



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

NOW CONCLUDES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

COMMEMORATES THE REVELATION OF JESUS AS GOD'S BELOVED SON, ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall no 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.**  
2. 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.**

3. 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 you for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that his is the Son of God.



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

Today, take a few minutes to sit quietly and be Thankful for all that you have.

STAY KIND

### Mass Times

Saturday 9.30am and 6pm

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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 and offered when leaving the Church. Thank-you.)

### 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.



YOU HAVE COME TO US AS A SMALL CHILD, BUT YOU HAVE BROUGHT US THE GREATEST OF ALL GIFTS, THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LOVE. ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

### Epiphany

Would you have noticed the star in the sky? Or would you have been too busy and distracted? Sometimes we wait for God to come, but what we really need to do is be quiet and attentive enough to notice and discern what he is already doing. And more often than not, God is found where we least expect him.

Karen Beattie, Sacred Space

Tonight, look up and contemplate the stars and the greatness of the universe.



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD—10th January 2021**

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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Helen Goss, Xavier Jeronimo, Jake Beidson (NZ), Patricia Martin, Frank Bowman, Jhoy Buana, Clare Ryan, Fr Frank Hart, Colleen Pronk

**Anniversaries:** Bernie Gleeson, Father Kirby, Milan Maglica

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

### The Word of God:

This Week: Is 55: 1-11; Is 12:2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 (3) 1 Jn 5: 1-9; Mk 1: 7-11

Next Week: 1 SM 3: 3b-10. 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a. 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

**Taking Place This Week:** (1st week in Ordinary Time)

Sunday—"The Baptism of the Lord"

Monday—World Braille Day

Wednesday—Twelfth Day of Christmas



### The Week's Prayer Focus

For all the baptised, that they will have a deep appreciation of their dignity as God's beloved children.



### Christmas Greeting

At Christmas we reflect on the mystery of "God with us" in the person of Jesus, born in one moment of time so that God can be born in every moment of time through us. The Carmelites Australia & Timor-Leste

"No crisis can turn off the light of Christmas" Pope Francis  
There is no pandemic or crisis that can turn off the light of Christmas

"Love is a Fruit always in Season"  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Within you, as with the disciples and saints, lies the spirit of the flame. May it burn in your heart and light your world forever.

Today is The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is White.

White is the colour of rejoicing

**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**  
 10th January Group 5 J McCarthy & J Carroll  
 17th January Group 6 A Moloney, H Chishol & J Squires

**THANKS**  
 Today we finish our Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Thank You to Parishioners who helped our Holy Season by preparing our Masses, our Churches, our Grounds. Thank You for the extra support from our School Teachers and Parishioners and Yolande (Sec) who made possible our Christmas Eve Masses. Your greetings, Christmas Offerings and gifts were appreciated. May our warm memories make for a Happy and Holy 2021.  
 Fr Lawrie

**“If you want to see God look attentively at CREATION”**  
 Anthony de Mello

**“All One in Christ Jesus”**

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

**A Summer Prayer**  
 Long warm days . . .  
 The pace of life slows . . .  
 A time for picnics and rest in the shade . . .  
 Lord, help me to rest awhile  
 In the cooling shade of your presence.  
 Slow down my restless heart  
 and fill me with gentle  
 compassion for all your people.

**“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

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

**“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?”**  
**“The company.”** said Tiny Dragon  
 Contemplative Monk



**Everyday is a second chance.**

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

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

**WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

**THE LORD'S DAY**

**Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)**  
**War.** We can no longer think of war as a solution, because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits. In view of this, it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a “just war”. Never again war!

**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

**“For God to become a human being among the poor, born in a stable among the animals, meant that its good to be human being, that flesh is good and that the world is good—in its most simple and human forms.**  
 Richard Rohr

**Walking with Wisdom**  
 Everything becomes sacred when we walk with God. Every leaf, every tree, every eye, and open heart. The ground we work and plant. The words we write and sing. The ones we bless and honour...  
 Every person is Beloved as we walk in the vast wonder of God.  
 Bob Holmes

**“God carries us through the storms”**  
 Mary MacKillop

**“Together for Life”**

**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](mailto:rebecca.janes@svdp-vic.org.au)

**On-Line Lay Pastoral Ministry Program—Registrations now open** The Ballarat Diocese, in partnership with Dayton University, offer low-cost study and formation. Subjects include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [Djurджа.klaris@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Djurджа.klaris@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



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

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

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)

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

**FAMILY GROUP** You are welcome to join with a small group of Parishioners for a monthly social gathering. See Jan and John Mahony or Father Lawrie.

**C**ongratulations to the top three Emmanuel VCE Students getting 99 plus. Jacob Gomes, Sarasa Deguchi and Harrison Beard (past student of our Parish School)

**“What is the New Year but the perfect place to live out what we learnt in the old year.”**  
 Craig D Loansbrough

**“Kindness** ought to be cultivated; it is no superficial bourgeois virtue. Precisely because it entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships” (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)

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

**Popes Intention for January**  
**Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity**  
 May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Marriage Tip:** Now that the busyness of Christmas is starting to die down, why not start the new year right by planning a regular weekly family night? Be creative about spending some quality time together for wholesome bonding.