



29th NOVEMBER 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here, below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.

PREFACE I OF ADVENT

The two comings of Christ

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances. St Vincent de Paul"

Mass Times
Saturday 9.30am and 6pm
Sunday at 9 am
Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sunday of the Month
Monday—Holy Hour
Tuesday—Saturday at 9.30 am
(Please be advised that we cannot accept loose money. All donations given in Church are to be placed in an envelope. Thank-you.)

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

ADVENT

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing. **Amen**

As you run the race of this present life, may God make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. **Amen**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty. **Amen**

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."
Henry Ford



There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives—the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognise it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them.

- St Teresa of Kolkata

"We pray for our Parish that we will be more and more a community of care, warmth and selfless service."



Every morning prepare your soul for a tranquil day.
- St Francis De Sales



STAY KIND



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



PARISH BULLETIN

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT—29th November 2020

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Bryan Mair, Kate Kelly, Leon Whitson, Helen Bishop, Neil John Trewartha, Diego Maradona, Bernie O'Shannassy

Anniversaries: Nell Braybrook, Fathers McCunnie, Martin and Martin Gleeson, Woodford, Sister Mary Ellen Ryan, Dalmacio Damaso

Sacraments: Baptisms and Marriages by Appointment please phone 5561 1533

The Word of God:

This Week: Is 63: 16-17. 19; 64: 2-7 / 1 Cor 1: 3-9 / Mk 13: 33-37

Next Week: Is 40: 1-5. 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1: 1-8

Taking Place This Week:

Monday—St Andrew Apostle

Tuesday—World AIDS Day

Wednesday— World International Day of Slavery Abolition

Thursday—St Francis Xavier, World International Day for Persons with Disability

Friday—St John Damascus

Saturday—East Timorese Independence, International Volunteer Day and World Soil Day

Sunday—**Second Sunday of Advent**

Prayers and Best Wishes to our University and Year 12 Students for their exams

STAY SAFE & CONNECTED O.L.H.C—A FAMILY FOR LIVING

Christmas Stamps

feature the sculptures of Mrs Leopoldine Mimovich, who died on Christmas Day 2019. 65



Sunday Mass Resumes

next Saturday & Sunday 5th Dec

Saturday Vigil Mass at 9.30 am & 6pm

Sunday at 9 am

Allansford at 10.30am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month

Parish Co-ordinating Team meets on Wednesday 7.30 pm

Remember, you are not alone—we are praying for you and your loved ones.

Purple is a colour of preparation and anticipating joy

Today is 1st Sunday of Advent. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year A. The Weekday readings are from Year 2. The Liturgical Colour is Purple.

Thanks to Parishioners who generously bring to the Presbytery Planned Giving and Financial Support. **Thanks** to the Direct Givers

Our Lady Help of Christians East Warrnambool is a Child Safe Parish



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



ROSTERS
We thank you for the wonderful works you do!
CHURCH CLEANING:
Week commencing
 29th November Group 4: J Hales, T Woolley, M&J McLean
 6th December Group 5: J McCarthy, J Carroll

Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)
Immigration
 Migrants are not seen as entitled like others to participate in the life of society, and it is forgotten that they possess the same intrinsic dignity as any person. Hence they ought to be “agents in their own redemption”. No one will ever openly deny that they are human beings, yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human. For Christians, this way of thinking and acting is unacceptable, since it sets certain political preferences above deep convictions of our faith: the inalienable dignity of each human person regardless of origin, race or religion, and the supreme law of fraternal love.

Thank-you to Date
our Annual Collection
for Accommodation
for our Retired Priests
has amounted to
\$785



Thank-you to
Date our Annual
Collection for
Catholic
Missions is \$120.



A Parish VCE & University Prayer
 Lovingly Father, we bring before you our VCE & University Students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed
 Dear God, We remember our relatives and friends who have died. We miss them dearly and wish they were here with us. Help us through our sorrow. Our grieving is a sign of our love for them. We know that we were blessed with these people in our lives, and that they continue to live in us. God, may we be comforted today in knowing that our loved ones are at peace, in your embrace, and that one day we will see them again. Amen

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.
—St Leo the Great

WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
TOGETHER

THE LORD'S
DAY

A prayer for Healthcare Workers
during this time of the
Coronavirus COVID-19

Loving God,
 We place into your care
 All our doctors, nurses and
 healthcare workers.
 Give them courage of heart and
 strength of mind and body.
 Keep them safe from harm.
 May they know our deep gratitude
 For all they are doing to heal and help
 those affected by the coronavirus.
 God of all consolation
 May they know your protection and
 peace
 Bless them in these challenging
 days and bless their families.
 Amen

Prayer of Pope Benedict from Deus
Caritas Est

Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son—the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely, to God’s call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsty world.
 Pope Benedict XVI, 2005

Keep in mind that our
community is not composed of
those who are already saints, but
those who are trying to become
saints. Therefore let us be
extremely patient with each
other’s faults and failures.
—St Teresa of Kolkata ✝

“God carries us through the storms”
Mary MacKillop

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
 Ref: Planned Giving Or, by
<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.

OLHC A Missionary Parish. A joyful, hope filled and servant community

Worth Watching

View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. “Songs of Praise” Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

If we do not have **your email address** please forward it to olhcwbl@bigpond.net.au to receive Parish Bulletins.



Jesuit Social Services: On Thursday 3 Dec at 7.30pm, **Just Voices Speakers Program** participant Cyrus will share the story of his journey in an online event over Zoom. Between the ages of 15-19, Cyrus slept on the streets of Melbourne. From his difficult beginning, Cyrus started his first media and entertainment business, and went on to work as a leading User Experience (UX) consultant for companies including ANZ Bank and Webjet. With brutal honesty and clarity, Cyrus talks about trusting our inner voices and his journey of experiencing genuine liberation from mental anguish and suffering. Book now through TryBooking: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=679104

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Mental and Emotional Support Line
1800 965 144



Don't underestimate
the healing power of
these three things . . .
Music The Ocean Stars

Our job is to love others without
stopping to inquire whether or not
they are worthy. - Thomas Merton

FOR SALE Columban Calendars 2021, \$8
 These Calendars feature for each month Masterpieces of Religious Art. The sale supports the Mission Work of the Columban Fathers. They are a perfect Christmas gift. Therefore, they are made available by our parish conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society. See Brian O’Keeffe at 5 Emma Ave (0438 627 965) or Catherine Hingston 38 Skiddaw Cres (0459 628 381) and at the Church The Presbytery on Friday mornings from 9 am.
Christmas Cards: which support the services of St Vincent De Paul Society.

“All One in Christ Jesus”

The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love.
 — Pope Francis

“Christ has no body on the earth now but yours, no hands but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.”
 —St Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

We pray for OUR PARISH FAMILY: that we who rejoice in belonging to the Lord may always experience the joy of unity with each other. God of Unity, Holy Trinity, hear our prayer.

Marriage Tip: Christmas are traditionally times when adult children return home and blended families gather together. This can be both a joyful and stressful time as family systems reshuffle. Be patient and remember that charity can go a long way.

Popes Intention for November
Artificial Intelligence
 We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.