



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- 1 O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R**
- 2 God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**
- 3 May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38

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, 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

### Mass Times

Saturday 9.30am

Saturday 6 pm

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday of the Month

(Monday - Holy Hour at 10 am)

Tuesday to Saturday at 9.30 am

### IRISH CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The light of the Christmas star to you  
The warmth of home and hearth to you  
The cheer and goodwill of friends to you  
The hope of a childlike heart to you  
The joy of a thousand angels to you  
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

### Prayer Focus

For the human family, that this Christmas will herald a revolution of kindness, mutual respect and hospitality in every heart and home.



In Advent we wait for you:  
God the maker,  
Jesus the storyteller,  
Holy Spirit of life.

In Advent we cry to you:  
God of Justice,  
Jesus of Bethlehem  
Holy Spirit of hope.

In Advent we long for you.  
You, God are our love,  
our warmth,  
our light

Ruth Burgess

It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to humanity, and humanity to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for "God is charity" (1 John 4:8) - St Albert the Great

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. St Augustine

"The Mercy of God is the Mission of the Church"  
St Pope John Paul



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent—19<sup>th</sup> December, 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: Peg Matthews, Colin Williams, Leonard Fahey, Mable McCardle, Lance Carter, May O'Shannessy.

Anniversaries: Fr Glennen, Sr Maureen Patricia Daley, Edward Rea, Nora Forrest, Norm Brooks, Robert Roache, Jim & Ray McNiece



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

The Word of God: This Week: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Next Week: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 ! Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, we long for you Lord. God ever with us, Emmanuel, come, Lord Jesus Maranatha

### Masses

Tuesday - Thursday 9.30am

Sunday: 9.00am

Masses at Allansford

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month, at 10.30 am

Next Mass at Allansford:

Christmas Day - 10.00am

Feasts:

Tuesday-St Peter Canisius

Thursday-St John of Kanty

Friday-Christmas Eve: 6.30pm on

### An Early Morning Prayer

I come before you, O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise up in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into this new day, may your joy shine through me. I come before you, O Lord and drink in this moment of peace, that I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my heart. Amen

Once a Palestinian village, but since the war of 1948 a suburb of Jerusalem, Ein Karem is popularly viewed as the site of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her canticle of praise, the Magnificat.

Pilgrims arriving in the church courtyard see its words displayed in scores of languages. The hymn is both profoundly personal and universal. In her unique role as the mother of the messiah, Mary gives voice to the ancestral faith of her people. She acclaims Moses' mysterious 'I am who I am' as one and the same God who sows the seeds of revolutionary reversal in the world.

Her 'Yes' paved the way for Jesus' 'Here I am!'

Now's the time for us to say the same.

### Diocesan Vision Statement

We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, reaching out in joyful and humble service, caring for all of God's creation, growing in love day by day and looking forward to life with God forever.

The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year C. The Weekday readings are from Year 2

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

"Listen to silence.  
It has so much to say."  
Rumi

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

19th December Group 5 J McCarthy J Carroll S Brown

### LITURGY ROSTER:

18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	9 am
Leader/Reader:	M Clancey R Cussen	L McKenzie T Kenny
Ministers:	G McMeel M & K McKenzie	A Sanderson C Spencer C Swarbrick
Welcomers:	G & U O'Toole	C Cooper volunteer
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## THE LORD'S DAY

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

### Make the Ordinary Come Alive

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is a way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.

Please don't give up on being **the good person**. I know it can be so hard at times, feeling taken advantage of, feeling like it's easier to be cold-hearted. But to this world you are so important because only with your help, this world has a chance to be a better place to live in ...

He said, "In the midst of hate, I found there was, within me, an invincible love. In the midst of tears, I found there was, within me, an invincible smile. In the midst of chaos, I found there was, within me, an invincible calm. I realised, through it all, that in the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger - something better, pushing right back". *Albert Camus*



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

### 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"



**The biggest difference between money and time:**

**You always know how much money you have, but you never know how much time you have.**

**Do not judge by appearances; a rich heart may be under a poor coat. - Scottish Proverb**

### Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us. St Carthage, pray for us.

**"WE NEED LEADERS not in love with money but in love WITH JUSTICE. Not in love with publicity but IN LOVE WITH HUMANITY."**  
*Dr Martin Luther King Jr*

**"The poor are not people 'outside' our communities, but brothers and sisters whose sufferings we should share"**  
*Pope Francis*

## 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.

Worth Watching: [View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays](#). "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am

Mass For You at Home on Sundays at 6am on [Channel 10](#) WIN TV [Channel 44](#) 11.00am

If we don't have [your email address](#) please forward to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au) to receive the Bulletins.

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**.



### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm on the School oval

(Bring deck chairs, rugs, umbrellas)

Christmas Day: 8.30am

Allansford 10.00am - (18 Grauers Rd)



### Can you Help with our Christmas Masses? Names please on the form in the Foyer

**Baptism** Zander McKenzie, Mia Dalton, Sebastian Johnstone & Caoimhe Tohill are baptised into the family of God this weekend. They are welcomed with great joy

**Christmas Appeal** Last year the Diocese was able to distribute \$33,000. Bishop Paul writes: 'I thank the people of the Diocese for their support. This year our donations can be placed in an envelope marked Christmas Appeal or directly via a link of the Diocesan web page.

**Thanks** to all who helped our Christmas Market for the Mission of the Church in East Timor, Phillipines & Australian Homes of Refuge. We raised \$2,500. Raffle winners: K Young, P Walsh & M Gillin

**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund** relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible. To date \$975. Thank you.

**St Vincent de Paul East Warrnambool:** Columban Calendars \$8 & Christmas Cards 8 for \$3 available

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** is running through the four weeks of Advent. Envelopes available

**NEW YEARS DAY: Mary the Holy Mother of God - Mass 9.30am & 6.00pm**

**Sunday 2nd January: The Epiphany of The Lord - 9.00am & 10.30am at Allansford**

**Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.**

**"While earning your DAILY BREAD be sure you SHARE a slice with those less fortunate"**

**Act in such a manner that you are living proof of a loving God.**

**Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.**

*Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"* Henry Nouwen

### Pope's Prayer for December

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the holy Spirit.

Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus