



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

THIS FEAST WAS ESTABLISHED AS PART OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IN 1921 FOLLOWING PROMOTION OF THE CULT IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY; IT WAS LINKED TO THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 1969. THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, ITSELF SUBJECT TO THE DIFFICULTIES AND SOCIAL PRESSURES OF IT'S TIME, IS OFFERED AS A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE TODAY.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 127

℟ Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the Labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. ℟
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. ℟
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! ℟

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

We are Brothers and Sisters

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being,

recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.

Amen

Pope Francis



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

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



Happy Christmas! May Christmas be a celebration of life for you and your family—relaxing, healthful and community making.

STAY KIND

Mass Times
Saturday 9.30am and 6pm
Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday at 9 am

Allansford at 10.30 am, every 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month
Monday—Holy Hour at 10 am
Tuesday—Wednesday at 9.30 am

(Please be advised all donations given in Church are to be placed and offered when leaving the Church. Thank-you.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

"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



"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

HOLY FAMILY—27th December 2020

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

Recent Deaths: Grey Fregon, Lil Harnett (Ireland), Karen and Baby Thomas Scott, Sister Rosemary Glennen RSM, Peter Cox, Norm Brooks, Tess King, Noreen Dalton, Margaret Snaauw

Anniversaries: Sister Philip Gleeson, Father Pat Maguire, Ken McLean, Brigid Jones, Sean Murphy, Roo Smith

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

The Word of God:

This Week: Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 / Heb 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19 / Lk 2: 22-40

Next Week: Is 60: 1-6 / Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12

Taking Place This Week:

Monday—The Holy Innocents Tuesday— St Thomas Becket Thursday—St Sylvester

Friday—NEWS YEARS DAY, Mary, The Holy Mother of God, MASS at 9.30AM

Sunday—The Epiphany of the "Lord"



Thank-you for all you have done for our Parish Family over the past twelve months and particularly since the easing of restrictions.

All help is welcome.

Thank-you to all who have gave us service by helping make our Christmas Masses possible and hospitable.

"No crisis can turn off the light of Christmas" Pope Francis

There is no pandemic or crisis that can turn off the light of Christmas

"What is the New Year but the perfect place to live out what we learnt in the old year."

Craig D Loansbrough

Today is Holy Family Sunday. The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year B. The Weekday readings are from Year 1. The Liturgical Colour is White.

White is the colour of rejoicing

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

ROSTERS
 We thank you for the wonderful works you do!
CHURCH CLEANING:
Week commencing
 27th December Group 2 P Jubb, P Bolte
 31st December Group 3 D.Arundell J.Mahony H Stoll A Basford

Key Quote from Fratelli Tutti (Pope Francis, 4-10-2020)
Dialogue and relativism As believers, we are convinced that human nature, as the source of ethical principles, was created by God, and that ultimately it is he who gives those principles their solid foundation. This does not result in an ethical rigidity nor does it lead to the imposition of any one moral system, since fundamental and universally valid moral principles can be embodied in different practical rules. Thus, room for dialogue will always exist.

From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us. Pope Francis

“All One in Christ Jesus”

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

A Summer Prayer
 Long warm days . . .
 The pace of life slows . . .
 A time for picnics and rest in the shade . . .
 Lord, help me to rest awhile
 In the cooling shade of your presence.
 Slow down my restless heart
 and fill me with gentle
 compassion for all your

“We should be as the compass that goes round its circle without stirring from its centre—our centre is God—from whom all our actions should spring.”
 - Mother Catherine McAuley

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”
 Mark Twain

“Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?”
“The company.” said Tiny Dragon
 Contemplative Monk

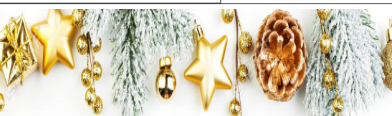


For our **Diocesan Christmas Appeal** the Missions please use an envelope and mark it **Christmas Appeal 2020** 


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.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER


THE LORD'S DAY



Dear Parishioners
 What a blessing to know that the best Christmas present was given to me and to you.
 WITH LOVE TO YOU
 At this *Wonderful Time* of Year
 Marian Bugge, Dion Bartlett, Teresa Bant, Minn Cooper, Yolande Hales, Fr Lawrie, John Tankard, Paul Torpy, Catherine White,
The Parish Co-ordinating Team

Get Your Tickets for the **Woodford Cup.** 
 31st December.
 This race meeting supports St John's School, Dennington

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.

Can You Help? The St Vincent de Paul Society's After-School Tutoring Program for primary school aged students will be expanding in 2021 to include a Tuesday session from 3-5pm at Our Lady Help of Christian Primary School and a Wednesday session from 3-5pm St Pius X Primary School. We need volunteers who enjoy working with young people in a fun and engaging learning environment. You do NOT need to be a teacher. More information is available on a flyer in the Parish Foyer. Alternatively, you can contact Rebecca Janes on 0447 156 690, or rebecca.janes@svdp-vic.org.au

Mental and Emotional Support Line 1800 965 144

Keep up to date with news in the Diocese.
 Register for **Diocesan E News** enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

“Kindness ought to be cultivated; it is no superficial bourgeois virtue. Precisely because it entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships” (Pope Francis)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
 Every Friday at 10 am.

“Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lit from another.”
 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.”

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

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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

Popes Intention for December
For a Life of Prayer
 We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Marriage Tip: Walk or drive around your neighbourhood and look at the Christmas lights. How has your spouse been a light when you were going through a dark time?

