

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 14/15 January

6pm **Welcomers:** Conheady Family **Gifts:** Atkinson Family **Readers:** B O'Neill, A Ryan

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

9am **Welcomers:** J Zanos, A Bamford **Gifts:** Nabong Family **Readers:** P McLean, C Morriss

Ministers: L&T Kenny, K O'Leary

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

8 January Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, J Carroll, S&T Bolden

15 January Group 6: Ann-Marie Moloney, Hannah Chisholm

COUNTING TEAMS:

8 January Team 1: Paul & Marcia Glynn, Pam & Gavin Nevill

15 January Team 2: Des Arundell, Don Cooper, Bryan O'Keeffe

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 1 January Group 4: John Tankard, Michael Soulsby

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 15 January: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: Spend time this week reflecting on the new road you have taken. How has it changed the way you act or think?

Marriage Tip: Do you treat your spouse's parents with the same respect you treat your own? Do you help your spouse take care of their needs?

Daily Prayer: With a star's radiance, O God, you guided the nations to the Light; in a prophet's words you revealed the mystery of the Messiah's coming; through the Magi's gifts you unfolded the richness of the Saviour's mission. Scatter again the darkness that covers the earth and divides the peoples. Make our hearts thrill anew to see the multitudes carried as sons and daughters in your arms. In Christ and through Christ's gospel draw the ends of the earth into your family, that disparate cultures and warring nations may be gathered together as one.

A Vocation View: More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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.

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

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

Today we welcome with great joy
*Archie Darmody, Murphy Castle
& Billy Blunden*

who are being baptised into the family of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Spread light this Christmas from here...to the places others do not reach."

Parishioners Email Addresses To help the efficient circulation of Parish Rosters, please send your name and email address to 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

Epiphany of the Lord—8th January 2017

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St. Carthage's Church—Grauers Rd, Allansford

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Colleen Ryan, Frank McCarthy, Kate Murnane, Carmel de Jong, Ken McConnell

Anniversaries: Ron Eales, Tony Shanahan, Claire Haylock, Peter Morrissey, Lynette Van Rooy, Marie Kermond, Nancy Nugent, Allan Wallace, Milan Maglica, Maureen O'Sullivan

Mass Times: Monday 7.30am at St Pius
Tuesday 10.00am (Baptism of the Lord)(C de Jong RIP)
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am (Celebrant Fr Madden)
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 10.00am at St Pius
(Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Masses)

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

The Word of God: This Week: Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12
Next Week: Is 49: 3. 5-6, 1 Cor 1: 1-3, Jn 1: 29-34

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment

Please phone 5561 1533

Reconciliation—Friday 10.00am, St Pius Saturday 10.20am

Welcome Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal yourself in the depths of our being drawing us to share in your life and love.

Bless each of us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide the doors to Christ.

Make the doors of our hearts, our homes, and communities wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, prejudice and pride.

Let us hasten to welcome the stranger, and so welcome your Son.

We make this prayer in his name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

An Epiphany House Blessing

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

"And the Word became flesh" JOHN 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the **peace of Christ** truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas every day.



White is the colour of rejoicing

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Word of Truth and Life.

Praise the Word who lived among us, made us children of the Kingdom.

HYMNS: (From the Christmas Book)

Entrance	6	The First Nowell
Gifts	15	Carol of the Drum
Communion	25	Child of Mercy
	10	Joy to the World
Recessional	24	We Three Kings

Mystery Of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



Joy all Year Long



Looking back on these past 44 days, there has been a lot of joy. Maybe that experience of joy can teach me something about my life all through the year. Few lives are easy, without major problems. But underneath it all is God who loves us, cares for us, is with us 24 hours every day, and who promises us a life that lasts forever. And within it all are people who connect with the same God—whether they know it or not—people who one way or another bring some joy into my life every day. Those joys are markers, treasures along the way. But in the hustle and bustle of it all, I can miss them. I ought to write them down.

“Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: With a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy and the joy given will be returned to us...Let us pray that this presence of God’s liberating joy will shine in our lives.” -Pope Benedict XVI

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”
-Fr. Henri J.M. Nouwen

“Those who accept Jesus’ offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.” - Evangelii Gaudium

“It is Christmas every time we allow Jesus to love others through us.”
(Saint Mother Teresa)



“May you and yours experience the blessings of Christmas: peace, love, hope.” - Father Lawrie and the Parish Coordinating Team

Sacraments for Children 2017

Reconciliation (Grade 2) - March 15 & 16 **Confirmation** (Grade 3) - June 3 & 4
First Holy Communion (Grade 4) - September 9 & 10 Enquiries—5561 1533

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 January with the Saints “Just as you learn to speak by speaking, so you learn to love by loving.” (St Francis De Sales—24 Jan)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am “Set pools of silence in this thirsty land.” (James McAuley)

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

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

Mary MacKillop Penola Centre S.A. 08 87372092, visitors welcome.

Dedication of the Loreto Window in All Saints Church **Portland** on Sunday January 22nd at 10.30am Mass to celebrate the ministry of the Loreto Sisters in Portland. Light lunch to follow, RSVP by Jan 13th, Box 210, Portland, 3305.

Please Collect your new Liturgy, Church Cleaning and Counters Rosters.

Are you interested in giving your time to the Missions? Contact Missionaries of the Sacred Heart 02 9697 0983; mscmission@mscmission.org.

Blessing of the Fleet at the Port Fairy Wharf on Sunday January 15 at 6pm.

“The future lies in the strength of the village.” (M Ghandi)

May this Christmas continue to bring the blessings that come with gathering as a family—young and old together. And may the spirit of Christmas stay with us throughout the year. May we come together often, sharing our gifts, from the youngest to the oldest. (Bishop Paul Bird CSsR)

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/tablet/iPhone, offers the Gospel for every day of this coming Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 began on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel year A-1* may be accessed at the following URL address:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

Epiphany

Today we remember the tree wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.



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

“When Our Savior came to earth God blessed this land”
(Origen)