

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 29/30 December

6pm Welcomers: BC McMeel Family Gifts: B&B Gladman Readers: S Hogan, B Kavanagh

Ministers: M Crichton, L Flaherty, D Friebe, B Gladman, M&T Harney

9am Welcomers: J Bouwman, C Cooper Gifts: G El-Hage Family Readers: M Davies, E Dwyer

Ministers: M Clancey, E Dalton, A Jubb

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

23 December Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

30 December Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm, J Squires

COUNTING TEAMS:

23 December Team 3: Terry & Pat King

30 December Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

COMMUNION TO LYNDOKCH: 30 December: Margaret Dunne, Peter Flynn



Making Connections: 'You are most blessed.' Do you have a sense of how 'blessed' you are? Can you recognise the 'blessedness' of others? Have there been occasions when you had a sense of being filled with the Holy Spirit or a sense of the closeness of God? This week try to visit someone who is in need of some attention, especially as Christmas is almost upon us. Make the time to reach out to another.

Did You Know? Points of Interest and Catholic lore: In Luke's Gospel the conception and birth of Jesus are described in parallel with the conception and birth of John the Baptist. One important difference is that the announcement of the miraculous conception of John to elderly parents comes to his father Zechariah, while the announcement of the conception of Jesus comes to his mother, Mary. In Matthew's gospel, it is Joseph who is the main protagonist, while Luke concentrates on Mary's role in cooperating in God's plan for the world. Luke's gospel pays a great deal of attention to the role that women play in the story of salvation. Mary undertakes a journey from Nazareth in Galilee, in the north of Israel, to the hill country of Judah in the south. This is an extraordinary journey for a young pregnant woman of her time to undertake alone!

Sharing the Tradition: Mary, the mother of God, has a unique and integral place in Christian tradition. Catholics honour her because she was chosen by God to give human form to his Son—a task she freely and willingly accepted: 'By her complete adherence to the Father's will, and to his Son's redemptive work...the virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity' (CCC §967)

Symbols and Images: It is Mary's willingness to accept her role in God's plan for salvation that makes her such a special figure. Throughout the Scriptures, God often chooses those who are lowly and apparently powerless to assist in his plan for salvation. Mary's simplicity and faith are a model for all believers. Her response to God's call is one we can all emulate.

Daily Prayer: O God of hosts, O Shepherd of your people, you chose Mary, the humble daughter of Israel, to become the earthly dwelling-place of your incarnate Word. Stir up within your church such wholehearted devotion to your saving purpose, that with Christ we may come into the world to do your will, and with Mary offer ourselves to you as an unceasing canticle of praise.

Marriage Tip: As parents, you and your spouse are the first teachers of your children. Think back on the past week, what have you taught them about how to love God and others?

For Your Reflection and Prayer:

- ◇ Am I "the reed of God" that is hollow within, so as to receive the breath of God and to make music for God in my life?
- ◇ Am I an empty nest with space to welcome Jesus home, to dwell within my heart and welcome others into Christ's presence?

Vocational View: Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trust that the Lord's words to you would be fulfilled.



"Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life."



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



PARISH BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent —23rd December 2018

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Father Jim Victory, Ronnie Brooks, Angela Stewart, Shirley Brooks, Jim Purcell

Anniversaries: Michael Healy, Roo Smith, Sean Murphy, Margaret O'Keefe, Annie Chapman, Patricia Delaney, Frs. Glennen & Bushell, Ken McLean



"Happy are those who have died in the Lord for their good deeds go with them." (Apoc 14)

Mass Times	Christmas Eve	6pm & 8pm (Monday)
	Christmas Day	8.30am (& 10am at Allansford) (Tuesday)
	Thursday	9.30am (St John)
	Friday	9.30am (Holy Innocents) (Ken McLean RIP)
	Saturday	10.00am at St Pius

THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm	HOLY FAMILY
	Sunday	9.00am	
	Allansford	10.30am	

*Purple is a colour of
preparation and
anticipating joy*

The Word of God:

This Week: Mi 5: 1-4a/ Heb 10: 5-10/ Lk 1: 39-45

Next Week: 1 Sm 1: 20-22.24-28/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2.24-24/ Lk 2: 41-52

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533

*"Life in a Whole new Light and
Clothed with Power from on High"
Today we welcome with great joy
Austin McGennan
who is being baptised into the
family of God, who is Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.*



**Happy and Holy Christmas,
an enjoyable and peaceful
New Year**

From Fr. Lawrie, Sr. Mary and our Parish Coordinating Team; Dion Bartlett, Teresa Bant, Marion Bugge, Rachel Kelly, John O'Sullivan (retiring), John Tankard, Catherine White and Paul Torpy

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)



**LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU;
LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.**

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.**

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.**

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

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God. Joyfully sing to our Savior.

HYMNS:

Entrance 20 Joyfully in Hope

Wreath



*Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;
We are your people, Lord, we seek your truth
Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way;
Show us the path of life, Maranatha!*

Gifts 52 Magnificat
Communion 125 Eat This Bread
49 I Am The Bread of Life
Recessional The Visit (Words Below)

Mystery Of Faith

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Visit

1. She walked in the summer the heat on the hill. She hurried as one who went with a will. She danced in the sunlight when day was done. Her heart knew no evening, who carried the sun.
2. Fresh as a flower at the first ray of dawn, She came to her cousin whose morning was gone. There leaped a little child in the ancient womb, And there leaped a little hope in every ancient tomb.
3. Hail, little sister, who heralds the spring. Hail, brave mother, who carries the King. Hail to the moment beneath your breast, May all generations call you blessed.
4. When you walk in the summer through the heat on the hill, When you're wound with the wind and one with his will, Be brave with the burden you are blessed to bear, For it's Christ that you carry every where, every where, every where.

Christmas Plenary Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and celebration
Open our eyes to the songs of the angels as they tell of Good News
Give us joyful hearts as we sing and pray and celebrate
Awaken our hearts anew to your presence
Encourage us in our efforts to speak boldly and with prayerful discernment
Lead us in our work toward the Plenary Council 2020
That we may continue to proclaim 'Joy to the world, the Lord is here!' Amen.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Family Mass	6.00pm
Christmas Carols	7.30pm
Mass during the night	8.00pm
Christmas Day Mass	8.30am
Allansford	10.00am

Helpers Welcome at our

Masses—
Welcomers, Leaders, Readers,
Special Ministers, Presentation
of Gifts.



Please indicate on the Sheet in the foyer.

PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmara People and other tribes.

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.

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."*

Spend December with the Saints *"Throw wide the gate of your heart and stand before the sun of everlasting light"* (St. Ambrose, 7 Dec)

Holy Hour Mondays Resume 14th January.

"WORSHIP then is not part of the Christian life it is the Christian Life."

- Fr. Gerald Vann OP



Your voice is important to shaping the future of the church. **The Plenary Council** wants us to respond to this question: ***What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*** Reply to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au OR have the Parish Office send them for you.

Compliments of the Parish the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available.

The Annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**, envelopes for cash donations and a basket for foodstuffs or wrapped gifts are in the Church foyer. **We Thank You** for your incredible generosity.

Carols at St. Brigid's Crossley **Tonight**. BBQ 6pm. Carols 7.30pm.

Available Rosters for Sunday Masses, Cleaners, Counters, Lyndoch Special Ministers. Thank you from us all for your essential service to us.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is being offered at St Thomas' the Apostle Parish Centre Terang in 2019. The program requires that you attend and experience 1 Education day per week and 10 hours of pastoral experience each week in an approved placement setting. Contact Bernadette Wurlod on 0455 033 321.

Handel's Messiah at St. John's Anglican Church, Port Fairy, Friday 7.30pm \$25, \$50 family.

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you 'leap for joy'? If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Singing Practice 4.30pm Today. Extra voices welcome.

Used Stamps still support the Missions.

Congratulations to all our students on their awards and consistency this year. Particular congratulations to **OLHC past student** Alexander Klemm on being Year 12 Dux of Emmanuel College and Anna Beggs on being Dux of English and English Literature—Year 12.

Christmas Cards for Sale (to support St Vincent de Paul) \$3 for 8.

Columban Calendars \$8 (Excellent Christmas Gift and supports Columban Missions)

