



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

- 1 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R
- 2 The heathens themselves said; 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad R
- 3 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R
- 4 They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### 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 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**  
 (Please be advised all donations given in Church are to be placed and offered when leaving the Church Thank you)

### Hymns

<b>ENT:</b>	Prepare the Way of the Lord	CWB # 794
<b>GIFTS:</b>	Like A Shepherd	OV # 160
<b>COMM:</b>	Our Supper Invitation	OV # 185
	Lord to Whom Shall We Go?	OV # 6
<b>RECESS:</b>	Go Now You Are Sent Forth	CWB # 690

### Prayer Focus

For all prophets of hope, that they will dispel our fears and stir us to work together for a new creation.



### REFLECTION

Luke's list of the imperial and religious powerbrokers of his time is strikingly neutral. It gives no clue to the violence, corruption and cruelty that lay behind their names.

In fact, their world was distinctly unpromising for a lone voice to herald a new order of mercy, renewal and grace.

Later in the Gospel, the imprisoned Baptist voices surprise, even doubt, at the revolution he inaugurated. There is much about our present world that is either resistant or hostile to the divine dream of a new heaven and a new earth.

The season of Advent rekindles our faith in the power of love, human and divine, to keep bringing a new world to birth.

**Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come!**

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



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Advent—5<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: Germanino De Deus

Anniversaries: Michael Lenehan, Frs Martin Gleeson & John Martin, Rosemary Claffey, Mary Ring, Margaret Nelson, Sr Connie Gladman OLSH

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

The Word of God: This Week: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Next Week: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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

Tuesday: St Ambrose

Wednesday: Immaculate Conception of

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: I.N. Anti Corruption Day

Friday: I.N. Human Rights Day

### 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

### Did You Know?

Be faithful. Remember Albert Einstein's words after the Second World War: "As a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities were silenced in a few short weeks. Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it, because the Church alone has had the courage to stand for intellectual truth, and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised, now I praise unreservedly." We are Christ's Body in the world today. Be patient. Be faithful.

### 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

5th December Group 3 J Mahony E Walsh

### LITURGY ROSTER:

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	9 am
Leader/Reader:	C Bolte M Atkinson	M Leske B Bourke
Ministers:	P Bolte S Jenkins J Tankard	L & T Kenny C Spencer
Welcomers:	P Walsh S Hargreaves	J McCosh
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

## 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.

If you wish to give to our Parish Finances via bank transfer:

BSB: 06 3533

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<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.

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.



Christmas Eve: 6.30pm, Christmas Day: 8.30am, Allansford 10.00am

Sacrament of the Sick: Wednesday 8th December 9.30am, followed by morning tea.

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

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.

Baptism Rosalie Jukes, Wilbur Rea and Sadie Dews and are baptised into the family of God this weekend. They are welcomed with great joy

On Friday 10th December Bishop Paul will ordain Matthew Restall and William Lowry to the Diaconate. We pray for Matt and Bill as they prepare to serve God's church.

Clearance Sale; Saturday 11th December 11.30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. In aid of the Missions in the Philippines, Kiribati, East Timor and Australia. (Christmas bargains)

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 \$800

Rosters for Readers, Welcomers, Ministers of Communion and Leaders are available. Thank you to Dion.

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

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.

### The Gift

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.  
Earth and heaven both are still watching though time is draining from the clock and your walk, that was confident and quick, has become slow.  
So, be slow if you must, but let the heart still play its true part.  
Love still as once you loved, deeply and without patience.  
Let God and the world know you are grateful.  
That the gift has been given.

Mary Oliver

### 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

### When You Meet someone Deep in Grief

Slip off your needs and set them by the door.  
Enter barefoot this darkened chapel  
Hollowed by loss hallowed by sorrow  
Its grey stone walls and floor.  
You, congregation of one  
Are here to listen not to sing.  
Kneel in the back pew, make no sound,  
Let the candles speak.

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 people like you are the gifts to this world and 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 must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No, it is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life. *Pope Francis*

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