



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 84:9-14

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84:9-14

R Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 3:4-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

ADVENT

The table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the riches of the Bible are opened to them.

Isaiah 25: 6-10 —

"On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain."



"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." Henry Ford

There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives—the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognise it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them.

- St Teresa of Kolkata



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

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th

Sunday of the Month

Monday—Holy Hour

Tuesday—Saturday at 9.30 am

(Please be advised that we cannot accept loose money. All donations given in Church are to be placed in an envelope. 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."



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

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



PARISH BULLETIN

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT—6th December 2020

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Margaret Anderson, Martin Porzig, Patrick Coyle, Edith Tamayo Avila

Anniversaries: Fathers Payne and O'Dowd, Sister Margaret Shiel, Vebronia Nebo

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

The Word of God:

This Week: Is 40: 1-5. 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1: 1-8

Next Week: Is 61: 1-2.10-11/Lk 1:46-48,49-50.53-54/1 Thes 5: 16-24/Jn 1:6-8.19-28

Taking Place This Week:

Monday—St Ambrose

Tuesday—Immaculate Conception of Mary

Wednesday— St Juan Diego

Thursday—Human Rights day

Friday— Mountain Day

Saturday—1831 Founding of Sisters of Mercy by Catherine McAuley



STAY SAFE & CONNECTED O.L.H.C—A FAMILY FOR LIVING

Thank-you for your support of each other whenever possible; of the Parish and myself over the past eight months. Fr Lawrie

Christmas Stamps feature

the sculptures of Mrs

Leopoldine Mimovich,

who died on Christmas

Day 2019. 65 cents;

overseas \$2.20



Masses for Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil Mass at 9.30 am & 6pm

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford 20th Dec at 10.30am

Parish Co-ordinating Team meets on Wednesday 7.30 pm

Remember, you are not alone—we are praying for you and your loved ones.

Today is 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is

Thanks to Parishioners who generously bring to the Presbytery Planned Giving and Financial Support. **Thanks** to the Direct Givers

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
 6th December Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll
 13th December Group 6 A Moloney, H Chisholm & J Squires

Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)
Social Media
 Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues. They may attract some attention by their sharp and aggressive tone. But monologues engage no one, and their content is frequently self-serving and contradictory.

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



Peace
 Thank-you to Date our Annual Collection for Catholic Missions is \$120.

A Prayer for Those Sitting Exams
 Lovingly Father, we bring before you our VCE & University Students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.
 Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.
 May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.
 We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.
 May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

- Holiday Bucket List**
1. Buy presents
 2. Wrap gifts *someone in a hug*
 3. Send gifts *love*
 4. Shop for food *Donate*
 5. Make cookies *memories*
 6. See the light *Be*

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

"The company." said Tiny Dragon
 Contemplative Monk

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.
 —St Leo the Great

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

THE LORD'S DAY

A prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19
 Loving God,
 We place into your care All our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
 Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.
 Keep them safe from harm.
 May they know our deep gratitude
 For all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.
 God of all consolation
 May they know your protection and peace
 Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.
 Amen

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

Keep up to date with news in the Diocese. Register for **Diocesan E News** enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mental and Emotional Support
 Line 1800 965 144



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

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

"All One in Christ Jesus"

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 The Presbytery on Friday mornings from 9 am.
Christmas Cards: which support the services of St Vincent De Paul Society.

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

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.

"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."
 —St Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

Marriage Tip: Sit down with your spouse and look at some of your favourite photos from the past year. What were the hard times you weathered together? Was there an unexpected blessing? Give thanks for your life and love together.

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.