



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3 6-7 8-9 R v 6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

### Hymns

Ent: Keep In Mind OV #180  
Gifts: Let Heaven Rejoice OV#124  
Comm: Only a Shadow OV #133

Recess: Micah's Theme CWB#748

### Prayer Focus

For all teachers of wisdom, that they will open the eyes of humankind to the glory of creation.



### Prayer for Ukraine

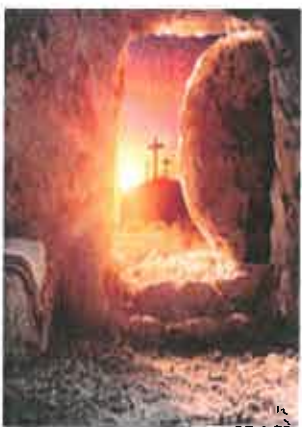
God of peace and Justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you hold them and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

Life is not mere existence - even inanimate things exist. The life Jesus intends for each of us is a sharing in the being of God. The life that we receive from the Word we receive is God's gift through the One who was manifested in him.

Lord, 'you are unchangeable, yet you change all things. You are new, never old, and yet all things have new life from you.' Help me to lose myself in you, to find myself in you, ever again, to love you in all. Yes, you have loved all into being. May all your people learn to listen, share with each other and reflect together on their lives in the light of the Gospel. Give me, Lord, only your love  
*The Madonna*



**EASTER BLESSING**  
May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.



"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

**The Ascension of the Lord** — 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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"PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE"

**Recent Deaths:** Peter Dwyer, Shamus O'Brien, Noela Greening, Lynete Walder, Ricky Leite, Con Glennen, Gwen Eccles, Jed Murphy, Mariano Henriques Xavier, Gerald O'Halloran

**Anniversaries:** Alice Kelly, Sr Gertrude Mugavin, John & Terry Morrissey

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

**The Word of God:** This Week: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

Next Week: Acts 2:1-11 Rom 8:8-17 Jn 14:15-16, 23-26



### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30am

Rosary: 9am Tuesday to Saturday

### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am

### Mass at Allansford

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.30am

### Next Mass at Allansford:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

### Feasts this week:

Tuesday - Feast of the Visitation of Mary

Wednesday - St Justin

Friday - St Charles Lwanga & companions

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday

**Marriage Tip:** "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." A couple's wedding day 'glow' is a sign of God's love for his people - what a beautiful reminder of the sacramentality of marriage. Even after many years, do you rejoice in your spouse? Pray for those graces today.

**Update on our future:** As we prepare to join "Star of the Sea" Parish South West Coast on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we maintain our community of Our Lady Help of Christians, East Warrnambool - Allansford. Mass times for the churches are under review. Our parishioner David Wells represents us. For the month of July, Fr George Hegarty, a Columban Missionary, will be helping in the new Parish.

### A Blessing for Families

Heavenly Father, Please bless our families with Your everlasting love.

Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties.

Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others.

Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others.

May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care.

Amen

The Sunday Lectionary Readings are from Year C. The Weekday readings are from Year 2.

**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

29<sup>th</sup> May Group 2: P Bolte C Hadfield P & S Smith

**LITURGY ROSTER:**

**21/ 22 May 6.00pm 9 am**

Welcomers: D Magugat D Bartlett P Franc A Guterres

Leader/Reader: J McArdle G McMeel

Gifts:

Ministers: M & T Harney M Mills

**4/5 June 6.00pm 9 am**

Welcomers: S Gardiner D White C Cooper

Leader/Reader: M & T Harney M Leske C Spencer

Gifts: D Hancock Family

Ministers: M Bonner C White C Hadfield L & T Kenny



**Parish Family of East**

**Warrnambool - Allansford Prayer**

Spirit of the Living God, from the beginning of time you have breathed life into the clay of creation and nurtured the covenant with your people. Breathe now on us as we assemble before you. Release the gifts and the giftedness that we possess in order that we may be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we walk in faith and hope into the future you have entrusted to us. For we are your people; You are our God. Amen

**REFLECTION**

Jesus cares for his sheep who know his voice and follow. The sheep and shepherd are reminiscent of a loving relationship between mother and child. It's said that a newborn recognises her mother's voice. She's known it from when she's first able to hear while growing in utero. Ideally, we're all born into this loving recognition and belonging.

The experience of belonging to community reminds us that faith is not only individual but needs community. In the earliest Christian communities, the sense of belonging and protection during difficult times must have been critical. Still today, the experience of belonging to community is powerful and healing in difficult times. The experience of faith, too, even when it looks more like doubt, can be the glue that holds people together, even over thousands of years. Strengthened by belonging in God's enduring love, may we follow Jesus' example and reach beyond the centre to embrace those on the margins.

*The Madonna*

**Our Parish Vision**

**"Bringing people together in an atmosphere that is welcoming and nurturing and challenges all to share in the mystery of God's Love."**

**Pope Francis Prayer in May**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

**Walking in the Spirit**

**National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council**  
People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

**Plenary Council Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Bread for the journey from age to age. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



**PARISH LIFE—LIFE TO THE FULL**

OLHC Community acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of this land—the Gunditjmarra People and other tribes. We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community upon whose land our parish resides.

**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.

**Worth Watching:** View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am

Mass For You at Home on Sundays at 6am on Channel 10 WIN TV Channel 44 11.00am

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**Unfortunately** "it is time" for the closure of St Carthage's Church Allansford. This decision has been discerned by the parishioners. The Church has served the community for 132 years. It has worn out. My last Mass in Allansford, June 16th at 10.30am, will be 'The Closing Mass' of our lovely and loved Church. (Fr Lawrie)

**Enrolments** for OLHC Parish School (2023) are now welcome, 5562 5559  
School Tour this Tuesday 31st May at 10.00am & 6.30pm

**Baptism:** Robert White, Fergus & Edith Mahney, Ollie & Harper Romaniszyn, Frederick Wright, Ruby Brown and Mela & Daila McPherson are welcomed with great joy

**Reconciliation** on Friday's at 10.00am

**Preparation for Confirmation** 'Show & Tell' Wednesday 6.00pm in the Church Foyer. A parent and candidate to attend with program to show and tell.

**Parish Co-ordinating Team** Wednesday at 7.00pm

**Fr Tom Brophy** celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination on Sunday May 22nd. Fr Tom lives in Nazareth House, Mill St Ballarat 3353

**Volunteers** needed to take Holy Communion to our housebound parishioners. See Fr Lawrie

**Men's Rosary** this Monday 7.00pm at OLHC

**Charismatic Prayer for Healing** June 5th 2.00pm at St Joseph's

**Mary MacKillop Tour:** Fr John Corrigan is leading a 10 day Melbourne to Adelaide pilgrimage, departing 3rd August 2022. For more information: [www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop)

**Morning Tea** Following Mass 26th June

**Prayer for Christian Unity** May 29th to June 5th

**Seasons of Creation** Primary & Secondary students competition: drawing or piece of writing. Primary: Do you have a favourite place in nature? Secondary: How do you listen to the voice of creation? What do you see and what do you hear? How does your faith and personal experience lead you to action in caring for Earth, our common home? Entries to [info@columban.org.au](mailto:info@columban.org.au) before September 1, 2022.

**Remain in my Love**

What a beautiful image those words conjure. When I was godfather to my niece, I decided to write her a letter about what it means to be a Christian that she could read when she was a bit older. I asked her to think about how it feels to be hugged by one of her parents. Then I asked her to imagine a hug that enveloped her from the moment she was born until her last day on earth, and then even continued after that. Then I asked her to imagine that hug being extended to every person in the world. I said being Christian is about feeling that love from God, and helping others feel it as well. That's what today's Gospel reading means to me. It's the promise from Jesus that God's love is with us, in each moment. And that belief is to me the most beautiful and inspiring part of our faith. *(The Madonna)*

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