

**SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9 December 2018**

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*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
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DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	1/2 DEC	8/9 DEC	1/2 DEC	8/9 DEC	1/2 DEC	8/9 DEC
VIGIL 6.00PM	D Fonseca S Fonseca	D Pottier J Webster	S Fonseca	J Webster	M De Roo	Y Fenech
8.30AM	S Joseph A Fazio	G Harmour M Peebles	E Villarin	G Harmour	A Landrigan	A Landrigan
10.00AM	L Fenech N Lee	S Lo Cascio S Issac	E Robinson	S Lo Cascio	V Lo Cascio	
CHOIR 10.00AM	<b>GROUP 3</b>	<b>GROUP 1</b>	<b>READINGS</b>			
CHURCH CLEANING	<b>GROUP 3</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>1/2 DECEMBER</b>	<b>8/9 DECEMBER</b>		
CHURCH FLOWERS	<i>ADVENT</i> No Flowers	<i>ADVENT</i> No Flowers	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2	J Papa M Smith	M Sto Domingo -	<b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>			
ALTAR SOCIETY	A Jachimczak	J Tonna K Siciliano	<b>Monday</b> St Francis Xavier, priest <b>Friday</b> St Ambrose, bishop, doctor <b>Saturday</b> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

**Presbytery**  
80 Demetrius Road  
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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday – Thursday  
9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)  
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**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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: 10.30am

**ST. BEDE'S APPIN**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month 5pm

**DEVOTIONS**

Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am – 8.55am before Mass.

Thursday: Rosary following Mass (*Rosemeadow*).

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon;

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Mass 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am - 3pm.

**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

Saturday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

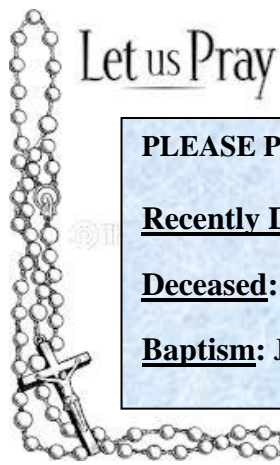
**ENTRANCE** To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSE** to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

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

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK**  
*Bill comes home: Former Governor-General prepares for his First Communion*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Recently Deceased:** Sr. Margaret Conway PBVM; Pedro Manalili Santos

**Deceased:** Therese Wales;

**Baptism:** Joby James O'Brien; Summer Rose Charlesworth; Mackenzie Eleanor Hunt

**EXPOSITION** of the Blessed Sacrament before Wednesday Mass 8am – 8.55am.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD?** "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, on 0414 626 357, [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this coming first Friday, 7 December, from 11am to 12noon.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Times of Christmas Masses will be the Vigil 6pm, Midnight and 9am. Would Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers please contact the Parish Office if you would like to minister or read at one of these Masses please. You will then be contacted to confirm. Thank you.

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER** The new roster for Altar Servers is now available in the Sacristy. They are in alphabetical order with your name written on the top. Please collect it after Mass.

**NEW CATHOLIC TV Channel: Shalom World** is a commercial-free, high-definition, Catholic family channel that reaches out to the world witnessing the truth of Christ. The channel supplements the pastoral efforts of the Church to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus. **SHALOM WORLD** offers programs that will truly be a spiritual banquet to people of all ages. More details: <https://www.shalomworldtv.org/about> **Shalom World Australia** was launched on 26th January 2018, Australia Day. Find the launch Promo at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOXdoZW1w1M> Endorsement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archdiocese of Sydney <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h77pKTZ9qY4> **Call at the stall today for more information on Shalom World TV. LINK TO SHALOM IS NOW ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Parishioners if you are aware of any families struggling and requiring food assistance or need help with their Electricity, Gas or Telstra Bills, please advise them to contact St Vincent De Paul, Rosemeadow Conference on 0473 100 599; Office is located at Church of Christ: 65 Woodhouse Dr, Ambarvale Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 12.30pm.

**NEW CHURCH** the Solemn Dedication of the church will occur on Friday 8 March 2019 at 7.30pm by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy from the Diocese of Wollongong and visiting clergy from other dioceses. As well as invited guests, notice will be given via the Parishes throughout the Diocese inviting any past parishioners who have moved, to return for this Mass. Following the Mass, a catered hot supper will be served in John Therry Hall. **Please mark off this date in your diary now.** Such an event usually occurs only once in a lifetime and it promises to be a most wonderful evening, both spiritually and as a celebration of our Parish 'coming of age' so to speak, where, by God's Grace and Our Lady's intercession, all the planning, effort and arduous work of 25 years will come to fruition.

Thank you for the contributions that continue to be made. Stained Glass Windows: there are 4 windows in the Sacred Heart Chapel, 2 in the Marian Chapel and 7 in the Cupola available. If you have been thinking about contributing to the church but have not done so yet, please seriously think about doing so now. God is never outdone in generosity, and as we give to His Work, so we will receive back in ways beyond our imagination for truly, "the amount we give, is the amount we will be given back...and much more besides." Thank you.



*"Watch yourselves," Jesus warns us in today's Gospel, "or your hearts will be coarsened." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way that is pleasing to God, and with love for one another.*

**CHURCH CLEANING & ALTAR SOCIETY GROUPS** There will be a meeting **THIS COMING THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM** in the church to discuss cleaning and brass maintenance in the new church. I am looking to professional cleaning and want to discuss this with you and your ideas please. It is important therefore, that at least one member from each of these groups are present. It should not be a long meeting. Thank you.

**POSITION VACANT** Diocesan Disability Advocate. Based in the Macarthur, 3 days per week. Funded by the Diocese, this position has a dual focus – to assist people living with disabilities to achieve spiritual fulfilment, through full access to parish life and to reach an optimum level of independence & self-sufficiency through assistance with access to services. For more information please call 4254 9353 or visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/ccare/index.php/current-vacancies](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/ccare/index.php/current-vacancies)

**POSITION VACANT** The Journey Catholic Radio (Jcr) Program Coordinator (Casual), Diocese Of Wollongong. Applications must include a resume outlining qualifications, skills and experience, and outlining your personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. The names and contact details of at least two referees should be provided. The position description is available at [www.jobs.dow.org.au](http://www.jobs.dow.org.au) Applications should be addressed to Mr Jude Hennessy, Director, Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Office of the Bishop, PO Box 1239 Wollongong NSW 2500 or emailed to [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) Any enquiries should be directed to Mr Jude Hennessy 4222 2407. Applications close Monday 10 December 2018

**MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL** 21 – 25 January 2019, Hobart, Tasmania. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Hobart, the Matrimonium Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on marriage and family. Archbishop Julian Porteous will take an active part in the Summer School to contribute his wisdom and passion for forming young people in the Church's vision for marriage and family. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Details and enquiries, [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or [www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au) or phone Ben Smith (03) 6208 6036.

**ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT** on Saturday December 8 from 9am to 4:30pm, all women are invited to spend a day around the theme "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." There will be Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession and three inspiring talks. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or online: [www.trybooking.com/YROW](http://www.trybooking.com/YROW)

**EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE** the journey of the Magi. Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7-day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January 2019. Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org) or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

**ST LUKE** – Evangelist of The Hospitality of God with Fr Brendan Byrne SJ. Tuesday 4 December, 7:30pm-9:30pm, St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown Wednesday 5 December, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong. The presentation will discuss the overall vision of St Luke and discuss scenes from the Gospel that illustrate Jesus' quest to recall humanity to the Hospitable Home of the Father. This will be an engaging and informative presentation by one of Australia's foremost scripture scholars and assist to reflect upon Luke's Gospel during the liturgical year of 2019. Please RSVP by 3 December to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

**PALMS ENCOUNTERS 2019** are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste (April & Sept), Myanmar (November), and Samoa (June). See flyer on Notice Board or go to: [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU GROUP** will be having their Christmas party on Thursday 13th December beginning at 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to come along it's not a closed group. Bring along a plate of festive finger food and a Kris Kringle present, nothing over \$15.00, to put on the table so everyone gets a present. Looking forward to seeing you there



**FORGET ME NOT GROUP 2019** The Forget-Me-Not Group is starting up again in time for Christmas. You may be interested in being a part of this friendship group. Details of how it works are on the form at the front noticeboard. If you wish to join please fill out a form and place it in the box by **THIS COMING Sunday 2 December**, so new friends can be allocated by Christmas. Thank you the FMNG Co-ordinators

**NEW ROSTERS** the new rosters for the Pious Goods Stall, Altar Society, Church Cleaning, Reading, Eucharistic Ministry and Choir are available for collection at the front notice board. If you volunteer in any of these ministries, please collect your roster after Mass. Thank you

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** 2018 Calendars are now available from the Piety Store for \$9 each.

*"Yes, I have many human faults and failures...But God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be his love and his compassion in the world; he bears our sins, our troubles and our faults. He depends on us to love the world and to show how much he loves it. If we are too concerned with ourselves, we will have no time left for others".*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta