

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent
13 December 2020

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Year B

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

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READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL		AUDIO VISUAL	
DATE		5/6 DEC	12/13 DEC			5/6 DEC	12/13 DEC
VIGIL 6PM		R Turner	E Robinson				
8.30AM		M Rolfe	S Lo Cascio				
10.00AM		S Hurley	A Espiritu				
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP	GROUP	READINGS				
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP	GROUP	5/6 DECEMBER		12/13 DECEMBER		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 1			Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11		Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11		
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO 2			2 Peter 3:8-14		1 Thessalonians 5:16-24		
			Mark 1:1-8		John 1:6-8, 19-28		
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK			DONATIONS PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS				
Monday	St Ambrose, <i>bishop, doctor</i>		Parish (second Collection)		Clergy (first Collection)		
Tuesday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		BSB : 066 711		BSB : 066 711		
Wednesday	St Juan Diego Cuauhtalatoatzin, <i>hermit</i>		Acc No: 002395		Acc No: 002026		
Thursday	Our Lady of Loreto		Acc Name: Parish Church		Acc Name: Parish Presbytery		
Friday	St Damasus I, <i>pope</i>		Reference: Family Name		Reference: Family Name		
Saturday	Our Lady of Gaudalupe						

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MASS BOOKINGS STILL REQUIRED VIA PARISH WEBSITE

www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am
Sunday: 10.00am
VIETNAMESE MASS OLHC
Saturday: 4.00pm

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

DEVOTIONS – SUSPENDED except for: -

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

CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH

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

MARRIAGES by appointment

BAPTISMS (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month) – by appointment

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS please visit parish website for dates & enrolment forms in Sacraments Tab

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9.30am - 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.

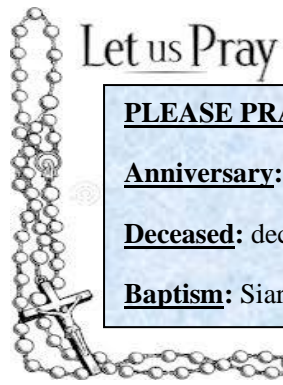
ENTRANCE Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSE My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

COMMUNION Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK
available in the foyer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversary: Sheila Stanley; Michael Botterill; M. Valkey

Deceased: deceased members of the Araujo Family

Baptism: Siara Renae Latimer; Nate Kody Ellis; Brax Jayden Ellis; Know James Johnson

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PRIESTHOOD? God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

PLENARY INDULGENCE may be gained for the Holy Souls in Purgatory throughout November by visiting a church and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for the indulgence: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

SACRAMENTS 2021 There will be **NO ENROLMENT EVENING for 2021**. Instead the enrolment forms and dates for all sacraments – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – have been uploaded to the Parish website. Please download, print and complete the form, and bring it to the first lesson of each sacrament. Please remember to bring a full photocopy of your child's birth certificate, and if they were not baptised in Rosemeadow Parish, their baptism certificate. If you do not have access to a computer, the forms will be available at the first lesson for you to complete.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE Camp Australia have very successfully provided before (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school care (2.45pm – 6pm) for the past few years to children at our Parish school. This service is now open to all children regardless of where they attend school. For further information go to www.campastralia.com.au or ring 1300 105 343 or go to the parish school website and click parent link www.olhdow.catholic.edu.au

CHRISTMAS MASSES Please see the timetable below. All Masses have been uploaded to the Parish website for you to register. Due to the restricted number of people able to attend each Mass because of Covid19, **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU REGISTER FOR MASS**, and not just turn up because if they are full you will not be permitted to enter. For this reason, I will celebrate six (6) Christmas Masses to enable as many as possible to attend. I will be needing help with Readers and Distribution of Holy Communion and rather than ringing around, I will wait for people to register and then ask people from those Masses to help at them. Would Readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please register as soon as possible so I can do this. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Fr. Sarkis.



CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Christmas Masses

Thursday 24 th December	5pm Vigil Mass 6.30pm Vigil Mass 8.00pm Vigil Mass
Friday 25 th December	12.00am Midnight Mass 8.30am Mass 10am Mass
Confessions (all heard in Marian courtyard)	
Saturday 19 th December	5.15pm - 5.45pm
Tuesday 22 nd December	7pm - 8pm
Wednesday 23 rd December	9.30am - 10am
Thursday 24 th December	9.30am - 10am



John the Baptist's call to repentance is a call to Christians to beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live and for the grace to repent and change and grow in order to become good disciples and stewards of Christ.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH CIRCLES Every Monday evening 7:30 - 8:30pm we gather in the new Church meeting room the (Martha room) to reflect and prepare for the coming Sundays Gospel. In the midst of the business of our lives Christ wants to speak to you. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Ryan on 0412 939 705

YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTATION St John Paul II Theology Of the Body. As a young adult in the 21st century you are bombarded by the teachings of the world, how you are to act, treat yourself and others. St John Paul II's Theology of the Body speaks to us of a different reality concerning love, sexuality and marriage. We are fortunate to have Fr. Damian Mosakowski from the Pauline Fathers at Penrose Park to present a talk on the Theology of the Body. This exciting event will be held in the St. Joachim Hall (the old church) on Monday 14 December. Dinner will be provided at 7pm (donations greatly appreciated) followed by the talk with questions and discussion. Please note entry is strictly limited to young adults aged 18 - 35 years and seating is limited to 100 people. To register please complete Google form using this QR code. Enquiries contact Ryan on 0412939705



CATHOLICCARE are looking to place a 3-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl in a foster care home. To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

A WALK THROUGH ROSEMEADOW IS NOW AVAILABLE this beautiful hardcover book on the theology and spirituality underpinning the design of the church written by Fr Christopher Sarkis contains full colour pictures of all the windows, art works and photos from Mass of Dedication. This book captures and explains the design & art of the church and a gives simply spiritual synthesis of what we believe as Catholic Christians. Available to purchase in Pious Goods Store parish price \$59.95 (retail \$69.95) with cash or credit card **ONLY**; for EFTPOS facilities, please visit parish office during business hours. If you would like Fr Sarkis to sign the book for you, call in to the Sacristy with it and he will happily do so. **Please note, that all proceeds from the book will go to the church.**

- **MASS UPDATE AND RELATED MATTERS** Up to 300 people can now attend Religious Services provided the "one person per 4²meter" rule as well as 1.5meter social distancing is observed. **From the 1st December 2020 this will apply to Masses, weddings and funerals.** In our parish church we will be able to accommodate 220 people. Registration is still required beforehand. Go to the parish website, www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au and click the Register for Mass button. Follow the prompts to whichever Mass you want to attend and complete the details. Please remember to sit **ONLY ON THE MARKED GREEN SPOTS** *even if you are living in the one household*, to ensure 1.5meter social distancing between ALL parishioners. In Summary:
 - All registrations are online. We will be printing a list, so you do not need to print your ticket.
 - Please **ONLY** phone the parish office if you do not have online access. Thank you.
 - Online registration will close at 3pm the previous day for weekday Masses, and 3pm on Saturday for the Vigil and Sunday Masses.
 - Temperature will be taken as well as other protocols and health requirements, so please arrive **AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE the start of Mass.** Once Mass starts, the doors will be closed.
 - FACE MASKS are not compulsory but are highly recommended to be worn.
 - After Mass please take a disinfectant wipe (provided on each pew) to rub over surfaces where you have been sitting or come in contact with and place them in the bins provided as you leave.
 - Social gatherings after Religious Services is not permitted. Please do not gather outside the church after Mass. Unfortunately, we must leave immediately upon exiting the church.
 - Please note that toilets will NOT be open.
 - HOTSPOTS: If you have attended any of the hotspots listed on the notice in the foyer, you must immediately self-isolate for 14 days and get tested even if you have no symptoms.

On a practical level may I also once again bring to your attention the following matters.

- Since collection plates can no longer be used, please place your offerings for both first and second collections in the marked containers in the foyer. Changing our long-held behaviour patterns is difficult, and I want to thank you for your understanding and support about this. The collections have been on average, about two thirds of what they were before the restrictions occurred. This has enabled us to 'pay our bills' but has necessitated very careful budgeting and financial oversight. I am very conscious of the financial strain of many people, but I sincerely ask that you try, if you are able, to maintain your usual offering as we cannot keep operating as normal at two thirds of our normal budget.
- If you have not yet collected your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the church foyer, please do so as we are not posting them due to the high cost. I strongly encourage parishioners who currently give by envelope to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions to ensure the regular income of the parish continues. **Please contact the parish office to arrange this.**
- If you are not yet coming physically to Mass, please drop your Planned Giving Envelope into the secure letter box at the front entry to the Parish Office each week. Please don't forget the first collection for the sustenance of the clergy (as we still have to live too!) If using the letter box, place this donation in a plain envelope and mark it 'First Collection'. **THANK YOU.**
- If you are not in the Parish Financial System and would like to join to support the Parish, forms are available at the Foyer Notice Board, or contact the parish office. Thank you for your support.

The church still cannot be left open during the day at the moment.

"The perfect prayer is not the one in which we tell God what we wish from Him, but rather one in which we ask God what He wishes from us."
Venerable Fulton J. Sheen