



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Matthew 3:16-17

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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-4 24-25 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

- 1 Lord, God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R**
- 2 Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R**
- 3 How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R**
- 4 All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R**
- 5 You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: he who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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 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 All Ye Faithful

GIFTS: Mary's Child

COMM: Silent Night

RECESS: Hark the Herald Angels

### Prayer Focus

For the church, that it will never cease to devote itself to prayer, fellowship, the Teaching of the apostles and the breaking of bread.



### 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 wonderful 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



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



## PARISH BULLETIN

The Baptism of the Lord

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

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

Recent Deaths: Sr Margaret (Camilla) Gall sgs, Lexie Doolan, Michelle Gleeson-Hand, Michael Donnelly, Ronan Regan, Rene Sharkey, Johanna Peat, Irene Stephenson, Fr Ted Harte, Irene McCutcheon, Graeme Gurry

Anniversaries: Roo Smith, Milan Maglica, Fr Kirby

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

The Word of God: This Week: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16 21-22

Next Week: Is 62:1-5 1Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11



### Masses

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am

Saturday-9.30am & 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:

16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January

"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.

### 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



### Baptism of the Lord

Characteristically, Luke chooses to highlight Jesus' prayer rather than his baptism. It's while Jesus prays that the heavenly voice announces him as God's Beloved.

The same pattern-deep prayer paving the way for divine blessing - is found at the

Transfiguration. Luke sees the same dynamic at work in the apostolic community. After Jesus' ascension. Mary, other women and the apostles devoted themselves to prayer in the upper room.(Acts 1:14)

It's on this praying community that the Pentecostal Spirit descends and lets the Gospel loose in the world. Luke would have us realise that it's by laying our minds and hearts open in prayer that the glory and power of our baptismal spirit will be revealed to us.

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

10th January Group 5 J McCarthy J Carroll

**LITURGY ROSTER:**

|                  |                               |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>8/9 Jan</b>   | <b>6.00pm</b>                 | <b>9 am</b>             |
| Leader/Reader:   | B Gladman, N McLaren          | J O'Brien P Franc       |
| Ministers:       | A Jubb S Reimert M Page       | M & L Taggart H Goddard |
| Welcomers:       | M Downard D Bartlett          | J McCosh                |
| <b>15/16 Dec</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>                 | <b>9 am</b>             |
| Leader/Reader:   | P & G Nevill                  | D Farley                |
| Ministers:       | M Clancey M Bonner K Bouchier | A Sanderson C Spencer   |
| Welcomers:       | P & J Frusher                 | 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  
 Acc. No: 0090 3353  
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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

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**Reflection**

You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased. Thus right from the start of his public mission Jesus received **affirmation** from his Father.

One of the deepest needs of the human heart is the need to be **appreciated**. Every human being wants to be valued. We all need someone who will help us **unfold**. We need someone to believe in us, who will help us to be ourselves.

We need someone who understands us, someone who can see the hidden self in us that is perhaps afraid to come out into the open. Only such a person will help us to share all we are, making us believe in our own goodness, and **awakening** in us a desire to share it with others.

At our **Baptism** we too became children of the Father, and we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will help us to **unfold** and grow, bringing his love to our brothers and sisters. Thus we will become more and more pleasing in the sight of our heavenly Father. (Fr F McCarthy S.D.B)



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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.**

**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.

**Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.**

St Teresa of Avila

**Fr Lawrie** expresses gratitude for Christmas greetings and kindness. Christmas Offerings are a means of support for all of the priests of the Diocese from the Murray to the sea. God Bless Us & our Parish Family.

**Clergy Updates**

Bishop Paul has announced the following parish appointments:  
Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford & Gordon Parishes (10<sup>th</sup> January)

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish (10<sup>th</sup> January)

Fr Wally Tudor has retired as Parish Priest of Apollo Bay

Fr Michael O'Toole will become Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Fr John Pothitittel will become Assistant Priest of Apollo Bay and provide support for Colac. (1<sup>st</sup> February)

**Bishop's Christmas Appeal** for the missions and poor to date is \$90. A marked envelope is still welcome.

**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund** is now \$1,015.00 Thank you.

**Sacraments for Children 2022** *Reconciliation:* April 5th for children in Grade 2 and above

*Confirmation:* June 7th for Grade 3

*First Communion:* August 14th (Enq Janene Conheady or Fr Lawrie)

**Baptism** We welcome with great joy Edward Jones, Sid Wilde and Stephanie Scott

**Today** Saturday 8th is 'World Oceans Day'

**"May we be open to all God brings into our lives, especially as a New Year calls us to see the world afresh"**



**"The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose"** Hada Bejan

**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"**

**"The giver of every good, and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace through faith, and this is not of ourselves"** St Nicholas of Myra

*You may not always see the results of your kindness, but every bit of positive energy you contribute to the world makes it a better place for us all.* (Lisa Currie)

**Pope's Prayer for January**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family

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

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