

**SUNDAY READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8 April 2018**

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**EASTER SUNDAY
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VIGIL 6.00PM	7.30pm M Baert D Baert S Magua K Dillon	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	Y Fenech	A Rojo
8.30AM	M Burke R Burke	C Meharg S Magua	M Burke	D Pottier	A Landrigan	A Landrigan
10.00AM	L Fenech E Robinson	W Rowan E Villarín	E Robinson	J Montano	V Lo Cascio	M Bianco
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP 2	GROUP 1	READINGS 31 MARCH/ 1 APRIL Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9 7/8 APRIL Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31			
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP 7	GROUP 8				
CHURCH FLOWERS	LENT No Flowers	No Flowers				
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2	M Smith -	- -				
ALTAR SOCIETY	J Tonna K Siciliano	D Mason				

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish will strive to be a Christ-centred community, led by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the Gospel message, nourished and strengthened by the Eucharist and the Sacraments. Following the model of Mary our Mother, our parish will be a place of welcome and mutual encouragement to all who seek to love God and their neighbour, and to manifest this love in their daily lives. In this way we will build up the Kingdom of God in our local community.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

ENTRANCE I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSE This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

OLHC ROSEMEADOW

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am
Sunday: 10.00am

VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC

Saturday: 4.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

OLHC ROSEMEADOW

Tuesday: 6.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 8.20am
1st Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

ST. BEDE'S APPIN

1st Sunday of each month 5pm

DEVOTIONS

Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.
Thursday: Rosary following Mass (*Rosemeadow*).

1st Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;
1st Saturday: Mass 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 3pm.

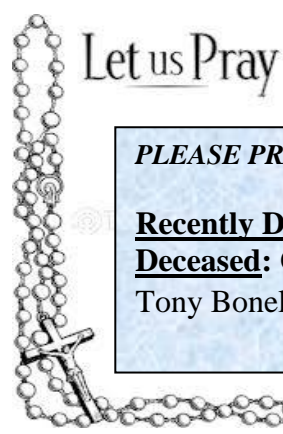
CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
Every 1st Saturday 11am – 12 noon

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS by appointment

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Tuesdays 12.30pm at the Food Hub
(Ambarvale Squash Courts), 65 Woodhouse Drive Ambarvale.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
\$2 at the front notice board



Let us Pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Arnul Pan
Deceased: Oreste & Gaetana Meli; Henk DeRoo; Joseph & Mary Bonello; Carmen Ebejer; Tony Bonello; Deceased members of the Gregory Family; Holy Souls.

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament before Wednesday Mass 8am – 8.55am.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? Are you wanting to commit your life to Jesus Christ and serve God's people? Priesthood is a fulfilling and challenging way of life. To know more contact your Parish Priest or Fr. Duane Fernandez on 0401 621 591, or visit <http://dow.org.au/priesthood>


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Will be celebrated **NEXT SUNDAY 8th APRIL**. It reminds us of the Divine Mercy from the Heart of Jesus that was poured forth on mankind, and on the whole world, from the Cross by which we were forgiven, redeemed and saved. The Devotion will consist of Exposition, Scripture and Sermon; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and conclude with Benediction. Copies of the Novena to be prayed for nine (9) days prior, commencing on Holy Saturday, are available at the Front Notice Board. Please let others who are interested know, even if they are from other parishes, that this devotion will be celebrated here on **SUNDAY 8th April at 2.30PM IN THE CHURCH**.

PASCHAL PRECEPT each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (14 February) and Trinity Sunday (27 May) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming first Friday, 6th April, from 11am to 12noon.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS There will be Mass at 10:30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am to 3pm this coming Saturday 7th April.

NEW CHURCH Thank you to all who continue to give generously to our new church. As Our Lord said, "The amount you give out is the amount you will be given back." There are still many items of all prices still needed, as well as stained glass windows. General donations of any amount may be given as a contribution to any of the larger items listed as well as for general purposes relating to the new church and its furnishings. **Please Note:** Please go to our parish website to see what items are still available. While the list in the church is correct for the items needed, it is out of date regarding which items have been donated and to save paper we are not reprinting them. Alternatively, just call the parish office. A new, updated stained glass window list is available at the table. Thank you.

 **GETTING TO KNOW YOU GROUP** are planning a High Tea to celebrate Mother's Day and the Royal Wedding on Thursday 10th May please mark your calendar

MEN'S WEEKEND 5th-6th May 2018, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong. You or someone you love could benefit, just like over 20,000 catholic men around Australia have, from this weekend that features dynamic talks, opportunities for discussion, time for reflection and tools for living life to the full. Go to www.menalive.org.au to book or for more information ring Ian Boorman 0427 006 021.

OLHC PRIMARY SCHOOL Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2019 are now available from the SCHOOL OFFICE. Please return forms to the School Office by Friday 13 April. Thank you



Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this Good News whenever and wherever we can.

PILGRIMAGE Harvest Pilgrimages have asked me to lead another pilgrimage as chaplain. I have agreed to do so after the completion of the new church and will lead a 10-night pilgrimage to the **Lands of St Paul** leaving on 15 July 2019. The pilgrimage follows St. Paul in his missionary journey through ancient Greece and Turkey. There is an **optional extension to Malta** where Paul was shipwrecked on his way to Rome for trial which ended in his martyrdom. Some brochures are available at the Notice Board if you are interested or contact Harvest direct on P: 1800 819 156 or email info@harvestjourneys.com Web: www.harvestjourneys.com

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES Please begin returning these to the church in the container at the Notice Board, or to the parish office. Thank you.

BISHOP MASCORD'S EASTER MESSAGE

"HE IS RISEN!" By Bishop Brian Mascord
"He is risen!" (Matt 28:6)

Everything that matters in Christianity revolves around this central claim.

Many people attribute great moral teaching to Jesus—his push towards non-violence, turning the other cheek and treating others as we would want ourselves to be treated. Jesus, in many respects, is unrivalled in his attitude towards the outcast, the forgotten and those on the margins of society.

But there is an elephant in the room. He never claimed to be a great moral teacher. What did he claim? He claimed to be the only Son of God and that he would rise from the dead. So, did he?

Well, we know something happened because his cowering followers suddenly found a new bravery. Many went to their death fearlessly and willingly, not to take lives, but offering theirs for the sake of the One who rose from the dead.

For them and for us, Jesus' resurrection is a moment of redemption. It can redeem our lives from being self-focused, trapped in the day-to-day grind and endlessly searching for meaning in things and people. There is so much more to life than this. We are loved. That is who we are.

Last year I led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during which I had the opportunity to celebrate in the tomb of Jesus. What struck me most of all was that the tomb was empty. We are people of the empty tomb—for Christ is risen. We are not a people who sit in mourning, but rather, we live life in the light of the Resurrection. We each bear the Light of Christ. This Easter, igniting the Pascal Candle, we will gather together and become a beacon of hope for all to see. Let us continue to pray, reflect and encounter the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and allow this mystery to draw us deeper into the great love that God has for us. He is risen, yes, he is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia. I pray the blessings of the risen

Christ be upon you.

Grace and peace to you this holy season
Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
Bishop of Wollongong

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. May the joy and hope of Christ's Resurrection bless you today, and strengthen you in the year ahead as we continue to bear witness to our Catholic Christian faith and belief to the world that

Jesus Christ is truly Risen! Jesus Christ is Lord! Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

Father Sarkis

*Easter says
you can put truth
in a grave,*



*but it won't
Stay there.*

He has Risen, Alleluia!