

## ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



### LITURGY for 10/11 December

**6pm** Welcomers: C&D Quick Gifts: S Ryan Family Readers: J McArdle, P McKimmie

Ministers: D Bartlett, P Bolte, M Bonner, K Bouchier, R Coffey, J Conheady

**9am** Welcomers: D&C Cooper Gifts: M Fish Readers: F&P Torpy

Ministers: M&L Taggart, P Allan

### CHURCH CLEANING:

#### Week commencing

4 December Group 1: A Sanderson, K Wright, P Allan, D Porter, D Lawler

11 December Group 2: P Jubbs, P Bolte, P&S Smith, R Breunig, F&L O'Connor

#### COUNTING TEAMS:

4 December Team 6: Robert Mills, Robert Lane, Paul Torpy

11 December Team 7: Terry & Laine Kenny, Ann & Gerard Peoples

**LAWN MOWING:** For fortnight 4 December Group 2: Peter Kenna

**COMMUNION TO LYNDOK:** 11 December: Louise & Michael Taggart

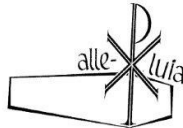


**Making Connections:** Withdraw a little this week from the hectic celebrations of Christmas cheer and concentrate instead on waiting and prayerfully preparing for what is to come. Give thought to the real meaning of Christmas and contemplate what the 'advent' of Christ meant to the world.

**Marriage Tip:** "Both husband and wife should try to renew their love day after day, and that is done through sacrifice, with smiles, and also with ingenuity." – St. Josemaria Escriva

**Daily Prayer:** Stir up within us, O God of peace and mercy, a sincere desire for repentance, that, baptised with the Holy Spirit and enkindled by the fire of your love, we may bring to every circumstance and setting the justice, gentleness and peace that the incarnation of your Word has caused to sprout up and blossom upon the earth.

**A Vocation View:** Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?



### Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

#### Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

#### Evangelization: Europe

That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**PARISH PRAYER:** Loving God, **Good Shepherd** to us all, Gather us and form us into a welcoming parish **family**. Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out to love one another, in a **neighborly** community. **Our Lady Help of Christians**, guide us as we seek to do Christ's will. Bless us in service, strengthen us in support of each other, and unite us as we grow in faith & love, to be a **welcoming**, caring Parish **community**. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Saints Carthage and Mary MacKillop, pray for our Parish family.

### Advent:

Let us ponder what is in our minds and hearts when we say "Come Lord Jesus!"

This Advent you are invited to join an **Advent**

**Reflection Group** for the four weeks of Advent. At each session there will be a reflection on the Sunday gospel and the particular Advent theme for that week. The sessions are led by Sr Mary Bennett. DATE:

#### Fridays Dec 9, 16

TIME: After 9.30 Mass, sessions will begin with tea/coffee.

VENUE: Meeting Room

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" St John Paul II

**Parishioners Email Addresses** To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to [olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au)

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



"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

**2nd Sunday of Advent—4th December 2016**

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

**"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"**

**Recent Deaths:** Dick Price, Dennis Taberner, Barry Thornton, Edward Perera, Frank Jellie, Jim Smith

**Anniversaries:** Nell Braybrook, Frs. John Martin & Martin Gleeson, Jack Jewell, Janice Whitehead, Johanna Arundell, Mary O'Keefe, Mary McKinnon

**Mass Times:** Monday 7.30am at St Pius  
Tuesday 10.00am  
Wednesday 1.30pm **Sacrament of the Sick**  
Thursday 9.30am (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)  
Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius  
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

**THE LORD'S DAY Allansford** Saturday 6.00pm **ADVENT 3**  
Sunday 9.00am  
Allansford 10.30am

**The Word of God:** This Week: Is 11: 1-10, Rom 15: 4-9, Mt 3: 1-12  
Next Week: Is 35: 1-6, 10, Jas 5: 7-10, Mt 11: 2-11

**Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment Please phone 5561 1533**  
Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am



*Purple is the colour of  
preparation and  
anticipated joy.*

## Peace Upon You

We all long for peace on earth. Despite our best efforts, however, our communities are often marked by conflict and violence. This situation leads us to the humbling recognition that peace on earth is somehow beyond the unaided capabilities of human beings. We must acknowledge that peace is God's gift. We must work for peace, yes, but we must also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for peace in our homes and among our loved ones. Nations will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles only when they are willing to submit their disputes to the wise judgment of God.

Peace is the fruit of union with God. Like the tribes of Israel who went on pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem, we also need to make pilgrimage to God. We must journey away from self-centered preoccupations to God. We can so easily get caught up in the affairs of life and forget God completely.

We must journey to God, but the wonderful message of Advent is that God journeys to us first. We marvel at the God who came to us a babe at Bethlehem, who is among us now in word and sacrament and community, and who will come again in glory at the end of time. On that day the peace of God, which we experience partially now, will envelope us fully. (M Goonan, SSP)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Keep for Daily Prayer)



**JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.**

O God. Give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**



**WREATH:**

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; We are your people, we trust in your love. O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace, Come with your justice, Lord, Maranatha!

(C Landry)

**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 CWB 794 Prepare the Way
- Gifts 163 Open the Heavens
- Communion 88 Taste and See
- 160 Like a Shepherd
- Recessional 56 God of Day/Darkness

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*  
MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**"Life in a Whole new Light and Clothed with Power from on High"**

Today we welcome with great joy **Julida & Sonny Saragi** who is being **baptised** into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**WASTING TIME WITH GOD:**

"Friendships need space to develop and grow strong. Friends must waste time together. It is also thus in prayer. Prayer is making friends with God and he with us. Prayer is trying to focus on the mind of God, and to admit him into our hearts. Prayer is wasting time with God. Prayer needs space to develop and grow strong".  
Cardinal Basil Hume.

**"The Rising Sun has come to visit us to guide our feet in the way of peace."**  
(Lk 1:7)



*"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary, we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone."*

- St John Paul II

**Anointing Mass** on Wednesday 1.30pm with high afternoon tea to follow. A plate please.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

- Christmas Eve:**  
6pm  
8pm (Carols from 7.30pm)
- Christmas Day:**  
8.30am  
10am Allansford



With joy we congratulate Devida Melis-Sharp, an Emmanuel Student, who today is receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and becoming a fully initiated member of the Church.

**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—7th Dec)

**Holy Hour Monday 10am.** OLHC, a Spiritual Oasis *"Set pools of silence in this thirsty land."* (James McAuley) We pray for our volunteers.

"Let us pray for those who are sick. We remember them in our Masses"

**Compliments of the Parish** the Summer Edition of 'Australian Catholics' is available today, "The Big Tent Church".

The Parish has been gifted with a **Defibrillator**. We invite parishioners who would be willing to learn how to use it.

**Situations Vacant:** Volunteer Church Cleaners welcome. Apply Fr Lawrie.

**Special Liturgy of the Word for Children** next Saturday 6pm.

**Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars** are for sale by the **St Vincent de Paul Society**.

The Society has a Christmas **appeal** for the poor.

**Mass for the Forgiveness of Our Sins** in preparation for Christmas Thursday 15th December.

Advent Calendar—visit [www.xt3.com/advent](http://www.xt3.com/advent)

Enjoy viewing clips of the celebrated Opening of Emmanuel

College on: <https://youtube/Mu1-XUGqze4>

**Cards** Euchre & Solo on Tuesday 1pm in the foyer.

**Parish Coordinating Team** meets on Wednesday 7.30pm.

**Coffee Club** next Sunday after 9am Mass hosted by Parish Family Groups. A plate please.

Father Madden will be celebrating Mass in the St John of God Chapel on the 7th December at 2pm—Parishioners welcome.

**4.30pm Sing practice Next Sunday.**

*"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."*

(Leonard Cohen)



Palms Australia

Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and trades people to mentor their local personnel. Their aim is sustainable poverty reduction through self-

reliance.

They have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. In appreciation of any who undertake this mission in 2017 the church also offers considerable financial support. Applications must close very soon. Please email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5333 to learn more.

For 16 days commencing last Friday, Australian Catholic Religious **Against Trafficking in Humans** urge us to join the global campaign to combat gender-based violence. That means working together to stop the trafficking of girls and women.

On Monday at 10am we will light a candle for "Young women trafficked from Cebu, and elsewhere, willing to share their stories of exploitation and healing"; on Friday at 9.30am for "Women who educate others to work for a slavery-free world and an end to violence"; and on Saturday 6pm for "Women and men working to uphold human rights and eradicate human trafficking."