

SUNDAY READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
16 December 2018

DATE	READERS		EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION		PIOUS GOODS STALL	
	8/9 DEC	15/16 DEC	8/9 DEC	15/16 DEC	8/9 DEC	15/16 DEC
VIGIL 6.00PM	D Pottier J Webster	F Bugeja K Duncan	J Webster	F Bugeja	Y Fenech	A Rojo
8.30AM	G Harmour M Peebles	M Burke R Burke	G Harmour	M Burke	A Landrigan	G Knight
10.00AM	S Lo Cascio S Issac	E Villarin	S Lo Cascio	J Montano	Volunteer Required	C Izen
CHOIR 10.00AM	GROUP 1	GROUP 3	<b>READINGS</b>  <b>8/9 DECEMBER</b> Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6  <b>15/16 DECEMBER</b> Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18  <b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b>  <b>Thursday</b> St Lucy, virgin, martyr <b>Friday</b> St John of the Cross, priest, doctor			
CHURCH CLEANING	GROUP 3	GROUP 4				
CHURCH FLOWERS	ADVENT No Flowers	ADVENT No Flowers				
OUR LADY'S STATUE NO: 1 STATUE NO: 2	M Sto Domingo	E Matriano				
ALTAR SOCIETY	J Tonna K Siciliano	D Mason				

# Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

Father Christopher G. Sarkis, Parish Priest

**Presbytery**  
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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday – Thursday  
9.00am – 4.00pm (Closed 12.45 - 1.15pm)  
Friday 9.00am - 2.30pm

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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** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**RESPONSE** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**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.

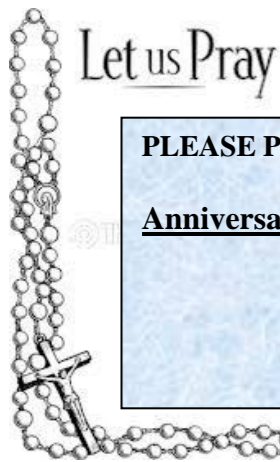
**CONFESSIONS OLHC CHURCH**

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.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY THIS WEEK**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Anniversary:** Fiona Jones; Michael Botterill, Shelia Stanley;

**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)

**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.



GOOD STEWARDS BELIEVE THAT GOD, WHO HAS BEGUN THIS GOOD WORK IN THEM WILL CARRY IT THROUGH TO COMPLETION. IN WORDS AND DEEDS, THEY AND SING WITH THE PSALMIST, "THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY!"

**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.

**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/>

**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

**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

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS** are available from the Pious Good Store for \$4 each.

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

*"In the life of the body, a man is sometimes sick and unless he takes medicine, he will die.  
Even so in the spiritual life, a man is sick on account of sin.  
For that reason, he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health;  
And his grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance."*

St Thomas Aquinas