



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**



Spelling out the meaning of Christmas

- C** stands for Christ. If we leave him out of Christmas it is like celebrating a wedding without the groom.
- H** stands for the hope he gives us—hope of a life without end.
- R** stands for the revolution he began: turning hate to love, war to peace, and everyone into everyone's neighbour
- I** stands for Israel, the land where he was born. But it also stands for me, for Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem, but it would all be in vain unless he is born in me.
- S** stands for the salvation he brought: those who lived in darkness saw a great light.
- T** stands for thanks—thanks to the Father for the gift of his Son, The best way to say thanks is to make room for him in our hearts.
- M** stands for mary who brought him to birth. She will help to bring him to birth in us also.
- A** stands for the angels who at his birth sang: 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth'. It was the sweetest music ever heard on earth.
- S** stands for the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. Now Christ is the star we follow. His light will guide us through the night until the sun of eternal day dawns upon us.

(Fr Flor McCarthy S.D.B.)



Mass Times
Saturday 9.30am
Saturday 6 pm
Sunday at 9 am
Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th
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 all who live with darkened minds and hearts, that the light of grace and truth will dawn brightly in them.



Prayer for Families at Christmas
During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.
Let Mary's openness to your wonderous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircles the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.
For this we pray.

Amen

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



**"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

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph
26th December, 2021

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Susan Henry, Jim O'Brien, Fred Wensley, Marie Kelly, Maurice Fendinands, Agustinjo Soares Da Silva, Helen Maloney

Anniversaries: Ken McLean, Karen & Thomas Scott, Frs Bushell & Culligan, Brigid Jones, Des & Peter McNamara, Aurora Cunada

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment please phone 5561 1533

The Word of God: This Week: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 ! Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Next Week: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mr 2:1-12



Masses

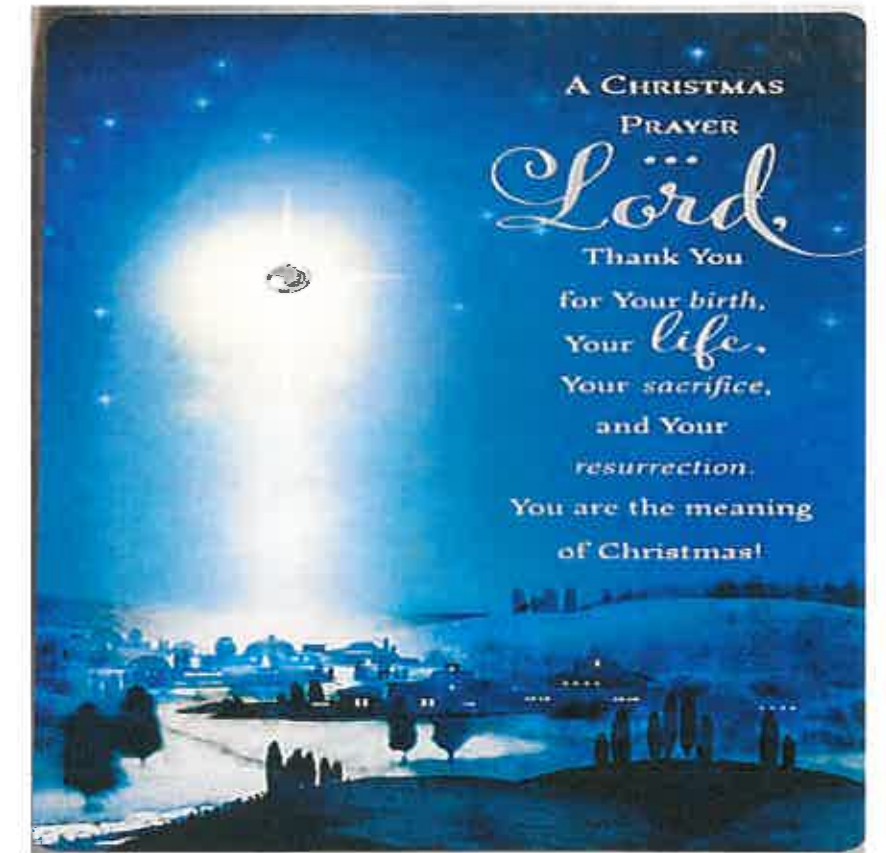
Tuesday - 9.30am (The Holy Innocents)
Wednesday - 9.30am (St Thomas Becket)
Thursday - 9.30am
Friday - 9.30am
Saturday-9.30am & 6.00pm (NYD)
Sunday: 9.00am
Masses at Allansford
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month, at 10.30 am
Next Mass at Allansford:
10.30am - 2nd January 2022

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

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

26th December Group 1 A Sanderson D Porter D Lawler

LITURGY ROSTER:

26th Dec 6.00pm 9 am

Leader/Reader:

Ministers:

Welcomers:

1/2 Dec 6.00pm 9 am

Leader/Reader: D Friebe, J McArdle

Ministers: D Friebe M Mills J Moorfield

Welcomers: S & R Zanos

9 am

9 am

F & P Torpy

L & T Kenny P Allan

D Duynhoven

THE LORD'S DAY

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

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 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**.



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.

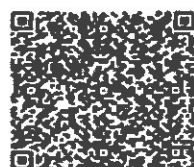
Please don't give up on being **the good person**. I know it can be so hard at times, feeling taken advantage of, feeling like it's easier to be cold-hearted

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 ...

We pray for families in all their diversity, that they will be blessed with enduring love, and where needed, with healing and forgiveness.

You are Welcome to join a Parish Family Social Group.

See *Teresa & Richard Treffry* or *Fr Lawrie*



Please check in using the QR code. You can scan the image here or on the posters as you enter.

Thank you

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.

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



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 on the Diocesan web page.

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

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

Sunday 2nd January: The Epiphany of The Lord - 6.00pm (Vigil) 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.

Marriage Tip

"Prayer increases the strength and spiritual unity of the family, helping the family to partake of God's own 'strength'."

St John Paul II, letter to Families.

A great encouragement to pray together as a family today.

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