Francis

**FOR SALE** Columban Calendars 2021, \$8  
 These Calendars feature for each month Masterpieces of Religious Art. The sale supports the Mission Work of the Columban Fathers. They are a perfect Christmas gift. Therefore, they are made available by our parish conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society. See Brian O'Keeffe at 5 Emma Ave (0438 627 965) or Catherine Hingston 38 Skiddaw Cres (0459 628 381) and at the Church  
**Christmas Cards:** which support the services of St Vincent De Paul Society.

We pray for **OUR PARISH FAMILY:** that we who rejoice in belonging to the Lord may always experience the joy of unity with each other. God of Unity, Holy Trinity, hear our prayer.

**Marriage Tip:** As we wait for Christmas, it's a good time to develop the virtue of patience. Focus on being patient today, especially with family members. Offer up the frustrations that come from things not going the way you had planned.

**Popes Intention for December**  
**For a Life of Prayer**  
 We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.