



**THIRD SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Philippians 4:4-5



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 18:8-11. R Jn 6:68

R Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden of the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Isaiah 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf Isaiah 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.

#### 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.



**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 at 10 am**

**Tuesday—Saturday at 9.30 am**

(Please be advised 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.

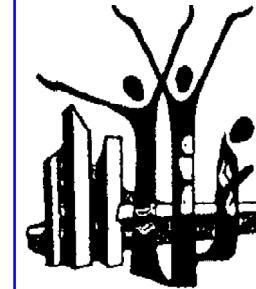
Move us to transform our lives to be more in step with that of Jesus, your Son. To those suffering hunger and oppression may we bring food and freedom. To those who are lonely and forgotten may we bring friendship and care. To those who are bullied, abused or reviled may we offer support and justice. 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."**



**Our Lady Help of Christians Parish**

**East Warrnambool - Allansford**

**'A Star in the East'**



#### PARISH BULLETIN

**3rd UNDAY OF ADVENT—13th December 2020**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Peter Goold, Michael Lenehan, Margaret Mansell, Betty Allen, Gavin Duke, Sister Gertrude Kelly, Maree Smail, Vasco Domingos de Arooja, Jessie Ward, Melly Amelia dos Reis Hornai

**Anniversaries:** Vincent Griffen, Leo Kelly, Michael Slattery, Nora Forrest

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

**The Word of God:**

This 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

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

**Taking Place This Week:**

Monday—St John of the Cross

Thursday—Sacrament of the Sick 9.30 am

Friday—International Migrants Day



#### Our Christmas Masses will be:

Christmas Eve: 6pm and 8 pm

Christmas Day: 8.30 am

10 am at Allansford

Because of Social Distance our Masses will be on the School Oval

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

**Thanks** to the Parish Co-ordinating Team, Sacristans and Organists who helped us with our Masses last Sunday to be safe and to feel welcomed

"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High" Today we welcome with great joy

Lacey O'Shannassy

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



#### Masses for Third & Forth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil Mass at 9.30 am & 6pm

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford 20th Dec at 10.30am

#### Anointing Mass of the Sick—Thursday

9.30 am (sorry no morning tea)

Today is 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is Purple.

**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

13th December Group 6 A Moloney, H Chisholm & J Squires

20th December Group 1 A Sanderson, D Porter, D Lawler

**Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)**

### World Authority

When we talk about the possibility of some form of world authority regulated by law, we need not necessarily think of a personal authority. Still, such an authority ought at least to promote more effective world organisations, equipped with the power to provide for the global common good, the elimination of hunger and poverty and the sure defence of fundamental human rights.

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

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

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



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

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

### "All One in Christ Jesus"

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

"The company," said Tiny Dragon  
Contemplative Monk

Everyday is a second chance.

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.

### 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, 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.

Keep up to date with news in the Diocese.

Register for [Diocesan E News](#) [enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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

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

The Forgiveness of Our Sins will be included in our Masses next Saturday and Sunday (4th Sunday of Advent).

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

"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)

### 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.

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:** God gave us two ears and one mouth. Keeping this ratio in mind can help you deepen your relationship. Try listening to your spouse twice as much as you speak!

### 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.

If you wish to give to our [Parish Finances](#) via bank transfer:

BSB: 06 3533

Acc. No: 0090 3353

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All donations are greatly appreciated.