



# 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

Isaiah 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

- 1 Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not 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 joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **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.

### 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

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

### 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

### Hymns

ENT:	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	OV # 174
GIFTS:	Prepare the Way	# 50
COMM:	To Be Your Bread	OV # 65
	Song of the Body of Christ	OV # 27
RECESS:	Blest Be the Lord	OV # 179

### Prayer Focus

For young people setting out on their working life, that they will find satisfying employment that makes the world a better place.



### REFLECTION

The phrase 'a shot in the arm', meaning a sudden impetus for the good, seems to be just over a hundred years old. With COVID, it has mutated into something less clear-cut. For all the good that vaccines do, we know they can't give us absolute protection.

Today's Word of God is 'a shot in the arm' like that. Our spirits soar when we hear of Zephaniah's dancing God and Paul's blessing of happiness. But these wonderful words of encouragement don't make us immune to the troubles of the church and the world.

What they do is give us the confidence and freedom to get out and about and join in God's work of renewing the face of the earth.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent—12<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: Annie Delaney, Sr Glenda Bourke, Barbara Wensley, Petronella Bongers, Sr Dorothy Eveston, Michael Lanigan, Thomas Vickers

Anniversaries: Pat Smith, Edward Perera, Frs Payne & O'Dowd

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment please phone 5561 1533

The Word of God: This Week: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Next Week: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44



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 - Saturday 9.30am  
Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm  
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, 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am

### Feasts

Monday-St Lucy; Foundation of Sisters of Mercy  
Tuesday- St John of the Cross

### Did You Know?

William Barker tells about a machinist with the Ford motor company in Detroit who had, over a period of years, "borrowed" various parts & tools from the company which he had not bothered to return. While this practice was not condoned, it was more or less accepted by management, & nothing was done about it. The machinist, however, experienced a Christian conversion. He was baptized & became a devout believer. More important, he took his Baptism seriously. The very next morning, he arrived at work loaded down with tools & all the parts he had "borrowed" from the company during the years. He explained the situation to his foreman, added that he'd never really meant to steal them & hoped he'd be forgiven. The foreman was so astonished and impressed by his action, that he cabled Mr Ford, who was visiting a European plant, & explained the event in detail. Immediately Ford cabled back: "Dam up the Detroit River", he said & baptise the entire city! We can only hope & pray that every Christian takes his baptism that seriously.

### 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



## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

12th December Group 4 B O'Grady T Woolley M & M McLean

### LITURGY ROSTER:

12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	9 am
Leader/Reader:	G McMeel C Carvalho	C Morriss D Farley
Ministers:	C White M & T Harney	M & L Taggart H Goddard
Welcomers:	D White D Bartlett	J Zanos
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

## THE LORD'S DAY

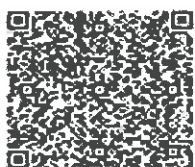
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

### 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 Gunditjmarra 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  
Christmas Day: 8.30am and Allansford 10.00am



The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fridays at 10.00am

Vaccination Requirements and Mass Our week day Mass of 50, vaccination status not required. Saturday 9.30am; 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am - proof of double vaccination required.

Mass for the Forgiveness of our Sins: Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm

Baptism Finn Taylor, Nate Reilly and Nola Quinlan are baptised into the family of God this weekend. They are welcomed with great joy

On Sight Meeting at 6.00pm today-Sunday to prepare for Christmas Eve Mass on our School oval, eg ushers, First Aid, furniture etc

Memorial Mass for Leon Garner RIP 11.00am Friday

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 \$905

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

Concert: Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra performance for the young and young at heart. Friday 17th December 6.30pm at Lighthouse theatre \$5 at Box office or 5559 4999

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

Situations Vacant on Church Cleaning Roster. If you can join our volunteers please see Dion or Fr Lawrie

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.

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