

ROSTERS

We thank you for the wonderful works you do!



LITURGY for 5/6 December

6pm **Welcomers:** M Thompson, J VanBaaren **Gifts:** Frusher Family **Readers:** M&S Clancey

Ministers: P&M Morgan, P Smith, C Smith, J Tankard, T Treffry

9am **Welcomers:** J Zanos, C Carroll-Skelton **Gifts:** M&T Grey **Readers:** B Bourke, R Breunig

Ministers: M&L Taggart, P Ajang

CHURCH CLEANING:

Week commencing

29 November Group 4: J O'Grady, J Hales, T Dicks, R&M Greene, T Woolley

6 December Group 5: M McDonald, J McCarthy, B McGrath, J Carroll, T McLeod

COUNTING TEAMS:

29 November Team 4: Margaret Dunne, Dion Bartlett

6 December Team 5: Dennis Farley, Brian Dalton, John McCarthy

LAWN MOWING: For fortnight 22 November Group 3: Peter Flynn, Don Porter

COMMUNION TO LYNDPOCH: 6 December: Jim & Elaine Hales



Making Connections: This week, be attentive to the time you spend in **waiting**—in traffic, in a shop, on the phone, to cross the road. Use these small moments of **waiting** to focus on and prepare yourself for the coming of Christ at **Christmas**.

Marriage Tip: "Fidelity to promises is truly a masterpiece of humanity!" – Pope Francis. Pray today for the grace to be faithful to all your promises, especially those made to your spouse and children.

Daily Prayer: Lift from our hearts the weight of self-indulgence, and strengthen us for holiness.

Amid chaos and confusion, let your people stand secure. Raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing **near**, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints, your Son who was, who is and who is to come.

A Vocation View: Be on the **watch!** Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve. (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

Universal: Dialogue

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: Pastors

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.



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.

Passing through as pilgrims

Since we pass through this world merely as pilgrims let us keep our sights fixed on the end of the road where our real home lies.

Spurning all wrongdoings, throwing off our half-heartedness, let us strive to please Him who is everywhere present, so that with a clear conscience we can happily pass along the road to the home of our heavenly Father.

From sorrow to joy, from passing things to permanent, from earthly to heavenly, from death's domain to life, where we shall see heavenly things face to face.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St Columban, Sermon IX

"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

1st Sunday of Advent — 29th November 2015

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

"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Jim Moloney, Gerard Lawlor, Clarice Clifford, Marie Goonan

Anniversaries: Des Ryan, Kevin Stretch, Gerard Rea, Kevin Healy, Monsignor McCunnie, Father Dowling, Jan Brooks, John Newman, Mary O'Keefe

Mass Times: Monday	7.30 at St. Pius
Tuesday	10.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am (Celebrant Fr Madden)
	10.00am Lyndoch Chapel
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	10.00am at St Pius



THE LORD'S DAY	Saturday	6.00pm	ADVENT 2
	Sunday	9.00am	
	Allansford	10.30am	

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

The Word of God: This Week: Jer 33: 14-16, 1 Thes 3: 12-4: 2, Lk 21: 25-28. 34-36
Next Week: Bar 5: 1-9, Phil 1: 4-6. 8-11, Lk 3: 1-6

Reconciliation - Friday 10.00am; Saturday 10.30am at St. Pius

First Sunday of Advent

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the centre of the thanksgiving that is accomplished in the Eucharist.

GIRM #296

Grant them rest

Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you.

Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St Ignatius of Loyola (16th century)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Keep for Daily Prayer)

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Word of truth and life.

We shall watch, Lord, we shall pray, Lord, for we know not when you cometh.

HYMNS:

Entrance 174 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 Res Ps CWB 168 To you, O Lord...
 Gifts Wait for the Lord
 Communion 86 We are Many Parts
 192 Day is Done
 Recessional Christ Be Our Light

Mystery Of Faith

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

WREATH:

Be on your guard and stay awake, I will return so stay awake. You know not when so stay awake, until I come again. Jesus, we stand awaiting you. Watching in prayer, proclaiming you. You are the light of all the world. We prayer your Kingdom Come

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Hope

Hope is the hand that the Lord gives us when wind blows against us and obstacles impede our perceiving the goal. Hope is the final resource that the Creator puts at our disposition when we think that all is lost. However, to nourish hope we are in need of trust and of living in the present. Our Parish wants to be the diffuser of hope in the present and the future of each one of you, furnishing faith that widens the mind and heart.

A prayer attributed to Saint Ambrose

Lord Jesus Christ, you are for me medicine when I am sick;
 you are my strength when I need help;
 you are life itself when I fear death;
 you are the way when I long for heaven;
 you are light when all is dark;
 you are my food when I need nourishment.

"Even if it doesn't fix the world, beautification and good will gestures inspire and remind people that 'we were made for

love'."
 - Pope Francis

Our relation to God in Jesus Christ has a past, present and future aspect. Our memory of Jesus, who lived 2000 years ago, would be sterile if it were only that. Our relation to God in Jesus, rooted in the past history of Jesus, is gauged by its vitalising thrust in our present lives and its growth in the future. To live a genuinely Christian life is **ongoing growth in faith, love and hope. Its growth inward by faith, outward by love, and forward by hope.** Growth in faith flows from the mystery of God in Christ acting in our lives. It is inseparably linked with growth in love for one another. **Love** is inseparably linked with **hope**: it deepens the longing and the joy for the **future** we hope that we already taste in our love.
 - Fr. John Reilly SJ

Advent at OLHC

Mass of Anointing 1.30pm Wednesday 9th December with High Afternoon Tea and a visit from the School Choir.

Mass for "**The Forgiveness of Our Sins**" Thursday 17th December 7.30pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Christmas Day	8.30am
	8.00pm (Carols from 7.30pm)		10.00am at Allansford

Help for our Flower Festival

Cleaning up—Sunday 3pm
 Plates for Parish Hospitality welcome. Invite/Bring a neighbour.

PARISH LIFE

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 November with the Saints "See the face of God in everyone" St Catherine of Labore (Nov 28)

Holy Hour Monday 10.00am. (Feast of St. Andrew)(Prepare for Christmas)

Worth Watching tonight Compass 6.30pm ABC1 "Pudding Church"

A free online daily Advent Resource program "**The Face of Mercy**". Subscribe: www.thefaceofmercy.org.au

The latest edition of "**Our Diocesan Community**" is available—compliments of the Parish. Also "**Australian Catholics**" is now available.

Parish Co-ordinating Team Wednesday 7.30pm.

Thursday is the Feast of **St. Francis Xavier**. Mass 9.30am.

Bishop Paul has written a letter regarding the Royal Commission, copies are available in Church porch.

Children's Liturgy will be held over the next 3 weeks for Advent. We will be making symbols to hang on a **Jesse Tree** which will be displayed in the foyer. All children welcome to attend.

Envelopes are available on the Church pews for a Christmas gift/help from the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Warrnambool Carols by Candlelight Combined Churched Choir

If you love to sing, can commit to a couple of rehearsals and want to contribute in a meaningful way to our Carols night on the 18th December, we would love you to join us.

When: Rehearsals 4.30pm-6pm on the 6th and 13th December

Where: Baptist Church, 207 Koroit St

What: Christmas carols celebrating the true meaning of Christmas!

Christmas Day Lunch at Uniting Church.

Bookings 0409 158 177.

New app assists daily reflection during the Year of Mercy, get it on Google Play <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=fraynetwork.mercyng>

For Sale Christmas Cards 5 for \$3
 Columban Calenders \$8 (with monthly prints of the Masters; ideal gift)

We welcome with great joy Cooper Shearer, August Taulaga, Kobi Hare & Jon Kelly who are being baptised into the family of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 "Life in a Whole new Light"